



**City of Mount Vernon
City Council Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2022
Police Court Campus, 1805 Continental Place**

Mayor Boudreau called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Staff Present: City Attorney Rogerson, Finance Director Volesky, Police Chief Cammock, IS Director Kleppe, Public Works Director Phillips, Library Director Huffman, Human Resources Director Keator, Parks and Enrichment Services Director Berner, Development Services Director Groth, Special Project Manager Donovan, Principle Planner Lowell, DS Engineering Manager Danforth, Assistant Fire Chief Harris, IS Implementation Manager Thomas, and Capital Programs Manager Bullock

Citizens Present: 13

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- A. Public Comments - Email
 - None.
- B. Public Comments - In person
 - None.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of August 10, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of August 17, 2022 Study Session Meeting Minutes
- C. Approval of August 20, 2022 payroll checks numbered 111587 – 111605, direct deposit checks numbered 89492 - 89746 and wire transfers numbered 1125 - 1129 in the amount of \$1,363,478.78.
- D. Approval of August 24, 2022 Claims numbered 18614 – 18764 in the amount of \$1,840,602.27.

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

REPORTS

- A. Committees
1. Finance & Parks and Enrichment Services – see committee minutes for details.
- B. Councilmember Comments
- Councilmember Hulst moved to add an item to the agenda for approval of Resolution and Agreement for the Library Commons Project bid award. Motion seconded by Councilmember Beaton. Motion carried 7-0.**
- Councilmember Carias spoke about the Kiwanis Club.
- C. Mayor Comments
- None.
- D. Committee Agenda Requests
- Councilmember Hudson requested an update of the First Steps Center.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval of Resolution and Agreement – Lydig Construction: Mayor Boudreau spoke about the Mount Vernon Library Commons Project and provided a timeline from inception to current.
- Mr. Bullock requested approval of a resolution and agreement for the construction of the Mount Vernon Library Commons Project.

Councilmember Hudson moved to approve Resolution 1014 and authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Lydig Construction for the construction of the Mount Vernon Library Commons Project in the amount of \$37,745,000. Motion seconded by Councilmember Morales. Motion carried 7-0.

- B. Public Hearing – Update Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan: Ms. Lowell requested approval of an update to the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan to add the transportation related portions of the Library Commons Project.
Mayor Boudreau opened the public hearing.
Hearing no comments, Mayor Boudreau closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Hulst moved to adopt Ordinance 3854 updating the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 7-0.

- C. Public Hearing – Adopt 2023 – 2028 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP): Mr. Bullock reviewed updates and priorities, then requested approval of the City’s six-year TIP for the years 2023 – 2028.
Mayor Boudreau opened the public hearing.
Hearing no comments, Mayor Boudreau closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Hulst moved to approve Resolution 1015 adopting the 2023 - 2028 TIP removing Section Two, Sub-section B. ii. Motion seconded by Councilmember Beaton. Motion carried 7-0.

- D. Public Hearing – Mount Vernon Municipal Code Amendment, Chapters 17.09 and 17.56: Ms. Lowell requested approval of amendments to Chapters 17.09 and 17.56 to correct zoning and Comprehensive Plan designations, and to reduce the required separation between marijuana uses and public transit facilities.
Mayor Boudreau opened the public hearing.
Hearing no comments, Mayor Boudreau closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Hulst moved to adopt Ordinance 3855 amending Chapters 17.09 and 17.56 of the Mount Vernon Municipal Code. Motion seconded by Councilmember Beaton. Motion carried 7-0.

- E. Closed Record Public Hearing – Site Specific Rezone: Ms. Lowell requested approval of a rezone for 225 and 211 Blackburn Road and 1920 Railroad Avenue from a zoning of Light Manufacturing and Commercial District (M-1) to Limited Industrial District (C-L).
Mayor Boudreau opened the public hearing.
Hearing no comments, Mayor Boudreau closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Beaton moved to adopt Ordinance 3856 approving the rezone of 225 and 221 Blackburn Road and 1920 Railroad Avenue from M-1 to C-L. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hudson. Motion carried 7-0.

- F. Closed Record Public Hearing – Master Plan, Traffic Concurrency, and Design Review for the Library Commons Project: Ms. Lowell requested approval of a Master Plan, Traffic Concurrency, and Design Review for the Library Commons Project.

Mayor Boudreau opened the public hearing.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Boudreau closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Hulst moved to approve Resolution 1016 approving the Master Plan, Traffic Concurrency, and Design Review for the Mount Vernon Library Commons Project Motion seconded by Councilmember Brocksmith. Motion carried 7-0.

- G. Approval of Agreement – Friendship House: Mr. Donovan requested approval of an agreement with Friendship House to provide Community Development Block Grant funds for exterior painting and siding repairs at Barbara’s House, a transitional home.

Councilmember Morales moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Friendship House to provide CDBG funds for exterior painting and siding repairs at Barbara’s House. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 7-0.

- H. Approval of HB1406 Grant Awards: Mr. Donovan requested approval of the HB1406 grant allocations according to the committee recommendations and prior discussions with Council.

Councilmember Carías moved to approve the HB1406 grant allocations as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 7-0.

- I. Approval of Agreement – Beckwith Consulting Group: Ms. Berner requested approval of an agreement with Beckwith Consulting Group to

update the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space element of the Comprehensive Plan.

Councilmember Hulst moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Beckwith Consulting Group to update the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space element of the Comprehensive Plan in the amount of \$70,000. Motion seconded by Councilmember Morales. Motion carried 7-0.

- J. Approval of Agreement Amendment – Town of LaConner: Mr. Phillips requested approval of an amendment to agreement 3675 with Town of LaConner for yard waste disposal and composting services. The amendment will extend the services for an additional four-year term.

Councilmember Morales moved authorize the Mayor to enter into an amendment to agreement 3675 with Town of LaConner to extend yard waste disposal and composting services for an additional four-year term. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hudson. Motion carried 7-0.

- K. Approval of Agreement – Nuvoda, LLC: Mr. Phillips requested approval of a resolution and an agreement with Nuvoda, LLC for equipment and processing for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Councilmember Molenaar moved approve Resolution 1017 and authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Nuvoda, LLC for equipment and processing for the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$144,000. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hulst. Motion carried 7-0.

- L. Approval of Agreement – Teamsters Local Union No. 231: Ms. Keator requested approval of the 2022 - 2024 Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with Teamsters Local Union No. 231.

Councilmember Hulst moved authorize the Mayor to enter into a CBA with Teamsters Local Union No. 231 for the years 2022-2024. Motion seconded by Councilmember Morales. Motion carried 7-0.

- M. Approval of Allocation and Release Agreement: Mr. Rogerson requested

approval of an allocation and release agreement with the opioid distributors engaged in litigation.

Councilmember Beaton moved authorize the Mayor to enter into an allocation and release agreement with the opioid distributors engaged in litigation. Motion seconded by Councilmember Carías. Motion carried 7-0.

- N. Approval of Agreement – Banner Bank: Mr. Rogerson requested approval of an agreement with Banner Bank for the conveyance of a Revocable Grant of Egress.

Councilmember Hulst moved authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Banner Bank for the conveyance of a Revocable Grant of Easement for property located at 901 South Cleveland Avenue. Motion seconded by Councilmember Morales. Motion carried 7-0.

- O. Approval of Agreement – Skagit County: Mr. Phillips requested approval of an agreement with Skagit County to provide bridge inspection services.

Councilmember Morales moved authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Skagit County to provide bridge inspection services in the amount of \$5,000. Motion seconded by Councilmember Brocksmith. Motion carried 7-0.

- P. Approval of Agreement – Skagit County: Chief Cammock requested approval of an agreement with Skagit County to provide funding for temporary shelter costs associated with the Integrated Outreach Services Program.

Councilmember Hulst moved authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Skagit County to provide funding for the Integrated Outreach Program in the amount of \$15,000. Motion seconded by Councilmember Carías. Motion carried 7-0.

- Q. Set Public Hearing Date – Street Vacation: Ms. Lowell requested approval of a resolution setting a public hearing of September 28,2022

to vacate a portion of an alley, 3rd Street and Kincaid Street.

Councilmember Beaton moved approve Resolution 1018 setting a public hearing date of September 28, 2022 for a street vacation. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hudson. Motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Becky Jensen, City Clerk

Approved by: _____
Jill Boudreau, Mayor