



# Minutes of the Arlington City Council Zoom Meeting

October 5, 2020

**Councilmembers Present:** Mike Hopson, Michele Blythe, Jan Schuette, Marilyn Oertle, Jessica Stickle, Debora Nelson, and Don Vanney.

**Council Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Mayor Barb Tolbert, Paul Ellis, James Trefry, Kristin Garcia, City Attorney Steve Peiffle, Tony Orr and Ashleigh Scott.

**Also Known to be Present:** Thirty-five (35) YouTube Views.

Mayor Barb Tolbert called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call followed.

## **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Stickle moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Marilyn Oertle seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

## **INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

None.

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

None.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Stickle moved and Councilmember Marilyn Oertle seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda that was unanimously carried:

1. Minutes of the September 21 and September 28, 2020 Council meetings
2. Accounts Payable:  
Approval of EFT Payments and Claims Checks #101000 through #101094 dated September 22, 2020 through October 5, 2020 for \$932,581.09.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CARES Act Funding and Budget**

The City of Arlington has been awarded a second CARES ACT grant for \$296,100 to cover eligible expenses from the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible expenses must be incurred by November 30, 2020. On July 31, 2020 the Governor issued Proclamation 20 – 23.7 extending the waiver for shut off and late fees until October 15th which requires the City to update Resolutions 2020-010 and 2020-012 relating to shut off and late fee waivers and the City's utility customer support program. The updated customer support program includes a utility credit available to eligible residential and commercial customers reimbursable from the CARES ACT funding.

Mayor Pro Tem Jesica Stickles moved and Councilmember Debora Nelson seconded the motion to approve the acceptance of the Coronavirus Relief Fund grant in the amount of \$296,100, approve the expenditures as set forth in the proposed budget, approve the Resolution amending the City's Utility Customer Support Program, and authorized the Mayor to sign the grant and the resolution. The motion passed unanimously

**COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS**

Jan Schuette reviewed the meeting she had with the Community Transit Board and stated she spoke to the Board about the Cascade Industrial Center and how important the Swift Red Line coming to Arlington is, and even with COVID-19, they are still on track to complete and run by 2027.

**ADMINISTRATOR & STAFF REPORTS**

None.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Tolbert stated that Public Works Director Jim Kelly received confirmation from WSDOT regarding 172<sup>nd</sup> and the extension of Hwy 531, which is still on track and still funded, but contains expenses, if they go beyond the budget.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.



Barbara Tolbert, Mayor