



**City of Mount Vernon**  
**City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**January 27, 2021**  
(Virtual Meeting)

Mayor Boudreau called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Staff Present: City Attorney Rogerson, Finance Director Volesky, Public Works Director Bell, Police Chief Cammock, Fire Chief Brice, Development Services Director Phillips, Human Resources Director Keator, Library Director Huffman, Information Systems Director Kleppe, Parks and Enrichment Services Director Berner, Project Development Manager Donovan, Solid Waste Manager Hanson and Capital Programs Manager Bullock

Citizens Present: 0

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of December 30, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of January 6, 2020 Study Session Minutes
- C. Approval of January 13, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- D. Approval of January 20, 2021 payroll checks numbered 110533 - 110553, direct deposit checks numbered 80465 – 80685 and wire transfers numbered 935 – 939 in the amount of \$1,233,132.56
- E. Approval of January 27, 2021 Claims numbered 12089 - 12343 in the amount of \$1,506,593.83

**Councilmember Hulst moved to approve the Consent Agenda items A-E. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 7-0.**

## **REPORTS**

- A. Review of Emails from the Public - Public comments sent via email to council@mountvernonwa.gov were read aloud by Mr. Donovan:
- Larry Hilliard, Mount Vernon resident, supports the homeless housing project with the City of Burlington.
- B. Department Updates
- Parks and Enrichment Services - Ms. Berner reviewed the following topics
- Arts Commission 2021 Work Plan: Quarterly projects
  - Parks Focus for 2021
    - Parks Division: Inventory, Activities, Maintenance, Improvements
    - Facilities Division: Inventory, Use, Marketing
    - Administration Division: Policies and Procedures, Staffing, Fees, Codes, Agreements, Partnerships
    - City Work Program Division: Job duties, Partnerships, Graffiti
    - Events and Recreation Division: Programming, Volunteer Program, Instructors, Marketing, Partnerships and Sponsorships
- Finance
- 2020 Revenue Review
  - Recycle Contract Update
- C. Councilmember Comments
- Councilmember Brocksmith announced that the Illuminlight 2021 event will take place virtually on Friday, January 29, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
- D. Mayor's Report
- Mayor Boudreau gave an update of the State Legislative Session and provided contact information for Legislators.
- E. Council/Committee Agenda Requests
- Councilmember Hudson requests a briefing regarding the impacts on staff if the City partners with the City of Burlington's Emergency Shelter Project.
  - Councilmember Morales requests an update of railroad crossings and decibel levels.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Approval of Agreement with Western Display Fireworks: Ms. Berner requested approval of an agreement with Western Display Fireworks to provide the July 4, 2021 firework display at Edgewater Park.

**Councilmember Hulst moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Western Display Fireworks to provide the July 4, 2021 fireworks display. Seconded by Councilmember Morales. Motion carried 7-0.**

- B. Contract for Public Defense Conflict Counsel Services: Mr. Donovan presented an agreement with Cara Lorenzo for public defense conflict counsel services.

**Councilmember Beaton moved to authorize the Mayor to enter an amended agreement with Cara Lorenzo for conflict counsel services for public defense cases. Seconded by Councilmember Carías. Motion carried 7-0.**

- C. Amendment to Contract with Community Action of Skagit County: Mr. Donovan presented an amendment to Agreement 3924, for execution of CBDG MEA program. The amendment extends the term to December 31, 2021.

**Councilmember Molenaar moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an amendment to Agreement 3924, to extend the term to December 31, 2021. Seconded by Councilmember Hulst. Motion carried 7-0.**

- D. Amendment to Agreement with Transpo Group, USA: Mr. Bullock requested approval of an amendment to agreement 3904 to provide additional contract management support for the Kulshan Trail Safety Lighting Project in the amount of \$3,262.

**Councilmember Brocksmith moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Transpo Group, USA to provide additional contract management services for the Kulshan Trail Safety Lighting Project in the amount of \$3,262. Seconded by Councilmember Carías. Motion carried 7-0.**

- E. For the Good of the Order:

- COVID-19 pandemic response and discussion: Mayor Boudreau shared information regarding vaccinations.

The meeting was adjourned into Executive Session at 6:56 p.m. to discuss with legal counsel matters relating to the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate for lease

or purchase when public knowledge of the discussion is likely to result in increased price. And to discuss enforcement action, 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 either adverse legal or financial consequence to the City. The duration of the Executive Session is estimated to be twenty minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

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Becky Jensen, Recording Clerk

ATTEST:

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Doug Volesky, Finance Director

APPROVE:

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Jill Boudreau, Mayor