



# Minutes of the Arlington City Council Meeting

Council Chambers  
110 East 3rd Street  
Monday, January 5, 2026

**Councilmembers Present:** Heather Watland, Rob Toyer, Yvonne Gallardo-Van Ornam, Michele Blythe, Nathan Senff, Tim Abrahamson, and Leisha Nobach.

**Council Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Mayor Don Vanney, Paul Ellis, Shelby Burke, Sheri Amundson, Shawn Friang, Jonathan Ventura, Mike Gilbert, Peter Barrett, Rory Bolter, City Attorney Oskar Rey, Chelsea Brewer, and Wendy Van Der Meersche.

**Also Known to be Present:** Kathy Vanney, Nobach family and friends, Senff family and friends, Kim Casteel, Watland family and friends, Dave Kraski, Drew Bono, Jay Lindberg, and others.

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 Michele Blythe moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Rob Toyer seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

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

City Attorney Oskar Rey administered oaths of office to new Councilmembers Nathan Senff, Heather Watland, Tim Abrahamson, and returning Councilmember Leisha Nobach.

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

None.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jay Lindberg, Lakewood, provided comments.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Michele Blythe moved, and Councilmember Leisha Nobach seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda that was unanimously carried:

1. Minutes of the December 15, 2025 Council meetings
2. Accounts Payable: Approval of EFT Payments and Claims Checks #114809 through #114987, dated December 2, 2025, through December 15, 2025 in the amount of \$2,662,073.17.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with Snohomish County for Embedded Social Worker**

City Administrator Paul Ellis requested Council approve an interlocal agreement with Snohomish County for Embedded Social Worker.

The interlocal agreement for a law enforcement embedded social worker with Snohomish County concluded December 31, 2025. The proposed agreement with Snohomish County will continue with a full time, embedded social worker with Arlington. This agreement also provides for back fill during employee leave and medical oversight needed to administrate the program.

The City of Arlington and Snohomish County have been working together with a Law Enforcement Embedded Social Worker (LEESW) program. The goal of the LEESW program is to provide an alternative police response to those people with social service needs within and/or directly impacting the City of Arlington. The interlocal agreement outlines the purpose, activities, and commitment of resources from each agency. The ILA was for two years, expiring December 31, 2027.

Councilmember Leisha Nobach moved, and Councilmember Yvonne Gallardo-Van Ornam seconded the motion to approve the interlocal agreement with Snohomish County for the Law Enforcement Embedded Social Worker and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

**Request for Permit Fee Waiver for Eagle Scout Project**

City Administrator Paul Ellis requested Council approve a waiver for Eagle Scout Project permit fee.

Community and Economic Development is requesting a waiver of fees for an Eagle Scout project for Kid's Kloset located on the Arlington School District property. The Building Permit Fee is \$253.91 for plan review, permit fee, processing technology fee and state surcharge fee. Historically, permit fees have been waived for these types of volunteer projects.

Councilmember Rob Toyer moved, and Councilmember Tim Abrahamson seconded the motion to authorize the Mayor to waive the building permit fees for the Eagle Scout Kid's Kloset project. The motion passed unanimously.

**COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS**

None.

**ADMINISTRATOR & STAFF REPORTS**

None.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

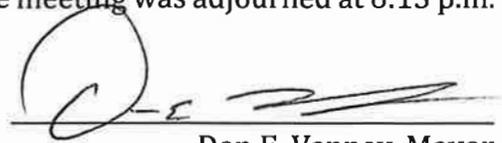
None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

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Don E. Vanney, Mayor