



# Minutes of the Arlington City Council Workshop

Council Chambers  
110 East Third Street  
July 23, 2018

**Councilmembers Present:** Mike Hopson, Marilyn Oertle, Joshua Roundy, Sue Weiss, Jessica Stickles and Jan Schuette.

**Council Members Absent:** Debora Nelson.

**Staff Present:** Paul Ellis, Jonathan Ventura, Jim Kelly, Marc Hayes, Dave Ryan, Kristin Garcia, James Trefry, Kristin Banfield, Kris Wallace, Linda Taylor, and City Attorney Steve Peiffle.

**Also Known to be Present:** Linda Israelson, Don Vanney, Laura Roundy, Doug Buell, and Sarah Arney.

Mayor Pro Tem Marilyn Oertle called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, and the pledge of allegiance followed.

## **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Councilmember Jan Schuette moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Sue Weiss seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

## **WORKSHOP ITEMS – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN**

### **Resolution Adopting six-year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)**

Public Works Director Jim Kelly reviewed the proposed resolution adopting the city's annual Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). In accordance with State Law, every municipality must annually update their TIP for the following six years. Any road construction project that is to be considered for Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act or Transportation Improvement Board funding must be listed on the TIP. To be eligible for allocation of ½ -cent gas tax monies, projects must also be listed. The attached TIP represents projects that the City would like to have completed, or funded, over the next six years (2019 to 2024). Prior to adopting this plan it must be presented for a Public Hearing which will be held on August 6, 2018. Discussion followed.

### **Resolution to Surplus Properties**

City Administrator Paul Ellis reviewed the proposed resolution to surplus the four parcels the City owns on the south side of Washington Avenue between 1st Street and 2nd Street. Two of the lots are undeveloped, one lot accommodates the community garden and some storage. The corner lot on 1st and Washington has a signal family dwelling which is rented on a month to month lease. The dwelling was constructed in 1953 and currently is in need of repairs and updating. Staff is currently working on a Memorandum of Understanding

(MOU) with the Arlington School District to relocate the community garden to the corner of 3rd and French Ave on school district property. The property is zoned Old Town Residential District and would accommodate additional housing units. The properties were identified at the April Council Retreat as an area for potential new housing units to accommodate the demand for growth in residential dwellings. Discussion followed.

### **Approval to Purchase Easements for the Installation of a Water Main in the Proposed 173<sup>rd</sup> St NE Alignment**

Community and Economic Development Director Marc Hayes reviewed the request to purchase a 15' wide easement along the entire length of four individual private properties for the installation of a 12" water main to serve the Baker-Mor development, and more specifically the Smokey Point Senior Apartment project. These easements will become a part of the entire Right of Way for the future construction of 173rd St. NE, and the cost of this easement purchase will be applied to the total cost of the Right of Way purchases. The necessity of the separate easement purchases is to expedite the installation of the water main to the site in order for the AMCAL- Smokey Point Senior Apartment project to meet its obligations for State Funding requirements. Discussion followed.

### **2018 Airport Pavement Improvements Project- contractor selection**

Airport Director Dave Ryan reviewed the 2018 Airport Pavement Improvement Project, including both taxilane improvements and landside paving. The Airport Pavement Improvements Project was budgeted in the 2017-2018 biennial budget. \$650,000.00 is budgeted for the project through the airport's capital improvement budget. This project will repair, replace and/or upgrade several taxi lanes at the south end of the airport in and around hangars. The project will also address potholes, asphalt deterioration, cut out sections and new access for many businesses located around the airport. The bids for the project were opened on July 20, 2018. The lowest responsive bidder is Razz Construction with a bid of \$598,730.97. Discussion followed.

### **June 2018 Financial Report**

Finance Director Kristin Garcia reviewed the June 2018 Financial Report and answered Council questions.

### **Fireworks Discussion**

City Administrator Paul Ellis introduced the topic of discharging fireworks in city limits for open discussion by the Council. Mr. Ellis distributed statistics of 911 calls from the last five years from the police and fire departments. Discussion followed. City Attorney sSteve Peiffle reminded the Council that in accordance with state law, any action taken by the Council on fireworks would not go into effect until 2020. Council requested increased education to residents about legal versus illegal fireworks in 2019. Council would like to continue to discuss options in the future including conversations with the local Native American tribes, how to gauge the sentiment of the voters, and increasing fines for violations.

### **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

City Administrator Paul Ellis distributed an article from the Everett Herald from July 23, 2018 titled "People do like fire departments but they don't like tax hikes." He shared with the Council that he is working with staff to develop some additional EMS funding scenarios for the Council to consider on August 6, 2018.

**RECESS**

At 7:57 p.m. the meeting was recessed for a special meeting.

The meeting resumed at 7:59 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Linda Israelson shared her concerns about fireworks and requested the council consider banning their discharge within City limits.

**COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

Councilmembers Councilmember Stickles, Weiss, Schuette, Hopson, Oertle and Roundy had nothing to report this evening.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

  
Marilyn Oertle, Mayor Pro Tem

