



Minutes of the Arlington City Council Meeting

Council Chambers
110 East 3rd Street
Tuesday, January 16, 2024

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

Council Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Mayor Don Vanney, Paul Ellis, Jonathan Ventura, Mike Gilbert, City Attorney Steve Peiffle, Bryan Terry, and Julie Petersen.

Also Known to be Present: Kathy Vanney, Nathan Senff, Holly Sloan-Buchanan, Steve Maisch, Toby Strotz, Sid Logan, Brittany Kleinman, Boy Scout Troops, Levi Corsi, Mary Levesque, Jay Lindberg, James Chapman, Sam Pearson, Molly Person, Kimberly, Brian Lewis, and Gina Zeutenhorst.

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. Discussion followed and Councilmember Debora Nelson moved, and Councilmember Heather Logan seconded the amended motion to move item #1 "Resolution to Support Arlington School District" after the item "Introduction of Special Guests Presentations", which passed unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Brian Lewis, Executive Director of Operations and Gina Zeutenhorst, Executive Director of Financial Services, from Arlington Public Schools, provided bond and levy information.

City Attorney Steve Peiffle City announced the requirement for the City to offer the public equal time to speak against Arlington School District bond and levy proposal under RCW 42.17A.555 and WAC 390-05-271and WAC 390-05-273.

Mayor Don Vanney opened the meeting up for public comment at 6:24 p.m. for those who wished to speak against the Arlington School District bond and levy proposal. Hearing none the public comment was closed at 6:24 p.m.

Resolution to Support Arlington School District

City Administrator Paul Ellis requested the Council approve the Resolution to Support the Arlington School District.

Councilmember Yvonne Gallardo Van-Ornam moved, and Councilmember Heather Logan seconded the motion, to approve the resolution supporting the Arlington School District and authorized the Mayor to sign the resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

PROCLAMATIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Levi Corsi, Arlington, provided public comment.

Mary Levesque, Arlington, provided public comment.

Jay Lindberg, Arlington, 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 January 2 and January 8, 2024 Council meeting
2. Accounts Payable: Approval of Payroll EFT Payments and Check #30327 through #30333 dated December 1st, 2023 through December 31st, 2023 in the amount of \$1,444,372.84.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with Snohomish County For Embedded Social Worker

City Administrator Paul Ellis requested Council approve the ILA for a law enforcement embedded social worker with Snohomish County which concluded December 31, 2023. 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. Discussion followed with Mr. Ellis answering Council questions.

Councilmember Heather Logan 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 authorized the Mayor to sign the agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance to Amend Arlington Municipal Code Chapter 13.12

City Administrator Paul Ellis requested Council approve 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. Discussion followed with Mr. Ellis answering Council questions.

Councilmember Debora Nelson moved, and Councilmember Michele Blythe seconded the motion to approve the ordinance reducing the scheduled 2024 CPI increase to 2.5% to the water, sewer, and stormwater utility rates for 2024, and authorized the Mayor to sign the ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

Procurement of Surplus Dump Truck from Snohomish County

City Administrator Paul Ellis requested the Council approve the purchase of a used dump truck from Snohomish County pursuant to intergovernmental surplus equipment sale allowed in RCW 39.33.010.

Councilmember Michele Blythe moved, and Councilmember Rob Toyer seconded the motion to approve the City's purchase of the dump truck from Snohomish County pursuant to RCW 39.33.010. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance to Amend Arlington Municipal Code Title 2.44 regarding the Airport Commission

City Administrator Paul Ellis requested Council approve the amending of AMC Chapter 2.44 regarding Airport Commission members to be in conjunction with the recent House Bill 1243 requirements. Discussion followed with Mr. Ellis and City Attorney Steve Peiffle answering Council questions.

Yvonne Gallardo-Van Ornam moved, and Councilmember Michele Blythe seconded the motion to approve the ordinance amending AMC Chapter 2.44 regarding Airport Commission members. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution to Adopt 2025/2026 Biennial Budget Calendar

City Administrator Paul Ellis requested Council adopt a resolution establishing the planning calendar for development of the 2025-2026 budget. The timeline is in accordance with applicable State law and city policy.

Mayor Pro Tem Jan Schuette moved, and Councilmember Heather Logan seconded the motion to approve the resolution adopting the planning calendar for the 2025-2026 biennial budget and authorized the Mayor to sign it. The motion passed unanimously.

Selection of Mayor Pro Tem

City Administrator Paul Ellis reminded the Council it was time to select a new Mayor Pro Tem which happens every two years at the second Council meeting in January.

Councilmember Debora Nelson moved, and Councilmember Rob Toyer seconded the motion to select Michele Blythe as the City's Mayor Pro Tem, to serve until the second Council meeting in January, 2026 because she is the next senior member on this Council. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Heather Logan announced that the Snohomish Health District has been legally dissolved effective January 10, 2024. The new Snohomish County Health Department has been officially integrated with Snohomish County government located at 3000

Rockefeller Ave. in Everett. It will continue to provide public health services to all residents of Snohomish County. The Snohomish Health Department is focusing on hiring Epidemiologists and adding a mobile service truck to reduce any transportation obstacles for residents of Snohomish County.

Councilmember Debora Nelson thanked the Public Works Utility Department for their response to the frozen pipes and water meters. She stated she will not be able to attend the interviews for the vacant City Council seat. Thank you to the Boy Scouts for attending the meeting tonight.

Councilmember Jan Schuette also thanked the Public Works Department for their efforts to fix the frozen pipes and meters in Gleneagle neighborhood.

Councilmember Yvonne Gallardo Van-Ornam thanked those who are supporting and educating the public on the Arlington School District's bond and levy, and reminded everyone to vote.

ADMINISTRATOR & STAFF REPORTS

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

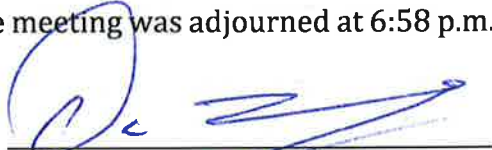
Mayor Don Vanney thanked the Public Works Department for their work during the freezing temperatures.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.



Don E. Vanney, Mayor