



**City of Mount Vernon
City Council Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2021**

Mayor Boudreau called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

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

Absent: Councilmember Molenaar (excused)

Staff Present: City Attorney Rogerson, Finance Director Volesky, Public Works Director Bell, Police Chief Cammock, Parks and Enrichment Services Director Berner, Project Development Manager Donovan, and Capital Programs Manager Bullock

Citizens Present: 4

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of April 14, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of April 20, 2021 payroll checks numbered 110701 – 110722, direct deposit checks numbers 81810 – 82036, and wire transfers numbered 965 – 969 in the amount of \$1,185,873.73
- C. Approval of April 28, 2021 Claims numbered 13503 and 13505 – 13720 in the amount of \$726,832.02

Councilmember Hudson moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A-C. Motion seconded by Councilmember Beaton. Motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS

- A. Finance and Parks & Enrichment Services – see committee minutes for details
- B. Community Comments - None
- C. Councilmember Comments - None
- D. Mayor's Report
 - Thanked the state legislatures for the \$2 million allocation for the Library Commons Project
 - Thanked Congresswoman Del Bene for advocating for additional federal funding for the Library Commons Project.
 - Skagit County Health Department update – COVID-19 case are rising, restrictions may change, encouraged citizen to continue masking and to get vaccinated.

E. Committee Agenda Requests - None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Skagit PUD Update: Mr. Donovan introduced Skagit PUD General Manager Sidhu who provided an update of projects and plans. Highlights include infrastructure updates at Judy Reservoir, new PUD Campus and Division Street Reservoir Micro-hydro unit installation. An update of the financial effects of COVID-19 was provided. Mr. Sidhu requested additional funding for customer bill payment assistance.
- B. Public Hearing – Adoption of the 2021-2026 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): Mr. Bullock requested approval of the 2021-2026 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program. The TIP identifies the schedule, costs and financial plan associated with projects the City expects to complete during the next six years. The top ten projects were reviewed. Mayor Boudreau opened the public hearing. There being no comments, Mayor Boudreau closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Hulst moved to approve Resolution 992 Adopting the 2021-2026 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program. Motion seconded by Councilmember Morales. Motion carried 6-0.

- C. Agreement with Puget Sound Energy: Mr. Bullock presented an agreement with Puget Sound Energy for the installation and ongoing maintenance of four new lighting fixtures on the Freeway Drive Improvement Project. The installation cost is \$23,706.08 and there will be a \$21.49 monthly charge for maintenance.

Councilmember Brocksmith moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Puget Sound Energy for the installation and maintenance of four lighting fixtures on Freeway Drive. Motion seconded by Councilmember Carías. Motion carried 6-0.

- D. Agreement with Waste Management: Mr. Bell requested approval of an agreement with Waste Management of Washington, Inc. for the collection and processing of residential recyclables and organics. Key components include a rate increase, term and billing services.

Councilmember Hulst moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Waste

Management of Washington, Inc. for the collection and processing of residential recyclables and organics. Motion seconded by Councilmember Brocksmith. Motion carried 6-0.

- E. Extension Agreement with Cintas: Mr. Bell presented and an amendment to Agreement 3632 with Cintas, Corporation extending the termination date thirty-six months, to May 5, 2024. Cintas provides safety and high visibility clothing and laundry services for Street Department, Wastewater Utility and Surface Water Utility staff.

Councilmember Morales moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an amendment to Agreement 3632 with Cintas Corporation, extending the termination date to May 5, 2024. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hudson. Motion carried 6-0.

- F. Update to the Mount Vernon Criminal Code: Mr. Rogerson presented an ordinance amending Chapter 9.22 Miscellaneous Crimes, of the Mount Vernon Municipal Code. This will adopt RCW 9A.86.010, the state crime of disclosing intimate images and allow Mount Vernon to prosecute and file criminal charges for violations.

Councilmember Beaton moved to approve Ordinance 3828 amending Chapter 9.22 of the Mount Vernon Municipal Code. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hulst. Motion carried 6-0.

- G. Removal of South Third Street Parking Restrictions: Mr. Rogerson presented an ordinance amending Chapter 10.20.040 of the Mount Vernon Municipal Code. This amendment will remove the parking restrictions along South Third Street.

Councilmember Hudson moved to approve Ordinance 3829 amending Chapter 10.20.040 of the Mount Vernon Municipal Code. Motion seconded by Councilmember Morales. Motion carried 6-0.

- H. Approval of Change to the Option Agreement with Skagit County: Mr. Rogerson requested approval of a change to a previously approved Option Agreement with Skagit County. The change addresses the execution and timing of closing documents. Legal descriptions have been added as well.

Councilmember Hulst moved approve the changes to the Option Agreement with Skagit County for the purchase of property located at 208 Kincaid Street. Motion seconded by Councilmember Beaton.

Motion carried 6-0.

- I. Resolution – Imperial Metals Corporation: Councilmember Brocksmith requested approval of a resolution opposing Imperial Metals Corporation's exploratory mining permit and urging permanent protection of the Skagit River headwaters in British Columbia.

Councilmember Beaton moved to approve Resolution 993 opposing Imperial Metals Corporation's exploratory mining permit. Motion seconded by Councilmember Morales. Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting was convened into Executive Session at 8:12 p.m. for a period of ten minutes to discuss with legal counsel matters relating to the selection of a site or acquisition of real estate for lease or purchase when public knowledge of the discussion is likely to result in increased price. And to consider the minimum price at which real estate would be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge of the consideration is likely to result in decreased price. No action will be taken following the session.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Becky Jensen, City Clerk

ATTEST:

Doug Volesky, Finance Director

APPROVE:

Jill Boudreau, Mayor