

**Mount Vernon
Finance Committee
Parks & Enrichment Services Committee
Minutes
June 23, 2021**

Councilmember Hudson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Boudreau, Councilmembers Brocksmith, Carías, Hudson, Hulst, Molenaar, and Morales

Staff present: Finance Director Volesky, Parks & Enrichment Director Berner, and Project Development Manager Donovan

Citizens present: 3

1. Meeting minutes from May 26, 2021 were approved.

2. Finance Update

Finance Director Doug Volesky gave an update on the following:

- OpenGov Budgeting Software
 - City is interested in purchasing budgeting and reporting software.
 - Discussed all the features and benefits including a better solution for budget process automation, personnel cost forecasting, managerial reporting, and public transparency reporting.
 - Staff will be asking Council for approval of the contract tonight for a total 5-year contract price of 260,555.
- Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA) Planning Update
 - City's allocation is \$9,053,048. Received half or \$4,526,524 already.
 - Guidance is now available, and the City reviewed with Council a draft spending plan for the funds.
 - They also discussed the collaboration effort with Skagit County and surrounding Cities on the use of these funds in the most efficient manner.
 - The draft spending plan included funding for:
 - Staff salary devoted to COVID-19 pandemic effects
 - Revenue Replacement
 - Information Services and Technology
 - Fiber Optic System
 - TV10
 - General Facilities improvements

- Support for the Court System
- Human Resources
- Communications to our residents, and
- Service level restoration
- 2021 Revenue Update on a few of the City's main revenue sources – collected thru June
 - Sales Tax – \$4,230,165 or 57% of the budgeted annual amount.
 - Traffic Benefit District (TBD) – \$993,690 or 62% of the budgeted annual amount.
 - Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) - \$1,034,150 or 89% of the budgeted annual amount.

3. Parks and Enrichment Services Update

Parks and Enrichment Services Director Jennifer Berner gave an update on the following:

- 25th Street Playground Install Update
 - If all goes as planned should be open to the public the end of July
 - Dedication ceremony will be coordinated for a later date in August or September
- 4th of July Fireworks Show
 - Edgewater Park will open at 8:00pm
 - Fireworks show at 10/10:15pm
 - Media campaign is underway informing people of the event and how to celebrate safely and legally if they are celebrating at home.
- Recreation Update
 - 257 youth enrolled in sports camps
 - 226 preschoolers enrolled in Little Kickers Soccer League
 - Volunteer Work Party at Kiwanis this Saturday – 9:30am – Noon
 - July 2nd – Independence Day Drive-in Movie at Skagit Valley College
- Little Mountain Bike Skills Park
 - Nearing completion of the first phase of trails and bike skills zone
 - Preparing for Grand Opening Celebration for late August

4. Miscellaneous, for the good of the order.

- None

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Submitted by:

Doug Volesky

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