

**Mount Vernon
City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Boudreau at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Boudreau, Councilmembers Fiedler, Hulst, Lindquist, Molenaar, Quam, Ragan and Urban

Staff Present: Public Works Director Bell, Police Chief Dodd, Community and Economic Development Director Hanson, Fire Chief Hari, Finance Director Huschka, Assistant Public Works Director Love, City Works Program Supervisor Maikai, Parks and Recreation Director Otos, City Attorney Rogerson, Parks and Recreation Supervisor Weppler, Special Projects Administrator Stendal

Citizens Present: 4

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of June 4, 2014 City Council meeting minutes.

Councilmember Lindquist moved to approve the June 4, 2014 Council meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Fiedler. Motion carried 7-0.

- B. Approval of June 11, 2014 City Council meeting minutes.

Councilmember Quam moved to approve the June 11, 2014 Council meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 7-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND PAYROLL

- A. Approval of June 25, 2014 claims numbered 135328 - 135520 in the amount of \$3,331,426.04.

Councilmember Hulst moved to approve the June 25, 2014 claims numbered 135328 - 135520 in the amount of \$3,331,426.04. Motion seconded by Councilmember Quam. Motion carried 7-0.

- B. Approval of June 15, 2014 payroll checks numbered 103041 - 103087, direct deposit checks numbered 46477 - 46680, and wire transfers numbered 475 & 476 in the amount of \$699,162.29.

Councilmember Ragan moved to approve June 15, 2014 payroll checks numbered 103041 - 103087, direct deposit checks numbered 46477 - 46680, and wire transfers numbered 475 & 476 in the amount of \$699,162.29. Motion seconded by Councilmember Lindquist. Motion carried 7-0.

REPORTS

A. Committee Reports:

- Finance – for details see Committee minutes.
- Economic Development – for details see Committee minutes.

B. Councilmembers Comments:

- Councilmember Ragan reported on the Summer Solstice event that occurred on the Riverwalk last week.

C. Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Boudreau reported that she had recently attended the Criminal Justice Training Center graduation of Mount Vernon's newest police officer. Another new officer will be sworn in next week.
- Mayor Boudreau reported on the 2014 Well City award received from the Association of Washington Cities; this is recognition of works aimed at improving the wellness of employees and has the financial benefit of a 2% reduction in the health insurance premium that the City pays.
- Aerospace Roundtable with the Department of Commerce will take place this week.
- Phase II of the Waterfront Project is progressing nicely.
- Reminders that there will be no Mayor's Coffee on the weekend of July 4th.

D. Committee Agenda Requests:

- Councilmember Ragan asked that Council receive an update on how aid calls are dispatched to Mount Vernon Fire Department from 911 dispatch center.
- Councilmember Urban asked for a review of ward maps.
- Councilmember Hulst asked that a review of the condition of City streets be reviewed at a Public Works Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Skagit Council of Governments New Governance Agreement: Mr. Stendal presented Council with a proposed resolution that would approve the revised Skagit Council of Governments (SCOG) Agreement and Bylaws. Councilmember Hulst voiced several reservations about this agreement.

Councilmember Fiedler moved to approve Resolution 876 approving the Skagit Council of Governments Governance Agreement. Motion seconded by Councilmember Lindquist. Motion carried 5-2 (Councilmembers Quam and Hulst opposed).

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Addendum No. 1 to Agreement with Abeyta and Associates: Mr. Stendal presented Council with a request for authorization for the Mayor to sign an addendum to the current contract with Abeyta & Associates in the total amount of \$32,915 for their services associated with property acquisition of Commercial Cold Storage property.

Councilmember Lindquist moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an addendum to an agreement with Abeyta & Associates. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hulst. Motion carried 7-0.

- B. Update – Skagit River Flood Risk Management General Investigation: Mr. Stendal introduced Skagit County Representatives who gave Council an update on the status of the Skagit River Flood Management General Investigation, including details on the Comprehensive Urban Levee Improvement alternative, the tentatively selected plan, and the NEPA public comment period. Mr. Dan Berentson presented a summary of the recent activity and indicated that public comments would be received by July 21, 2014. The plan involves levee widening and heightening as well as new levees. New dam storage is also a portion of this plan.
- C. Floodwall Stoplog Rolloff Storage Containers: Mr. Love presented Council with a request for approval of the bid for provision of containers that will store the aluminum stoplogs that are a key part of the City's floodwall. The three 8' by 20' shipping containers have side opening doors and will be modified to make them moveable by the City's Solid Waste 'rolloff' trucks. Western Cascade Container, LLC has submitted a bid of \$38,037.92 for these containers.

Councilmember Hulst moved to approve the purchase of three modified shipping containers for \$38,037.93 from Western Cascade Container LLC. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ragan. Motion carried 7-0.

- D. New Internet Service Provider License Agreements: Mr. Rogerson requested Council authorization for the Mayor to enter into agreements with Wave Broadband and MIN-NS allowing them to become Fiber Service Providers.

Councilmember Ragan moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into agreements with Wave Broadband and MIN-NS allowing them to become Fiber Service Providers. Motion seconded by Councilmember Quam. Motion carried 7-0.

- E. Update on Parks and Recreation Activity: Mr. Otos gave an update on recent Parks and Recreation items:
- a. The Parks Comprehensive plan is well underway and will ultimately be brought to City Council for a final public hearing on September 10, 2014 and potential adoption.
 - b. Mr. Otos reported on the recent geo-coin event. Police Officer Tom Wenzel was acknowledged as key to the technical success of this event. This event was an exemplary way to introduce people to the City's parks.
 - c. Mr. Weppler updated Council on projects that have been completed:
 - i. Hillcrest Tennis Court re-surfacing,
 - ii. Hillcrest Lodge upgrades include a new kiosk and changes to the entryway to the Lodge;

- iii.* Little Mountain had improvements which include new interpretive signage, a memorial bench dedicated to former City employee Miriam Eastwood, bike racks, plant identification placards and trail improvements.
- d.* Mr. Bill Maikai reported that there has been decline in participants in the City Works program.

The meeting was adjourned into executive session at 8:29 p.m. and estimated to last 60 minutes.

- F. Executive Session. Enforcement Action, Pending or Potential Litigation, and or Real Estate Acquisition.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:30 pm.
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

SUBMITTED BY:

Rebecca J. Wade, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

Alicia D. Huschka, Finance Director

APPROVE:

Jill Boudreau, Mayor