

**Mount Vernon
City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2019**

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

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

Absent: Councilmember Hulst (excused)

Staff Present: Project Development Manager Donovan, City Attorney Rogerson, Fire Chief Brice, Parks & Enrichment Director King, Finance Director Volesky, Library Director Huffman, Police Lieutenant Booth, Public Works Director Bell, Wastewater Manager Duranceau, Development Services Director Phillips, Senior Planner Rebecca Lowell

Citizens Present: 8

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of October 9, 2019 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of October 18, 2019 payroll checks numbered 109654 - 109683 direct deposit checks numbered 73638 - 73871, and wire transfers numbered 779, 785 - 788 in the amount of \$1,156,800.92
- C. Approval of October 23, 2019 Claims numbered 6038 - 6217 in the amount of \$2,795,474.17

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

REPORTS

- A. Committees
 - 1. Public Works and Library - see Committee minutes for details
 - 2. Public Safety - see Committee minutes for details
- B. Community Comments
 - Tom Wentzl – Mount Vernon – Spoke about his experience as a City of Mount Vernon employee.
 - Mayor Boudreau provided feedback regarding Mr. Wentzl's comments.
- C. Council Member Comments
 - None
- D. Mayor's Report:
 - Mayor Boudreau reminded the public that the repairs on Riverside Drive were continuing and there will be partial lane closures as BNSF installs the specialized street panels on the spur line.

- Mayor Boudreau announced the Skagit Valley College Welding Club's partnership with the City and the work they've done is being highlighted in the welding publication "The Fabricator." The City partners with the College to provide materials for students to create works of art which will be displayed throughout the City; for example, the Snow Geese, Palm Frond, and Butterfly sculptures. The Mayor gave a special thank you to Mary Kuebelbeck of the Skagit Valley College.

E. Committee Agenda Requests

- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Street Closure Request – Downtown Safe Halloween Trick-or-Treat: Mr. Donovan, on behalf of the Mount Vernon Downtown Association, requested Council approval to close South 1st Street from north side of Kincaid to south edge of Division, and all cross streets east/west. These include Kincaid, Pine, Myrtle, Gates, Montgomery and Washington Streets, from Main to 2nd Street; between the hours of 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2019 for the Mount Vernon Downtown Association sponsored Trick or Treat Event.

Councilmember Beaton moved to approval the closure of South 1st Street from north side of Kincaid to south edge of Division, and all cross streets east/west, between the hours of 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2019 for the Mount Vernon Downtown Association sponsored Trick or Treat Event. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hudson. Motion carried 6-0.

- B. Street Closure Request – Downtown Christmas Parade: Mr. Donovan, on behalf of the Mount Vernon Downtown Association, requested Council approval to close the following streets: Cleveland, from the north side of Milwaukee to Kincaid, and South 1st Street from Kincaid to the south side of Division. All connecting side streets from Main to 2nd will be closed as well; this includes Milwaukee, Snoqualmie, Broadway, Kincaid, Pine, Myrtle, Gates, Montgomery and Washington. With parking on South 1st and side streets to be closed at 1:30 p.m. and streets closed at 3:30 p.m. on December 8, 2019 for the Mount Vernon Downtown Association sponsored Holiday Parade.

Councilmember Molenaar moved to approve the closure of the following streets: Cleveland, from the north side of Milwaukee to Kincaid, and South 1st Street from Kincaid to the south side of Division. Parking on South 1st and side streets to be closed at 1:30 p.m. and streets closed at 3:30 p.m. on December 8, 2019 for the Mount Vernon Downtown Association sponsored Holiday Parade. Motion seconded by Councilmember Moberg. Motion carried 6-0.

- C. Public Hearing – Capital Improvements Plan 2020 – 2025: Mr. Donovan reviewed what a Capital Improvement Plan is, how it's created and used, how it fits within the City's 20-year Comprehensive Plan, the active and pending projects including funding status and sources. With that each respective Department Director presented the council with their top CIP priorities in 2020 and the details of those projects.

Mayor Boudreau opened the public hearing.

There being no public comments Mayor Boudreau closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Beaton moved to adopt Ordinance 3791 approving the Capital Improvements Plan 2020-2025. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hudson. Motion carried 6-0.

- D. Final Plat Approval Woodside 8 and 9: Ms. Lowell is requested Council approve a resolution to approve the final plat of Woodside, Division 8 and 9. This is the final division of the subdivision and will create 19 new single-family residential lots along with tracts for landscape/open space, forested buffer, utility/access, and critical areas over approximately 4.16 acres.

Councilmember Beaton moved to adopt Resolution 971 to approve the Final Plat for Woodside, Division 8 and 9. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 6-0.

- E. Approval of Agreement for 25th Street Playground Project: Mr. King requested Council authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Northwest Playground Equipment for the purchase and installation of the 25th Street Playground Project.

Councilmember Hudson moved to authorize the Mayor enter into an agreement with Northwest Playground Equipment for the purchase and installation of the 25th Street Playground Project. Motion seconded by Councilmember Carías. Motion carried 6-0.

- F. Approval of Amendments to Mount Vernon Municipal Code Section 17.85; Dumpster and Recycling Standards: Mr. Bell requested Council approve an ordinance amending MVMC Section 17.85 to modify the enclosure opening width from 12 to 15 feet and from a depth of 10 to 12 feet for dumpster and/or recycling enclosures. The ordinance would also add requirements or when recycling containers are shared in an enclosure, as there is not current code for this situation.

Councilmember Hudson moved to approve Ordinance 3792 amending MVMC Section 17.85 to modify the enclosure opening width from 12 to 15 feet and from a depth of 10 to 12 feet for dumpster and/or recycling enclosures. Motion seconded by Councilmember Beaton. Motion carried 6-0.

- G. Amendment to Interlocal Agreement with Mount Vernon School District: Ms. Lowell requested Council authorize the Mayor to enter into an amended agreement with the Mount Vernon School District to authorize City's maintenance of the District's storm water system on the Harriet Rowley Elementary School site.

Councilmember Beaton moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an amended agreement with the Mount Vernon School District to authorize City's maintenance of the District's storm water system on the Harriet Rowley Elementary School site. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 6-0.

- H. Public Hearing – Adoption of Interim Regulations Allowing Limited Temporary Homeless Encampments (i.e. Safe Parking): Ms. Lowell requested the council open a public hearing to allow testimony regarding the interim regulations allowing limited temporary homeless encampments, otherwise known as safe parking, as established under Ordinance 3790.

Mayor Boudreau opened the public hearing.

- Wendy Sanderson, Mount Vernon resident, spoke in favor of the Ordinance 3790 and requested the council approve Ordinance 3793 to extend the interim regulations.
- Katy Stevens, Mount Vernon resident, spoke in favor of the Ordinance 3790 and requested the council approve Ordinance 3793 to extend the interim regulations.
- Clyde Bolton, Mount Vernon resident, spoke in favor of the Ordinance 3790 and requested the council approve Ordinance 3793 to extend the interim regulations.
- Kurtis Steinhauer, Mount Vernon resident, spoke in favor of the Ordinance 3790 and requested the council approve Ordinance 3793 to extend the interim regulations.

There being no further comments Mayor Boudreau closed the public hearing.

Ms. Lowell requested the council adopt Ordinance 3793 which would renew the interim regulations associated with Ordinance 3790 for 6 more months.

Councilmember Beaton moved to adopt Ordinance 3793 which would renew the interim regulations associated with Ordinance 3790 for 6 more months. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11PM.

SUBMITTED BY:

Chase Kinney, Recording Clerk

ATTEST:

Doug Volesky, Finance Director

APPROVE:

Jill Boudreau, Mayor