



**City of Mount Vernon
City Council Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2023
Police Court Campus, 1805 Continental Place**

Mayor Boudreau called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers Beaton, Brocksmith, Carías, Molenaar, and Morales
Absent: Councilmembers Hudson and Hulst (excused)
Staff Present: City Attorney Rogerson, Police Chief Cammock, Parks and Enrichment Services Director Berner, Development Services Director Groth, Special Project Manager Donovan, Fire Chief Brice, Library Director Huffman, Public Works Director Phillips, and City Clerk Jensen

Citizens Present: 4

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Public Comments - Comments sent to Community Comments were read aloud by Mr. Donovan

- Elizabeth Asher, Mount Vernon resident spoke about a community garden and the unhoused population

Public Comments - In person

- None.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of December 14, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of December 20, 2022, payroll checks numbered 111799 – 111815, direct deposit checks numbered 91509 – 91759 and wire transfers numbered 1165 – 1169 in the amount of \$1,509,851.54
- C. Approval of January 5, 2023, payroll checks numbered 111816 – 111839, direct deposit checks numbered 91759 – 92012, and wire transfers numbered 1170 – 1174 in the amount of \$1,276,424.19
- D. Approval of December 28, 2022, Claims numbered 20028 – 20220 in the amount of \$1,680,688.61

Councilmember Brocksmith moved to approve Consent Agenda Items B-D. Motion seconded by Councilmember Beaton. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilmember Brocksmith moved to approve Consent Agenda Item A with an amendment to Agenda Item E. Motion seconded by Councilmember Morales. Motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS

- A. Committees
 - 1. Public Works/Library – see committee minutes for details.
- B. Councilmember Comments
 - Councilmember Morales spoke about the recent winter storm.
 - Acknowledged the Police and Fire Department’s response to a recent fire he witnessed.
- C. Mayor’s Report
 - Mayor Boudreau spoken about the passing of former Mayor Skye Richendrfer and former Councilmember Erin Moberg.
 - Mayor Boudreau provided an update of the Mount Vernon Library Commons Project.
- D. Committee Agenda Requests
 - Brocksmith requested a discussion of pedestrian walkways on the Division Street bridge.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Presentation – Friendship House: Friendship House Executive Director Jonathan Kline provided an update of the agency’s activities and programs.

- B. Approval of Appointments to the Planning Commission: Mayor Boudreau requested approval of the appointments of Mary Mae Hardt and Adair Orr to the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Beaton moved approve the appointments of Mary Mae Hardt and Adair Orr to the Mount Vernon Planning Commission. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Boudreau performed the swearing in of Mr. Orr.

- C. Approval of Agreement – The Johnston Group: Mr. Donovan requested approval of an agreement The Johnston Group to assist with securing federal funding and support for City projects.

Councilmember Beaton moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with The Johnston Group in the amount of \$48,000. Motion seconded by Councilmember Morales. Motion carried 5-0.

- D. Approval of Agreement Amendment – Cara Lorenzo: Mr. Donovan requested approval of an amendment to agreement 4013 with Cara Lorenzo extending the term to December 31, 2023.

Councilmember Morales moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an amendment to agreement 4013 with Cara Lorenzo, extending the term to December 31, 2023. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 5-0.

- E. Approval of Agreement Amendment – Mountain Law, LLC: Mr. Donovan requested an amendment to agreement 4266 with Mountain Law, LLC extending the term to March 31, 2023.

Councilmember Molenaar moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an amendment to agreement 4269 with Mountain Law, LLC extending the term to March 31, 2023. Motion seconded by Councilmember Morales. Motion carried 5-0.

- F. Approval of Agreement – Volunteers of America Western WA: Mr. Donovan requested approval of an agreement with Volunteers of

America Western WA for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded community services.

Councilmember Brocksmith moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Volunteers of America Western WA for CDBG funded community services in the amount of \$17,999. Motion seconded by Councilmember Carías. Motion carried 5-0.

- G. Approval of Agreement – Jen Pitner Consulting, LLC: Mr. Donovan requested approval of an agreement with Jen Pitner Consulting, LLC to execute a fundraising campaign to support the costs associated with the Mount Vernon Library Commons (MVLC) Project.

Councilmember Beaton moved authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Jen Pitner Consulting, LLC to execute a fundraising campaign for the MVLC Project. Motion seconded by Councilmember Morales. Motion carried 5-0.

- H. Approval of Agreement – Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance: Ms. Berner requested approval of an agreement with Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance for mountain bike trail maintenance.

Councilmember Molenaar moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Mountain Bike Trail Alliance for mountain bike trail maintenance. Motion seconded by Councilmember Morales. Motion carried 5-0.

- I. Winter Road Maintenance Briefing: Mr. Phillips provided an update of recent snow and ice removal efforts.

- J. Executive Session: the meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 8:34 for a period of fifteen minutes to discuss with legal counsel matters regarding agency enforcement actions, litigation, or potential litigation to which the City, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the City pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The session will conclude at 8:49; no action will be taken following the session.

The regular meeting reconvened and adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Becky Jensen, City Clerk

Approved by: _____
Jill Boudreau, Mayor