



# Minutes of the Arlington City Council Workshop

Council Chambers  
110 East 3rd Street  
Monday, January 8, 2024

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

**Council Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Mayor Don Vanney, Paul Ellis, Marty Wray, Sheri Amundson, Jim Kelly, Jonathan Ventura, Bryan Terry, and Julie Petersen.

**Also Known to be Present:** Kathy Vanney, Holly Sloan-Buchanan, Victoria Visintainer, Tiffany Krusey, and others.

Mayor 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.

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

None.

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

### **Ordinance to amend Arlington Municipal Code chapter 13.12 regarding utility rate increases**

Public Works Director Jim Kelly shared the proposal to amend Arlington Municipal Code (AMC) 13.12 allowing the city to reduce implementation of the 2024 mandatory water, sewer, and stormwater utility rate increases. The current October to October CPI is 4.8%, a CPI that could be an undue burden during current economic times. As such, staff is requesting that the CPI increase for 2024 be reduced to 2.5%. Discussion followed with Mr. Kelly answering Council questions.

### **Procurement of surplus dump truck from Snohomish County**

Public Works Director Jim Kelly requested the purchase of a used dump truck from Snohomish County pursuant to intergovernmental surplus equipment sale allowed in RCW 39.33.010 to replace the existing dump truck scheduled for replacement. Purchase of this unit will allow the city to remain in compliance with state regulations regarding hauling biosolids. Discussion followed with Mr. Kelly answering Council questions.

**Ordinance to amend Arlington Municipal Code title 2.44 regarding the Airport Commission**

Airport Director Marty Wray explained that historically it has been required that all seven of the Airport Commissioners live within the city limits. Recent state legislation expands the list of potential commission members but ties their membership to relevant experience or knowledge and requires the adoption of a code of ethics. The Commission and staff recommend that the City Council approve the ordinance incorporating these changes. Discussion followed with Mr. Wray answering Council questions.

**Social Services presentation**

Councilmember Heather Logan presented an overview of the 2022 social service data from the Bridge Coordination Services work in the community. She recognized the teams and agencies that are supporting the vulnerable communities in the Arlington area. She reviewed five main data points: Center for Justice, Domestic Violence, Arlington Community Food Bank, Arlington Resource Center and Volunteers of America Western Washington, and the Arlington Police Department with the Embedded Social Work Team.

**ADMINISTRATOR & STAFF REPORTS**

City Administrator Paul Ellis announced that the city staff are preparing for any storm or snowstorms and shared that the Communications Team is gathering a list of addresses from Snohomish County for Cold Weather Shelters in the surrounding areas.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

None.

**COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS**

Councilmember Heather Logan thanked the Public Works Department for responding so quickly to the stormwater retention pond flooding.

**COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**REVIEW OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

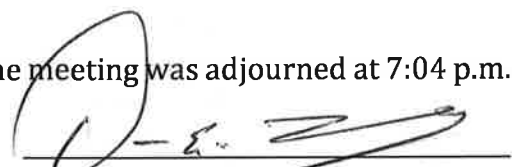
Councilmembers discussed and agreed to put all agenda items on new business at the January 16, 2024 Council meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

  
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Don E. Vanney, Mayor