



# Minutes of the Arlington City Council Zoom Meeting

January 19, 2021

**Councilmembers Present:** Mike Hopson, Michele Blythe, Jan Schuette, Marilyn Oertle, Jessica Stickles, Debora Nelson, and Don Vanney.

**Council Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Mayor Barb Tolbert, Paul Ellis, Marc Hayes, Jim Kelly, Kristin Garcia, City Attorney Steve Peiffle, Tony Orr and Ashleigh Scott

**Also Known to be Present:** (21) Twenty-One YouTube viewers.

Mayor Barb Tolbert called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call followed.

## **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Stickles moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Marilyn Oertle seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

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

None.

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

None.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Stickles moved and Councilmember Marilyn Oertle seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda that was unanimously carried:

1. Minutes of the January 4 and January 1, 2020 Council meetings
2. Accounts Payable: Approval of EFT Payments and Claims Checks #101851 through #101944 dated December 31, 2020 for \$1,395,980.46; Approval of EFT Payments and Claims Checks #101945 through #101990 dated January 5, 2021 through January 19, 2021 for \$243,947.77; Approval of Payroll EFT Payments and Checks #30052 through #30058 dated December 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 for \$1,563,384.92
3. Resolution to Waive Competitive Bidding Requirements for the Procurement of Two Used Lighted "X" Runway Closure Markers for the Airport
- 4: Appointment of DeAnn Bennett to the Cemetery Board

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Unopened Right of Way**

Community and Economic Development Director Marc Hayes reviewed the Ordinance vacating a portion of unopened right of way.

This is a City initiated process to vacate a portion of unopened right of way (alley) located between French Ave. and Lenore Ave., situated within lot 9 of Gifford's First Addition to Arlington. This alley is across property owned by the Arlington School District (district), and abuts First Street. Refer to attached map. The vacation process requires Council to refer the matter to Planning Commission, by resolution, for consideration and recommendation, after which the matter is returned to City Council and heard at a public hearing for final action to occur.

The public hearing was opened at 7:03 p.m. With no one wishing to speak, the public hearing portion was closed at 7:03 p.m. Council questions were opened at 7:03 p.m. With no comments or questions from Council, the public hearing was closed at 7:04 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Stickles moved and Councilmember Michele Blythe seconded the motion to approve the ordinance vacating a portion of unopened right of way, and authorized the Mayor to sign it, subject to final review by the City Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

**Ordinance Adopting Final Planned Action Environment Impact Statement**

Community and Economic Development Director Marc Hayes reviewed the Ordinance adopting the final planned action environmental impact statement.

This is the final version of the proposed Planned Action for the Arlington portion of the Cascade Industrial Center. Action Alternative 1 was selected, with the addition of a higher employment rate, to represent how development, within Arlington's portion, of the Cascade Industrial Center will occur. The Planned Action is the final step in ensuring that the Cascade Industrial Center, remains a vibrant industrial employment center, as it identifies and implements the vision, goals and policies that were included in the AMMIC Subarea Plan, and addresses the necessary capital investments required as development occurs. Once adopted, this process streamlines the development review process, as elements related to the SEPA process have been pre-identified, and a modified SEPA checklist will be utilized when development review occurs. This also identifies specific project mitigation for identified transportation projects, on a pro-rata basis.

The public hearing was opened at 7:05 p.m. With no one wishing to speak, the public hearing portion was closed at 7:05 p.m. Council questions were opened at 7:05 p.m. Mike Hopson wanted to address the need to plan for workforce housing due to the increase in jobs in the City. Marc Hayes stated there are several projects working on addressing these issues. Councilmember Debora Nelson asked if there was large workforce housing going in off 151<sup>st</sup>. Marc Hayes confirmed there is. Councilmember Don Vanney wanted to thank Marc Hayes' efforts in this ordinance. With no further comments or questions from Council, the public hearing was closed at 7:08 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Stickles moved and Councilmember Don Vanney seconded the motion to approve the ordinance vacating a portion of unopened right of way, and authorized the Mayor to sign it, subject to final review by the City Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Amendment #2 to the Existing Murraysmith Contract for Design services to the Cascade Industrial Center**

Public Works Director Jim Kelly reviewed the second amendment to the existing Murraysmith contract for design services to the Cascade Industrial Center.

In order to support the development in the CIC, the City contracted with Murraysmith for the planning and design to extend water, sewer, and communication trunk-line infrastructure improvements to the south side of SR-531 before the SR-531 widening project started. The City later entered into a partnership with the Outpost and Smokey Point developer for mutual work on the design and installation of trunk infrastructure to serve the South CIC area and his development (Amendment #1). Per the partnership, the City would design the needed trunk infrastructure improvements and the developer would construct. There were various design changes to accommodate the developer's final site development and the construction of the new sanitary sewer lift station (LS-16) has more risk than the developer is comfortable with. The developer asked the City to take over the lift station construction portion of the project which requires the LS-16 construction documents be elevated to a "Public Bid" level. This Amendment #2 will provide funding for design changes incorporated to date and funding to elevate the LS-16 construction documents to Public Bid quality.

Councilmember Debora Nelson moved and Councilmember Marilyn Oertle seconded the motion to approve the second amendment to the existing Murraysmith contract for design services to the Cascade Industrial Center, and authorized the Mayor to sign it, pending final approval by the City Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

**Amendment to the Arlington Municipal Code 13.12 Rescinding the Scheduled 2021 CPI Increase to the Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Utility Rates**

Public Works Director Jim Kelly reviewed the amendment to the Arlington Municipal Code 13.12 rescinding the scheduled 2021 CPI increase to the water, sewer, and stormwater utility rates.

AMC 13.12.040 mandates that the water, sewer, and stormwater utility rates be increased annually by the October reported percentage increase of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Seattle-Tacoma and Bremerton area. Utility operational costs have been maintained current and, with COVID-19 impact affecting the Arlington community, staff is recommending deferment of utility rate CPI increase for calendar year 2021.

Councilmember Debora Nelson moved and Councilmember Jesica Stickles seconded the motion to approve the amendment to the Arlington Municipal Code 13.12, and authorized the Mayor to sign it, pending final approval by the City Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

**COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS**

Councilmember Jan Schuette wanted to announce to Council that she received word that she had been appointed to the statewide Transportation Improvement Board (TIB).

**ADMINISTRATOR & STAFF REPORTS**

City Administrator Paul Ellis wanted to announce that the Arlington Airport has been chosen as a drive-thru COVID-19 vaccination site. More information to come.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

City Attorney Steve Peiffle announced that there would be a need for an Executive Session for discussion of pending or potential litigation (RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)). Mr. Peiffle stated he expected the one item of discussion to last fifteen (15) minutes, and the meeting would reconvene at 7:33 p.m. He indicated he would be asking Council to take action after the Executive Session, when Council resumed the meeting. Mayor Tolbert recessed the meeting at 7:18 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:34 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Stickles moved and Councilmember Marilyn Oertle seconded the motion to approve the enforcement action including the filing of the lawsuit, if necessary, to address code enforcement issues and nuisance activity, and recover damages relating to property located at 118 Haller Street. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.



Barbara Tolbert, Mayor