

**Mount Vernon
City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Boudreau at 7:01 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Project Development Manager Donovan, City Attorney Rogerson, Finance Director Volesky, Parks and Enrichment Services Director King, Director of Human Resources Bartlett, Assistant Finance Director Robbins

Citizens Present: 6

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of March 13, 2019 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of March 20, 2019 payroll checks numbered 109098 - 109127 direct deposit checks numbered 70288 - 70528, and wire transfers numbered 714 – 718 in the amount of \$1,168,337.88
- C. Approval of March 27, 2019 Claims numbered 2908 – 2949 and 2955 - 3047 in the amount of \$806,164.13
- D. Approval of Fiber Optic Maintenance Agreement – Island Hospital

Councilmember Hudson moved to approve the consent agenda items A-D. Motion seconded by Councilmember Beaton. Motion carried 7-0.

REPORTS

- A. Committees
 - 1. Finance and Parks & Enrichment Services: for details see Committee minutes
 - 2. Development Services: for details see Committee minutes
- B. Community Comments
 - **Arthur Gallegos**, resident of Mount Vernon WA, read a letter he wrote to the mayor outlining some traumatic events in his life and the lack of resolution to those events by the law enforcement. He is concerned that the police have a culture of selective enforcement on the basis of age and/or race. Mayor Boudreau stated we take this very seriously and will look into this and provide a response.
- C. Councilmember Comments
 - Councilmember Beaton praised the parks staff on their execution of the Hillcrest Park improvements.
- D. Mayor's Report
 - Trip to see state legislatures on Monday, 03/25/19.
 - House budget for law enforcement increased to 19 classes a year which should reduce back log by a month or two for officer training.
 - Housing trust fund set at \$120M which will aid local communities with homeless.
 - Meet with officials on Behavior Health concerns to address violent individuals with mental illness.
 - Skagit Valley Tulip Festival is nearly here and Mayor thanked the local community for their kindness and understanding during this event.
 - Reviewed upcoming Mayor Coffee dates.

- E. Committee Agenda Requests
- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Public Hearing – CDBG 2019-20 Action Plan: Mr. Donovan presented the public hearing to give community member a chance to provide feedback on where community development needs should be focused before the 2019-20 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) action plan is prepared.
1. Community Feedback:
 - **Melissa Self**, advocated for funding on behalf of Community Action of Skagit. They are the main resource for people looking for homes and also work with other non-profits to provide basic and transportation needs to the community.
 - **Tina Tate**, advocated for funding on behalf of the Friendship House. They provide traditional housing for 1 to 5 year to help people get on their feet again as well as permanent housing for people on fixed incomes.
 2. A draft of the action plan will be put together in the next week and the community can continue to provide feedback in May.
 3. Questions:
 - Councilmember Hulst – What do organizations need to do to request the CDGB funding?
 - Mr. Donovan – They need to present a letter of interest stating why they would like the funds.
- B. Street Closure Request for Tulip Festival Street Fair: Mr. Donovan received a request from Mount Vernon Downtown Association to close portions of Cleveland Avenue, South First Street, Pine Square; and all side streets from Main Street to 2nd Street, from April 18, 2019 to April 21, 2019 for the Tulip Festival Street Fair.

Councilmember Molenaar moved to authorize the closure of portions of Cleveland Avenue, South First Street, Pine Square; and all side streets from Main Street to 2nd Street, from April 18, 2019 to April 21, 2019 for the Tulip Festival Street Fair. Motion seconded by Councilmember Beaton. Motion carried 7-0.

- C. Appointment to Mount Vernon Arts Commission: Mr. King is requesting the Council to approve the appointment of Sarah Lloyd to the Mount Vernon Arts Commission.

Councilmember Hudson moved to approve the appointment of Sarah Lloyd to the Mount Vernon Arts Commission. Motion seconded by Councilmember Moberg. Motion carried 7-0.

- D. Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2019-2021: Ms. Bartlett requested the Council authorize the Mayor to sign the 2019 -2021 Police Guild Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Councilmember Hulst moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the 2019-2021 Police Guild Collective Bargaining Agreement. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hudson. Motion carried 7-0.

1. Comments:

- Special thank you to Kandy Bartlett from the Mayor and City Council. This is the first time an agreement with the guild has been passed unanimously.

- E. Approval of Contract Renewal with Midwest Tape, AKA Hoopla: Mr. Huffman requesting the Council to authorize the Mayor to enter into a two year renewal agreement with Midwest Tape, AKA Hoopla.

Councilmember Hudson moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into a two year renewal agreement with Midwest Tape, AKA Hoopla. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 7-0.

- F. 2019 Agreement with Economic Development Alliance of Skagit County: Mr. Volesky requested the Council to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Economic Development Alliance of Skagit County for the calendar year 2019.

Councilmember Brocksmith moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Economic Development Alliance of Skagit County for the calendar year 2019. Motion seconded by Councilmember Beaton. Motion carried 7-0.

- G. Approval of Agreement with Skagit Watershed Council: Mr. Volesky requested the Council to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Skagit Watershed Council for the receipt of 2019 Lodging Tax Funds.

1. Councilmember Brocksmith stated he is currently employed as an Executive Director with the Skagit Watershed Council and all of the compensation he receives is in fixed wages. Due to this relationship he abstained from voting on this agreement.

Councilmember Beaton moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Skagit Watershed Council for the receipt of 2019 Lodging Tax Funds. Motion seconded by Councilmember Carías. Motion carried 6-0; Councilmember Brocksmith abstained.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Chase Kinney, Recording Clerk

ATTEST:

Doug Volesky, Finance Director

APPROVE:

Jill Boudreau, Mayor