



# Minutes of the Arlington City Council Zoom Workshop

Monday, March 28, 2022

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

**Council Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Mayor Barb Tolbert, Paul Ellis, James Trefry, Tony Orr, Marc Hayes, Marty Wray, Lorene Robinson, Monroe Whitman, Chief Jonathan Ventura, City Attorney Steve Peiffle, and Julie Petersen.

**Also Known to be Present:** Fifteen 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 Jan Schuette 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 FINAL ACTION WAS TAKEN**

### **Resolution Adopting the 2022 Comprehensive Plan Final Docket**

Planning Manager Amy Rusko reviewed the Resolution Adopting the 2022 Comprehensive Plan Final Docket. On March 1, 2022, the City's planning commission reviewed the 2022 preliminary comprehensive and development regulation amendment docket. The original docket consisted of four items, initiated by the City, however during review, two items were removed from the docket list. On March 15, 2022, the City's planning commission held a public hearing on the 2022 preliminary comprehensive and development regulations amendment docket and recommended all items on the preliminary docket be placed on the final docket. Discussion followed with Ms. Rusko answering Council questions.

### **2022 Airport Runway 16/34 Mill and Overlay Project**

Airport Operations Manager Marty Wray reviewed the 2022 Airport Runway 16/34 Mill and Overlay Project. The Runway 16/34 is the airport's primary runway, and had a pavement condition index (PCI) rating of 77 in 2020. The runway was last overlaid in 1994, and per the WSDOT Pavement Maintenance Program an overlay is warranted. City Council approved the design of this project at their April 12, 2021 meeting in the amount not to exceed \$289,511.00. Discussion followed with Mr. Wray answering Council questions.

**Amendment to Police Department Staffing**

Police Chief Jonathan Ventura and Administrative Services Director James Trefry reviewed the amendment to police department staffing. In 2021, Council authorized the re-establishment of the police department rank of lieutenant and funding for one lieutenant position for 2022. The City recently received notice of the pending retirement of the deputy police chief. In order to maintain a community police presence while meeting minimum statutory reporting obligations, police department management recommends the immediate promotion of two (2) lieutenants from existing staff, and the suspension of efforts to backfill of the deputy chief of police position until a future budget cycle. The police department also recently received notice of the pending retirement of the police services manager. It is proposed that the vacancy created be reclassified to the position of police services supervisor, given the assignment of some of the duties of the police services manager position to the new lieutenant position. It is proposed that the police services supervisor position be assigned to Pay Grade H on the non-represented pay plan. Discussion followed with Chief Ventura and Mr. Trefry answering Council questions.

**2022 Legislative Update Regarding Police Reform**

Police Chief Jonathan Ventura reviewed the 2022 Legislative Update Regarding Police Reform. In 2021, our state legislature enacted the most restrictive policing laws in the nation. The 2022 legislature made some essential corrections, but additional work remains. Mayor Tolbert complimented Chief Ventura on his presentation and thanked him and his police staff for all their hard work.

**Finance Monthly Report**

City Administrator Paul Ellis reviewed the February 2022 Finance Monthly Report. Discussion followed with Mr. Ellis answering Council questions.

**ADMINISTRATOR AND STAFF REPORTS**

Mr. Ellis announced that the next council meeting, April 4, 2022, will be in person in council chambers.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Tolbert announced that the City of Arlington put in two applications for the legislative community projects which are the buildout of the Smokey Point Park and the parking lot paving at three of the City's parks. Congress will be reviewing the information in the fall.

**COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS**

None.

**COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

Councilmembers had nothing to report this evening.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

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

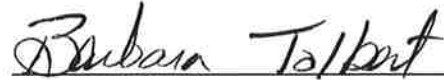
Councilmembers discussed and agreed to put the three agenda items for the April 4, 2022 on New Business.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

City Attorney Steve Peiffle announced the need for an Executive Session to review collective bargaining negotiations, grievances, or discussions regarding the interpretation or application of a labor agreement [RCW 42.30.140(4)]. Mr. Peiffle stated that the meeting would resume at 8:12 p.m. Mayor Tolbert recessed the workshop at 7:52. At that time, a Zoom Executive Session was initiated. At 8:16 p.m., Mayor Tolbert announced the session would be extended 15 additional minutes. The workshop reconvened at 8:32 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.



Barbara Tolbert, Mayor

