



**City of Mount Vernon  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
May 12, 2021**

Mayor Boudreau called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

Absent: Councilmember Molenaar (excused)

Staff Present: City Attorney Rogerson, Public Works Director Bell, Police Chief Cammock, Parks and Enrichment Services Director Berner, Project Development Manager Donovan, Capital Programs Manager Bullock, Fire Chief Bryce, Assistant Fire Chief Harris, Engineering Services Manager Chesterfield and Library Director Huffman

Citizens Present: 3

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of April 28, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of May 5, 2021 payroll checks numbered 110723 – 110745, direct deposit checks numbers 82037 – 82266, and wire transfers numbered 970 – 974 in the amount of \$963,416.88
- C. Approval of May 12, 2021 Claims numbered 13721 – 13723 and 13754 - 13872 in the amount of \$1,286,165.

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

**REPORTS**

- A. Public Works and Library – see committee minutes for details.
- B. Community Comments – Public comments sent via email to council@mountvernonwa.gov were read aloud by Mr. Donovan:
  - Larry and Patricia Hilliard, Mount Vernon resident expressed opposition to Docket #LR20-4 of the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan.
  - Sherry Sennet, Mount Vernon resident, supports fostering relationships with local tribal communities.
- C. Councilmember Comments
  - Councilmember Morales acknowledged and thanked mothers in honor of Mother's Day.

- Committee Hulst provided an update fireworks advisory committee. The committee will be making recommendations to leave the ordinance as is, except to clarify certain language and to raise civil penalties for violations.

D. Mayor's Report

- Skagit County Health Department update – The public is invited to drop-in to receive a vaccine on Saturday, May 15, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Burlington-Edison High School Fieldhouse. No appointment is needed.
- Farmer's Market opens Saturday, May 15, 2021 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The market will be open Saturdays through October 9<sup>th</sup>.
- The 10<sup>th</sup> Legislative District will hold a Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Boudreau will be the moderator for the event.

E. Committee Agenda Requests - None

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Habitat for Humanity Update: Mr. Donovan introduced Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Teresa Pugh and Resource Development Coordinator T.J. Larrick. Ms. Pugh and Mr. Larrick provided an overview of the agency, discussed the need for affordable housing, the lack of available inventory and described the functions of Habitat for Humanity in assisting low income residents acquire homeownership which includes sweat equity, donations and grants. Mr. Larrick thanked Mayor and Council for their support.
- B. Public Hearing – 2021-2022 CBDG Action Plan: Mr. Donovan presented the Draft 2021-2022 CBDG Action Plan. The plan consists of allocations for Community Action of Skagit County, Habitat for Humanity, Floodwall loan repayment, Helping Hands Food Bank and Administrative/Consultant expenses.

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

**Councilmember Brocksmith moved to approve the 2021-2022 CBDG Action Plan. Motion seconded by Councilmember Carías. Motion carried 6-0.**

- C. Appointment to the Mount Vernon Arts Commission: Ms. Berner requested approval of the appointment of Lee Ann Rust to the Mount Vernon Arts Commission.

**Councilmember Hulst moved to approve the**

**appointment of Lee Ann Rust to the Mount Vernon Arts Commission. Motion seconded by Councilmember Morales. Motion carried 6-0.**

- D. Art Donation: Ms. Berner requested approval of an art donation entitled Overall.....Making Hay from artist Alfred Currier. The canvas painting will be on display in the Mount Vernon Library.

**Councilmember Brocksmitth moved to accept the art donation entitled Overall.....Making Hay from Alfred Currier. Motion seconded by Councilmember Carías. Motion carried 6-0.**

- E. Reorganization of Parks and Enrichment Services Department: Ms. Berner presented a proposed reorganization of the Parks Division that will eliminate the City Work Program Supervisor and add a Parks Foreman position. The reorganization will not have a budgetary impact.

**Councilmember Beaton moved to approve the reorganization of the Parks Division of the Parks and Enrichment Services Department. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hudson. Motion carried 6-0.**

- F. Ward Filter System Purchase Agreement: Chief Bryce requested approval of the purchase of filter systems for Fire Department vehicles in the amount of \$122,541.72. The vehicle mounted filter systems will filter the exhaust emitted from Fire apparatus for the protection of Fire Department personnel.

**Councilmember Hulst moved to authorize the purchase of Ward Filter Systems for Fire apparatus. Motion seconded by Councilmember Beaton. Motion carried 6-0.**

- G. Bid Award – 2021 Street Improvements Project, TS-2021-002: Mr. Bullock requested the acceptance of the low bid for the 2021 Street Improvements Project that was submitted by Lakeside Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$1,218,795.67. Work will begin in July.

**Councilmember Hudson moved to accept the bid and authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Lakeside Industries, Inc. for the 2021 Street Improvements Project TS-2021-002 in the amount of \$1,218,795.67. Motion seconded by Councilmember Morales. Motion carried 6-0.**

- H. Approval of Professional Services Agreement for On-Call Surveying, TS-2021-008: Mr. Bullock asked Council to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Harmsen, LLC. for on-call surveying services. This is a two-year contract is not to exceed \$50,000 per year.

**Councilmember Hudson moved authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Harmsen, LLC. For on-call surveying services. Motion seconded by Councilmember Beaton. Motion carried 6-0.**

- I. Introduction of Ordinance to Approve a Franchise Agreement with SkagitNet: Mr. Rogerson introduced an ordinance granting a franchise agreement to SkagitNet for the use of certain of City right of way areas for connecting dark fiber services. The franchise agreement will be adopted by ordinance at a later date.

The meeting was convened into Executive Session at 8:04 p.m. for a period of ten minutes to discuss with legal counsel on matters relating to 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 agency. No action will be taken following the session.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

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Becky Jensen, City Clerk

ATTEST:

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Doug Volesky, Finance Director

APPROVE:

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Jill Boudreau, Mayor