



# Minutes of the Arlington City Council Meeting

Council Chambers  
110 East 3rd Street  
Tuesday, January 2, 2024

**Councilmembers Present:** Heather Logan, Debora Nelson, Rob Toyer, Jan Schuette, Michele Blythe, and Yvonne Gallardo-Van Ornam.

**Council Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Mayor Don Vanney, Paul Ellis, Sarah Lopez, Julie Petersen, Sheri Amundson, Marc Hayes, Linda Taylor, Jonathan Ventura, Mike Gilbert, Andrea Hill, Mike Phillips, City Attorney Steve Peiffle, Bryan Terry, and Wendy Van Der Meersche.

**Also Known to be Present:** Kathy Vanney, Jerry Vanney, June Backlund, Kim Casteel, Julie Good, Nathan Senff, Rich Senff, Kaitlyn Goubeau, Jennifer Rancourt, Jan Bauer, Dale Petersen, Bryce Petersen, Holly Sloan-Buchanan, Steve Maisch, Dave Kraski, and Toby Strotz.

Mayor Don Vanney called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call followed.

## **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Jan Schuette moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Debora Nelson seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

## **OATHS OF OFFICE**

Judge Jennifer Rancourt administered the oaths of office to Mayor Don Vanney and Councilmembers Michele Blythe, Yvonne Gallardo-Van Ornam, and Rob Toyer.

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

Dr. Kaitlyn Goubeau, CEO and Founder of the Center for Justice Social Work provided an update on the City's mobile integrated health program.

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

None.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jay Lindberg, Stanwood, provided public comment.  
James Chapman, Arlington, provided public comment.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Jan Schuette moved, and Councilmember Debora Nelson seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda that was unanimously carried:

1. Minutes of the December 18, 2023 Council meeting
2. Accounts Payable: Approval of EFT Payments and Claims Checks: #109657 through #109760 dated December 5, 2023 through December 18, 2023 for a total of \$946,071.41.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS****Memorandum of Agreement with AFSCME**

City Administrator Paul Ellis requested Council approve the memorandum of agreement with AFSCME.

The Memorandum of Agreement by and between the City of Arlington and the Arlington City Employees, Local 2849 of the Washington State Council of County and City Employees, Council 2, AFSCME shall apply to employees covered by the Collective Bargaining Agreement ("CBA") that came into effect January 1, 2022, and is set to expire on December 31, 2024. The Memorandum of Agreement extends the agreement 1 additional year, to December 31, 2025, based on the terms described in the Memorandum of Agreement.

The AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreement became effective January 1, 2022 and was set to expire December 31, 2024.

Mayor Pro Tem Jan Schuette moved, and Councilmember Debora Nelson seconded the motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement and authorized the Mayor to sign. The motion passed unanimously.

**Construction Contract for Phase 1 of Smokey Point Community Park**

Community and Economic Development Director Marc Hayes requested Council approve a construction contract with Reece Construction.

A public bid opening was held December 1, 2023, for the construction of Phase 1 of the Smokey Point Community Park. Thirteen bids were received and openly read, with base bid total amounts ranging from \$2,103,999.02 to \$3,115,000.00. Rock Project Management reviewed all bid documents and verified that Reece Construction was the low bidder and recommends that the City award the construction contract to Reece Construction for the park project.

The initial Smokey Point Community Park conceptual plan was presented at the City Council Spring Retreat April 10, 2021. Since that time, the park design has been presented at numerous public meetings, and the park property was purchased in October of 2022. On March 23, 2023, at the Strategic Priorities Retreat, City Council approved a \$3,000,000.00 budget for the design, amenities, and construction of the park. City staff selected Rock Project Management through the Request for Proposal process to design park/amenities, provide cost estimates, and manage construction of the project. Final construction documents were completed in November of 2023. At the November 6, 2023 meeting,

Council approved a transfer of \$1,000,000.00 in ARPA funds to address the increase in construction costs for the project. Staff is ready to award the construction contract and begin construction of Phase 1 of the Smokey Point Community Park.

Councilmember Debora Nelson moved, and Councilmember Heather Logan seconded the motion to approve a contract with Reece Construction and authorized the Mayor to sign the contract, in an amount not to exceed \$2,103,999.02, subject to final review by the City Attorney.

**COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS**

Councilmembers Debora Nelson and Michele Blythe thanked Mr. Chapman for providing public comment tonight. City Administrator Paul Ellis stated he would follow up.

**ADMINISTRATOR & STAFF REPORTS**

None.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

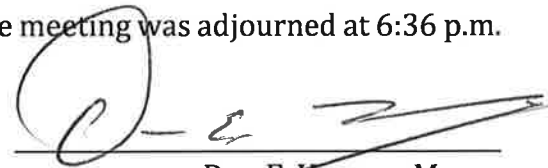
None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.



Don E. Vanney, Mayor

