

**Mount Vernon
City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2019**

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

Present: Councilmembers Beaton, Brocksmith, Carías, Hulst, Hudson, Molenaar, and Mayor Boudreau. Councilmember Moberg was excused from attendance.

Staff Present: Project Development Manager Donovan, City Attorney Rogerson, Parks & Enrichment Director King, Finance Director Volesky, Library Director Huffman, Development Services Director Phillips, Interim Police Chief Cammock, Senior Planner Rebecca Lowell, Engineering Manager Blaine Chesterfield, Senior Engineer Darin Christen

Citizens Present: 52

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of September 11, 2019 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of September 20, 2019 payroll checks numbered 109578 – 109613, direct deposit checks numbered 73164 - 73400, and wire transfers numbered 774 – 778 in the amount of \$1,196,434.47
- C. Approval of September 25, 2019 Claims numbered 5564, 5597 - 5802 in the amount of \$1,913,761.77

Councilmember Hudson moved to approve the Consent Agenda items A-C. Motion seconded by Councilmember Carías. Motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS

- A. Committees
 1. Finance and Parks & Enrichment Services - see Committee minutes for details
 2. Development Services - see Committee minutes for details
- B. Community Comments
 - Mayor Boudreau opened the community comments with a review of the rules of decorum.
 - Richard Bowyer – Mount Vernon – Revisited his comments to the council 2 weeks earlier requesting a moratorium on development. Expressed concerns about the impact of higher population density on traffic and infrastructure.
 - A number of youths from the community –Spoke in favor of plastic bag ban.
 - Carol Sullivan – Mount Vernon – Spoke in favor of plastic bag ban.
 - Phebee Bernard – Mount Vernon – Spoke in favor of plastic bag ban.
 - Soul, Geo, & Sara Dryden – Mount Vernon – Spoke in favor of plastic bag ban.

- Sonya Carrier – Mount Vernon – Spoke in favor of plastic bag ban.
- Jeremy Harriston-Smith – Clear Lake – Spoke in favor of plastic bag ban.
- Mary McIntosh – Mount Vernon – Spoke in favor of plastic bag ban.
- Frank Evantoff – Bow – Spoke in favor of plastic bag ban.
- Michael Boss – Mount Vernon – Spoke in favor of plastic bag ban.
- Ellen Gray – Mount Vernon – Spoke in favor of plastic bag ban.

C. Council Member Comments

- Councilmember Brocksmith thanked everyone who came and wanted to remind the community about the Spirit of Hope Fundraiser on October 10th 5-7:30PM at the Swinomish Casino & Resort.
- Councilmember Hudson thanked everyone for coming.
- Councilmember Carías thanked everyone for coming.
- Councilmember Beaton thanked everyone for coming.

D. Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Boudreau invited the public to attend the upcoming walking coffee hour on October 4th, from 10-11 AM starting at the City Hall.
- Mayor Boudreau invited the public to attend the upcoming Downtown Waterfront Flood Project Completion Celebration on September 28th starting at 10AM at the Skagit River walk.
- Mayor Boudreau announced the hiring of new Park Ranger Kevin Mathis.
- Mayor Boudreau announced the Affordable Housing Work Plan webpage is now up and running.

E. Committee Agenda Requests

- Councilmember Hudson requested the council review the proposed plastic bag ban.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Closed Record Public Hearing – Highpoint Preliminary Plat Application: Rebecca Lowell presented a recap of the situation regarding the Highpoint Preliminary Plat Application.
- Closed Record Public Hearing was opened for comments.
 - There being no comments the Closed Record Public Hearing was closed.

Councilmember Hulst moved the Council approve Resolution 970 to accept the Highpoint Preliminary Plat Application. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hudson. Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07PM.

SUBMITTED BY:

Chase Kinney, Recording Clerk

ATTEST:

Doug Volesky, Finance Director

APPROVE:

Jill Boudreau, Mayor