



Minutes of the Arlington City Council Meeting

Council Chambers
110 East 3rd Street
Monday, April 3, 2023

Councilmembers Present: Don Vanney, Heather Logan, Debora Nelson, Marilyn Oertle, Jan Schuette, Michele Blythe, and Yvonne Gallardo-Van Ornam, via Zoom.

Council Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Mayor Barb Tolbert, Paul Ellis, Amy Rusko, Marc Hayes, Mike Gilbert, James Trefry, City Attorney Steve Peiffle, Tony Orr, Dave Varga, and Julie Petersen.

Also Known to be Present: Kathy Vanney.

Mayor Barb Tolbert 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 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 Jan Schuette moved, and Councilmember Marilyn Oertle seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda that was unanimously carried:

1. Minutes of the March 20 and March 27, 2023 Council meetings
2. Accounts Payable: Approval of EFT Payments and Claims Checks: #107784 through #107875 dated March 21, 2023 through April 3, 2023 for a total of \$745,683.40
3. Right of Way Dedication for 204th/74th Intersection

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

NEW BUSINESS**Petition for Annexation**

Community and Economic Development Manager Amy Rusko reviewed the petition received for annexation, from property owners representing 10% of the assessed value of the properties within the proposed annexation area. She explained the items that the City Council must decide on. A) Whether to allow the subject properties to annex into Arlington, B) Whether or not to amend the boundaries, and C) Whether or not to require proportionate share indebtedness to be assumed. If these items are agreed upon by City Council, then the proposed annexation may continue to the next phase of the process, the 60% petition. Discussion followed with Ms. Rusko answering Council questions.

Councilmember Heather Logan moved, and Councilmember Debora Nelson seconded the motion to approve the 10% Wear annexation petition, as presented, and authorized the petitioners to proceed to the 60% petition phase of the annexation process, subject to the assumption of their proportionate share of indebtedness. The motion passed unanimously.

Contract with Rock Project Management Services LLC. for Smokey Point Community Park

Community and Economic Development Director Marc Hayes requested Council approve the contract that was discussed at the March 31, 2023 Council retreat. Discussion followed with Mr. Hayes answering Council questions.

Councilmember Marilyn Oertle moved, and Councilmember Debora Nelson seconded the motion to approve a contract with Rock Project Management Services, LLC and authorized the Mayor to sign it, subject to final review by the City Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.40 of the Arlington Municipal Code Regarding use of Controlled Substances

City Attorney Steve Peiffle requested Council approve the ordinance amending Chapter 9.40 of the municipal code regarding use of controlled substances in public places; possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use in public places and offers of referral. Discussion followed with Mr. Peiffle answering Council questions.

Councilmember Debora Nelson moved, and Councilmember Marilyn Oertle seconded the motion to approve the ordinance amending Arlington Municipal Code chapter 9.40 and authorized the Mayor to sign it. The motion passed unanimously.

Settlements for Opioid Litigation

City Attorney Steve Peiffle asked Council to approve the third proposed opioid litigation settlement. The Council previously approved two settlements reached between the State of Washington, numerous cities and county governments and three opioid manufacturers and distributors. The opioid litigation against these distributors started in 2016 and is now approaching resolution. Cities are asked whether they want to participate. If 90% of eligible local jurisdictions participate, they will share in the settlement proceeds. Those who do not will forfeit their share (and it will be absorbed by those cities in the region who do accept the MOU.)

Councilmember Michele Blythe moved, and Councilmember Heather Logan seconded the motion to approve City's participation in the Opioid Settlement litigation brought by the State of Washington and authorized the Mayor or City Administrator to sign the participation forms and the allocation agreement relating to the five additional defendants, subject to final review by the City Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

Appointments to Citizen Salary Commission

Administrative Services Director James Trefry requested Council consent to the reappointment of Carla Rankin to the Citizen Salary Review Commission, with a term expiring April 2025. Ms. Rankin (formerly Gastineau) was first appointed in 2020 and her prior term expired in April 2022; and to consent to the appointment of Holly Sloan-Buchanan with a term expiring April 2026; and consent to the appointment of Nancy Knutson with a term expiring April 2026; and consent to the appointment of Stephanie Abrahamson with a partial term expiring April 2025. One position on the Commission would remain unfilled at this time.

Councilmember Don Vanney moved, and Councilmember Marilyn Oertle seconded the motion to consent to the reappointment of Carla Rankin, and consent to the appointments of Holly Sloan-Buchanan, Nancy Knutson, and Stephanie Abrahamson to the Citizen Salary Review Commission, for the terms as proposed by staff. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Heather Logan announced she has completed her certificate of Municipal Leadership.

Councilmember Michele Blythe shared her appreciation for the Arlington Police Department arresting the individual in the hit and run that occurred on March 7, 2023.

ADMINISTRATOR & STAFF REPORTS

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Barb Tolbert announced that the legislation is considering the City's Mobile Integrated Health Program in both House and Senate budgets.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



Barbara Tolbert, Mayor