



**City of Mount Vernon
City Council Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2023
Police Court Campus, 1805 Continental Place**

Mayor Boudreau called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers Beaton, Brocksmith, Carías, Hudson, Hulst, Molenaar, and Morales

Staff Present: City Attorney Rogerson, Finance Director Volesky, Parks and Enrichment Services Director Berner, Fire Chief Brice, Special Projects Manager Donovan, Public Works Director Phillips, City Clerk Jensen, Library Director Huffman, IS Director Thomas, Interim Development Services Director Hayden, Human Resources Director Keator, Capital Projects Manager Bullock, Police Chief Cammock, and Senior Planner Manville-Ailles

Citizens: 8

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Public Comments – Emails sent to Community Comments were read aloud by Mr. Donovan

- Gary Shelby, Mount Vernon resident, spoke about a situation at Skagit Valley College.
- Danny, spoke about jobs in the City.

Public Comments - In person

- Arthur Huff, Mount Vernon resident, spoke about the number of chickens allowed in residential neighborhoods.
- Miles Becker, Mount Vernon resident, spoke about tree preservation.
- Robin Riggins Mari, Mount Vernon resident, spoke about tree preservation.
- Bob Gillespie, Mount Vernon resident, spoke about tree preservation, and bird and insect population.
- Sheila Shanti, Mount Vernon resident, spoke about preserving undeveloped land.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of May 24, 2023, Regular Council Meeting Minutes and May 27, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of June 5, 2023, payroll checks numbered 112017 - 112034 direct deposit checks numbered 94280 - 94541, and wire transfers numbered 1220 - 1224 in the amount of \$1,171,976.46
- C. Approval of June 14, 2023, AP Claims numbered 21944 - 22231 in the amount of \$3,229,882.84

**Councilmember Beaton moved to approve
Consent Agenda Items A-C. Motion seconded
by Councilmember Hulst. Motion carried 7-0.**

REPORTS

- A. Committees
 - 1. Development Services – see committee minutes for details.
 - 2. Public Safety – see committee minutes for details.
- B. Councilmember Comments
 - Councilmember Hulst thanked Beaton for chairing last week's committee meeting.
- C. Mayor's Report
 - Mayor Boudreau provided an update of the Library Commons Project.
 - Mayor Boudreau gave a briefing on the North Star Project meeting which focused on the unhoused, behavioral health and housing for the county. The group has completed a county-wide assessment and mapping of care system. They discussed NOFA collaborative funding, Julota, a community first responder software system, Housing Authority of Skagit County, and advocating to the legislature for funding of a Crisis Stabilization Center.
- D. Committee Agenda Requests
 - Councilmember Beaton requested a review of the chicken ordinance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Legislative Session Review: 48th Legislative District Representative

Ramel provided a recap of the most recent legislative session. Highlights include the Housing Policy, Law enforcement Policy, and local projects: Mount Vernon Library Commons, Crisis Stabilization Center, Skagit PUD building, and Community Action housing project.

- B. Closed Record Public Hearing – Expansion of Non-Conforming Structure PLAN22-0395: Ms. Manville-Ailles requested approval of PLAN22-0395, expansion of a non-conforming structure located at 1505 S 6th Street with Resolution 1036.

Mayor Boudreau opened the public hearing.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Boudreau closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Hulst moved to approve the approve Resolution 1036 approving PLAN22-0395. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 7-0.

- C. Approval of Agreement – Catholic Community Services: Mr. Donovan requested approval of an agreement with Catholic Community Services to designate the City’s HB1406 revenue collections for the operation of a permanent supportive housing program at Martha’s Place.

Councilmember Beaton moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into a funding agreement with Catholic Community Services. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hudson. Motion carried 7-0.

- D. Approval of Street Closure Requests: Ms. Berner requested approval of street closure requests for Special Events: Father’s Day Celebration, Fabulous 4th of July Fireworks Show, Highland Games, and Temperate Habits Brewing Company Anniversary.

Councilmember Morales moved to approve the street closure request as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Hulst. Motion carried 7-0.

- E. Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) – Commissioned Police Guild: Ms. Keator requested approval of the 2023-2025 Commissioned Police Guild CBA.

Councilmember Hulst moved to approve the 2023-2025 Commissioned Police Guild CBA. Motion seconded by Councilmember Beaton. Motion carried

7-0.

- F. Approval of Collective Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Commissioned Police Guild: Ms. Keator requested approval of a MOU with the Commissioned Police Services Guild to create and add a Commissioned Park Ranger Position.

Councilmember Hudson moved to approve the MOU with the Commissioned Police Guild to create and add the position of Commissioned Park Ranger. Motion seconded by Councilmember Carías. Motion carried 7-0.

- G. Approval of Agreement – TranTech Engineering LLC: Mr. Bullock requested approval of an agreement with TranTech Engineering LLC for a feasibility/investigative study for a repair solution for the Eaglemont Structural earth wall culvert.

Councilmember Hulst moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with TranTech Engineering LLC for a feasibility/investigative study for the Eaglemont structural earth wall culvert. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hudson. Motion carried 7-0.

- H. Set Public Hearing Date – 2024-2029 Six-Year Transportation Improvement (TIP): Mr. Bullock requested approval to set a public hearing date of June 28, 2023 for the adoption of the 2024-2029 Six Year TIP.

Councilmember Hudson moved to set June 28, 2023 as the public hearing date for the consideration and adoption of the 2024-2029 Six-Year TIP. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 7-0.

- I. Approval of Resolution – Police K9 Vektor: Chief Cammock requested approval of Resolution 1037 declaring Police K9 Vector retired and surplus to the City, and authorizing sale.

Councilmember Beaton moved approve Resolution 1037 declaring Police K9 Vektor retired, surplus and authorize sale. Motion seconded by Councilmember

Molenaar. Motion carried 7-0.

- J. Approval of Resolution – Petty Cash Fund: Mr. Volesky requested approval of Resolution 1038 increasing the Police Department petty cash fund

Councilmember Hudson moved to approve Resolution 1038 increasing the Police petty cash fund. Motion seconded by Councilmember Carías. Motion carried 7-0.

- K. Executive Session: The meeting convened into Executive Session at 8:37 pm for a period of 10 minutes to discuss with legal counsel matters regarding agency enforcement actions, litigation, or potential litigation to which the City, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the City pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).
No action will be taken following the session.

The meeting reconvened and adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Becky Jensen, City Clerk

Approved by: _____
Jill Boudreau, Mayor