



**City of Mount Vernon
City Council Study Session and Library Board Minutes
August 4, 2021
Police Court Campus
1805 Continental Place**

Mayor Boudreau called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Library Board: Members Bylund, Clark, Gordon, Olson, and Replier

Staff Present: City Attorney Rogerson, Finance Director Volesky, Development Services Director Phillips, Library Director Huffman, Project Development Manager Donovan, and Fire Chief Bryce, Assistant Fire Chief Harris

Citizens Present: 7

- A. Library Commons Project Update: Julie Blazek, of HKP Architects provided an update of the Library Commons Project. Space needs, Geotech reporting, utilities, land survey, and noise testing were reviewed. Schematic design plans, interior layout, traffic safety, and configurations were also discussed.

The project is in early schematic design, approximately 50% completed. Complete design will be finished by late April 2022.

The current design includes approximately 277 parking stalls on three floors, including ADA parking, and 75 electric vehicle charging stations. Interior perspectives, sustainability targets, carbon reduction, LEED certification, permitting, and rezoning were discussed.

Additional items reviewed were the use of the roof space, open spaces, solar panels, energy calculations, and seismic safety.

Ms. Blazek presented the project schedule and budget. Grants and fund raising were discussed; additional funding information is available on the City website.

Mayor Boudreau provided a background of staff involvement, including weekly meetings with Engineering, Development Services, and Library. Monthly updates are provided in the Mayor's newsletter, the City webpage, and at the Library. Rooftop uses, funding options, and outdoor space were discussed. If funding is achieved, the beginning construction target date is spring 2022, with construction duration of a year and half. Mayor Boudreau discussed the RAISE grant, its review, rating, and award process. The project has a tremendous amount of support from the State Legislature as well as numerous local agencies. The City has contracted with the Johnston Group to seek additional grant funding opportunities.

- B. Fire Station Project Update: Chief Bryce presented a project timeline for Fire Stations 2 and 3. The project is currently in the design development phase. The project budget, including additional COVID-19 related changes that can be funded with Recovery Act funds were reviewed. Funding options and permitting were also discussed.

- C. For the Good of the Order: None

The meeting was adjourned into executive session at 7:20 p.m. for a period of 30 minutes. for a discussion with legal counsel on matters relating to 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 agency. The executive session will conclude at 7:50 p.m.

The meeting reconvened into regular session and adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Becky Jensen, City Clerk

APPROVE:

Jill Boudreau, Mayor