



# Minutes of the Arlington City Council Zoom Workshop

January 25, 2021

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

**Council Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Mayor Barb Tolbert, Paul Ellis, Jonathan Ventura, City Attorney Steve Peiffle, and Wendy Van Der Meersche.

**Also Known to be Present:** 21 YouTube viewers.

Mayor Barb Tolbert called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, 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.

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

### **Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County for Jail Services**

Police Chief Jonathan Ventura reviewed the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) for Jail Services between Snohomish County and the City of Arlington. City Administrator Paul Ellis provided additional information for clarification.

The City of Arlington Police Department does not maintain facilities to hold people serving short jail sentences, or to detain those awaiting court proceedings who may be a danger to public safety or a flight risk. The City of Arlington has historically contracted for these services.

Snohomish County and the City of Arlington entered into an interlocal agreement for jail services in April of 2015 and extended such several times. The most recent ILA expired December 31, 2020. Discussion followed with Chief Ventura and Mr. Ellis answering Council questions.

**Professional Services Agreement for Prosecutorial Services**

Police Chief Jonathan Ventura reviewed a Professional Services Agreement for Prosecutorial Services with Zachor & Thomas, Inc., P.S.

This Professional Services Agreement for Prosecutorial Services includes representing the City of Arlington in prosecuting contested code and traffic infractions held at Marysville Municipal Court and Cascade District Court through arraignments, pretrial hearings, motion hearings, review hearings and in-custody hearings. Additionally, Prosecutorial Services include providing consultation and trainings to police department personnel.

The City of Arlington has had a Professional Services Agreement for Prosecutorial Services with Zachor & Thomas, Inc., P.S. since at least 2013, and has renewed such several times. The most recent Professional Services Agreement expired December 31, 2020. Discussion followed with Chief Ventura answering Council questions.

**Interlocal Agreement Establishing Snohomish Regional Drug Task Force**

Police Chief Jonathan Ventura reviewed the Interlocal Agreement Establishing Snohomish Regional Drug Task Force.

This Interlocal Agreement allows participating jurisdictions to jointly coordinate selected law enforcement activities, resources, and functions, in order to disrupt illegal drug trafficking systems and to remove drug traffickers through a cooperative program of investigation, prosecution, and asset forfeiture.

The City has been a longtime participant in the Snohomish Regional Drug Task Force (SRDTF). The City of Arlington entered into an interlocal agreement with the SRDTF in September of 2017 and extended such several times. The most recent ILA expired December 31, 2020. Discussion followed with Chief Ventura answering Council questions.

**ADMINISTRATOR AND STAFF REPORTS**

None.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Tolbert stated she hopes the Councilmembers are watching the early action in the legislature. For a year when a limited number of bills were to be dropped, a lot of bills have been dropped. She encouraged Councilmembers to review the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) bulletins to see how things are progressing.

**COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS**

Councilmember Mike Hopson read a statement from AWC's 2021 Legislative Priorities regarding statewide policing reform.

**COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

Councilmember Jan Schuette provided reports regarding Community Transit and Transportation Improvement Board.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

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

No items will move to Consent Agenda.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.



Barbara Tolbert, Mayor

