



Minutes of the Arlington City Council Zoom Meeting

Monday, April 5, 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, Tony Orr, Marc Hayes, City Attorney Steve Peiffle, and Wendy Van Der Meersche.

Also Known to be Present: Twelve 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

Councilmember Marilyn Oertle read the Arbor Day proclamation.

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 March 15 and March 22, 2021 Council meetings
2. Accounts Payable:
Approval of EFT Payments and Claims Checks #102399 through #102512 dated March 16, 2021 through April 5, 2021 for \$1,202,460.40
3. Budget Amendment Request for Network Assessment from Right Systems, Inc.
4. Sole Source Resolution for the Procurement and Servicing of Cla-Val Pressure Reducing Valves
5. Resolution to Support the WRIA 7 Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Plan

PUBLIC HEARING

Resolution to Adopt the Housing Action Plan

Community and Economic Development Director Marc Hayes reviewed the Housing Action Plan (HAP) resolution.

The public hearing was opened at 7:06 p.m. With no one from the public wishing to speak, the public hearing portion was closed at 7:06 p.m. Council questions were opened at 7:07 p.m. After comments from the Council, the public hearing was closed at 7:08 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Jesica Stickles moved and Councilmember Mike Hopson seconded the motion to adopt the Housing Action Plan and related resolution, and authorized the Mayor to sign the resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions Authorizing Applications for Federal Project Grant Funding

City Administrator Paul Ellis requested Council approve Resolutions 2021-009 through 2021-018 authorizing applications for Federal Project grant funding. Discussion followed with Mr. Ellis answering Council questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Jesica Stickles moved and Councilmember Don Vanney seconded the motion to approve Resolution Numbers 2021-009 through 2021-018, in support of transportation and park projects to be submitted for federal community project funding, and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolutions, and authorize staff to submit all documents required to make application. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution Appointing Elected Officials to the Regional Fire Authority Transition Board

City Administrator Paul Ellis requested Council approve a resolution appointing elected officials to the Regional Fire Authority Transition Board.

The Service Plan calls for the appointment, by the City Council, of three elected officials to serve on the Transitional Board of the North County Regional Fire Authority (NCRFA) as Positions 7, 8 & 9, until commissioner districts are selected and elections can be held. Discussion followed.

Mayor Pro Tem Jesica Stickles moved and Councilmember Don Vanney seconded the motion to appoint Mayor Barbara Tolbert to Position #7, City Councilmember Debora Nelson to Position #8, and City Councilmember Marilyn Oertle to Position #9, to serve on the NCRFA Transitional Board until December 31, 2023. The motion passed 5-2, with Councilmembers Mike Hopson and Michele Blythe voting no.

Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission Appointment

City Administrator Paul Ellis requested Council consent to the reappointment of Jennifer Harrington to the Park, Arts and Recreation Commission.

Councilmember Marilyn Oertle moved and Jesica Stickles seconded the motion to consent to the reappointment of Jennifer Harrington to the Park, Arts and Recreation Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Jan Schuette, who is on the Transportation Policy Board of Puget Sound Regional Council, provided an update.

ADMINISTRATOR & STAFF REPORTS

City Administrator Paul Ellis reminded Council about the upcoming retreat in Council Chambers, Saturday, at 8 am. He hopes to have an agenda to Council Tuesday or Wednesday.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Tolbert spoke about the senate detailed list for the Senate Transportation package which came out today. Arlington's SR-530 roundabout, at \$4.9 million, is on both the Senate and the House list. If the transportation funding mechanism passes, that works will begin next year. She also praised Public Works Director Jim Kelly and staff, Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians, and Snohomish County for having the design work so far along.

Mayor Tolbert also stated that Arlington has been recommended for full funding for the capital project request for completion of the Innovation Center for \$372,000. And the City's request for the mobile integrated mental health social workers to City of Arlington is in the senate appropriations budget for a two-year pilot project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



Barbara Tolbert, Mayor

