



**City of Mount Vernon  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
May 26, 2021**

Mayor Boudreau called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 Lieutenant Booth, Parks and Enrichment Services Director Berner, Project Development Manager Donovan, Development Services Director Phillips, Principal Planner Lowell, Capital Programs Manager Bullock, Assistant Fire Chief Harris, Library Director Huffman, Battalion Chief Kerth, IS Director Kleppe (via telephone)

Citizens Present: 5

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of May 12, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of May 20, 2021 payroll checks numbered 110747 – 110764, direct deposit checks numbers 82267 – 82495, and wire transfers numbered 975 – 979 in the amount of \$1,187,100.50.
- C. Approval of May 26, 2021 Claims numbered 13882 – 14007 and 14009 – 14010 in the amount of \$2,320,264.16.

**Councilmember Hudson moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A-C. Motion seconded by Councilmember Beaton. Motion carried 7-0.**

**REPORTS**

- A. Finance & Parks and Enrichment Services – see committee minutes for details.
- B. Community Comments – Public comments sent via email to [council@mountvernonwa.gov](mailto:council@mountvernonwa.gov) were read aloud by Mr. Donovan:
  - Bill Mccord, Mount Vernon resident addressed the new ownership of Evergreen Mobile Home and increased rent.
- C. Councilmember Comments
  - Brocksmith invited Council and public to participate in Skagit Housing Consortium, a group addressing housing issues such as affordability and availability. A Zoom meeting will take place on June 15, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., hosted by Community Action of Skagit County, Economic Development Alliance of Skagit County (EDASC) and Skagit County. Contact EDASC for more information.

D. Mayor's Report

- Mayor Boudreau encouraged all to get vaccinations. Vaccinations are available through Skagit Public Health; additional locations are listed at [vaccinelocator.doh.wa.gov](http://vaccinelocator.doh.wa.gov). Currently over 40% of Skagit County residents have been fully vaccinated and over 50% have received the first dose.
- Mayor Boudreau presented the annual State of the City address at the Chamber of Commerce meeting today and shared highlights of the presentation including updates of Downtown investment, Station Square, Library Commons Project, and infrastructure projects.

E. Committee Agenda Requests - None

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Professional Services Agreement: Mount Vernon Library Commons Project: Mr. Bullock requested approval of an agreement with HKP Architects for the project architectural, engineering and design services in the amount of \$2,497,961.16.

The HKP team, led by Julie Blazek presented an overview of the project that included:

- Team qualifications and experience and their approach to the project
- Scope and needs of the project
- Community engagement
- Use of both inside and outside spaces
- Stormwater management
- Layout and lighting of the library, parking garage and community spaces
- Sustainability, energy, and water uses
- Cost management, scheduling, budget, and funding

**Councilmember Hulst moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with HKP Architects for the architectural, engineering and design services for the Library Commons Project in the amount of \$2,497,961.16. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 7-0.**

- B. Closed Record Public Hearing – Concurrency Approval, Grocery Outlet

ENGR20-0295: Ms. Lowell requested approval of a resolution authorizing a traffic concurrency permit, with conditions for Grocery Outlet located at 525 E. College Way. Conditions include sidewalk and parking lot improvements.

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

**Councilmember Hudson moved to approve Resolution 994 authorizing a Traffic Concurrency permit for Grocery Outlet. Motion seconded by Councilmember Beaton. Motion carried 7-0.**

- C. Extension Agreement with The Clean Team: Ms. Berner requested approval an extension of Agreement 3919 for the cleaning of City owned public restrooms. The extension will allow the cleaning services to continue through September 2021.

**Councilmember Molenaar moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an extension agreement with The Clean Team. Motion seconded by Councilmember Morales. Motion carried 7-0.**

- D. Fiber License and Operating Agreement with NW Programming, Inc.: Mr. Kleppe requested approval of a fiber licensing and operating agreement with Northwest Programming, Inc. dba NP Information Systems allowing ISP services to City fiber customers.

**Councilmember Hudson move to authorize the Mayor to enter into a fiber licensing and operating agreement with Northwest Programming, Inc. dba NP Information Systems. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hulst. Motion carried 7-0.**

- E. Revisions to Chapter 8.12 of the Mount Vernon Municipal Code (MVMC), Solid Waste Collection: Mr. Bell requested approval of an ordinance updating Chapter 8.12 of the MVMC to incorporate changes to curbside recycling collection fees, billing, and language updates.

**Councilmember Hulst moved to approve Ordinance 3830 amending Chapter 8.12 of the Mount Vernon Municipal Code. Motion seconded by Councilmember Morales. Motion carried 7-0.**

- F. Franchise Agreement with SkagitNet: Mr. Rogerson presented an ordinance granting a franchise agreement with SkagitNet for the use of City streets and other rights of way to provide for a dark fiber optic backbone to its telecommunications network.

**Councilmember Hudson moved to approve Ordinance 3831 granting a Franchise Agreement with SkagitNet. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 7-0.**

- G. Proposed Ordinance for Revisions of Fireworks Code: Mr. Rogerson presented an ordinance amending Chapter 8.24 of the Mount Vernon Municipal Code. The ordinance will escalate the penalty schedule for violations of the City's fireworks regulations and amend definitions clarifying which fireworks are not permitted within the City. The changes to the code will take effect no sooner than one year after its adoption.

**Councilmember Hulst approve Ordinance 3832 amending Chapter 8.24, Fireworks. Motion seconded by Councilmember Beaton. Motion carried 7-0.**

- H. Revisions to Chapter 9.12 of the Mount Vernon Municipal Code: Mr. Rogerson presented an ordinance amending Chapter 9.12 of the Mount Vernon Municipal Code. The amendment will adopt recently passed Washington State drug possession laws, changing the classification of the crime.

**Councilmember Beaton moved to approve Ordinance 3833 adopting Washington State drug possession laws. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hulst. Motion carried 7-0.**

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