



**City of Mount Vernon
City Council Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2022
Police Court Campus, 1805 Continental Place**

Mayor Boudreau called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Finance Director Volesky, Special Projects Manager Donovan, Parks and Enrichment Services Director Berner, Public Works Director Phillips, Police Chief Cammock, City Attorney Rogerson, Fire Chief Brice, IS Director Kleppe, IS Implementation Manager Thomas, Library Director Huffman, Human Resources Director Keator, and Battalion Chief Horton

Citizens Present: 7

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- A. Public Comments - Email
 - none.
- B. Public Comments - In person
 - Skye Richendrfer, Mount Vernon resident and Executive Director of the Celtic Arts Foundation, spoke about the Highland Games Festival held July 9, 2022 and presented a check in the amount of \$25,000 for infrastructure improvements.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of June 22, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.
- B. Approval of July 5, 2022 payroll checks numbered 111503 – 111534 direct deposit checks numbered 88743 - 88991 and wire transfers numbered 1110 - 1114 in the amount of \$1,255,507.39.

- C. Approval of July 13, 2022 Claims numbered 18078 – 18080 18084 – 18098, 18102 and 18105 – 18264 in the amount of \$1,363,623.45
June 22, 2022 claims numbered 17910 - 18073 in the amount of \$890,645.80.

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

REPORTS

- A. Committees
1. Public Works and Library – see committee minutes for details.
 2. Development Services – see committee minutes for details.
 3. Public Safety – see committee minutes for details.
- B. Councilmember Comments
- Councilmember Hudson commented on the Fabulous 4th of July Event.
- C. Mayor Comments
- Skagit County is requesting City support for FERC relicensing for Seattle City Light’s dam operations. Skagit County staff will attend an upcoming Council meeting to explain the process.
- D. Committee Agenda Requests
- Councilmember Morales requested a presentation from Cansejo Counseling.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval of Limited Tax General Obligation (LTGO) Bonds – Fire Station Remodel Projects: Mr. Volesky requested approval of an ordinance that authorizes the issuance and sale of LTGO Bonds to finance the Fire Station Remodel Project.

Councilmember Hulst moved to approve Ordinance 3853 authorizing the issuance and sale of LTGO Bonds. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 7-0.

- B. Street Closure Request: Ms. Berner requested approval of a request to close a portion of N. 7th Street on July 30, 2022.

Councilmember Molenaar moved approve the July 30, 2022 street closure request. Motion seconded by Councilmember Beaton. Motion carried 7-0.

- C. Consideration of Real Property Donation: Ms. Berner presented an offer to deed property located 410 LaVenture Road to the City.

Councilmember Hulst moved to decline the offer of property donation. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hudson. Motion carried 6-0.

- D. Approval of Purchase – Ladder Truck: Chief Brice requested approval to purchase a 2022 Pierce Quint Aerial Ladder Truck from Hughes Fire Equipment, Inc.

Councilmember Morales moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Hughes Fire Equipment, Inc. to purchase a 2022 Pierce Quint Aerial Ladder Truck in the amount of \$1,562,601. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hulst. Motion carried 7-0.

- E. Approval of Agreement – Skagit County: Mr. Huffman requested approval of an agreement with Skagit County for grant funding for the construction of a commercial kitchen for the Library Commons Project.

Councilmember Morales moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Skagit County for the construction of a commercial kitchen for the Library Commons Project in the amount of \$500,000. Motion seconded by Councilmember Carias. Motion carried 7-0.

The meeting convened into Executive Session at 7:41 p.m. for a period of fifteen minutes to discuss with legal counsel matters relating issues of collective bargaining per RCW 42.30.140(4)(a). No action will be taken following the Executive Session.

The meeting reconvened and adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Becky Jensen, City Clerk

Approved by: _____
Jill Boudreau, Mayor