



Minutes of the Arlington City Council Workshop

Council Chambers
110 East 3rd Street
Monday, January 12, 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, Shawn Friang, Shelby Burke, Lorene Robinson, Jim Kelly, Kris Wallace, Jonathan Ventura, and Peter Barrett, and Chelsea Brewer.

Also Known to be Present: Kathy Vanney, Randy Nobach, Kim Casteel, Dave Kraski, and Stephanie Abrahamson.

Mayor Don Vanney called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, 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

None.

WORKSHOP ITEMS – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

Grant Agreement with the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board for Island Crossing Roundabout Project

Public Works Director Jim Kelly reviewed a staff request for authorization to sign Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) Grant agreement for improvements to the Island Crossing Roundabout.

The City of Arlington has been seeking funding for several years to improve the SR 530 and Smokey Point Boulevard Intersection. The City of Arlington, the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians, and Snohomish County have worked on an intersection roundabout design over the past four years. Installation of a roundabout at this location will improve freight and vehicle movement and safety throughout the corridor, as well as add safe pedestrian walkways, and intersection improvements. SR 530 is a critical vehicle and freight corridor connecting north Arlington, Oso, Darrington and northeast Snohomish County to Interstate 5 (I-5). Staff applied for funding through the Transportation Improvement Board in 2025 and the City of Arlington has been awarded \$4,461,608 for this project. Discussion followed with Mr. Kelly answering Council questions.

U.S. Department of Agriculture Cooperative Services Agreement

Airport Operations Director Lorene Robinson reviewed the Cooperative Services Agreement between the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Arlington Municipal Airport.

This agreement took effect on January 1, 2026, and will expire on December 31, 2030. The USDA and the Airport have maintained USDA Cooperative Services Agreements for more than a decade to address and mitigate wildlife hazards on the airfield.

Police Quarterly Report

Chief Jonathan Ventura provided the fourth quarter report.

North County Regional Fire Authority Quarterly Report

Chief Dave Kraski provided the fourth quarter report.

ADMINISTRATOR AND STAFF REPORTS

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

None.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmembers Blythe, Gallardo-Van Ornam, Abrahamson, Senff, and Watland provided brief updates, while Councilmembers Nobach and Toyer had nothing to report this evening.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REVIEW OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Councilmembers discussed and agreed to put Item No. 2 U.S. Department of Agriculture Cooperative Services Agreement on the consent agenda at the January 20, 2026 Council meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.



Don E. Vanney, Mayor