



Minutes of the Arlington City Council Zoom Meeting

Monday, April 19, 2021

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

Council Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Mayor Barb Tolbert, Paul Ellis, James Trefry, Monroe Whitman, Bryan Terry, City Attorney Steve Peiffle, Tony Orr, and Ashleigh Scott.

Also Known to be Present: David von Moritz and 16 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 Jesica 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

Mayor Tolbert read the Volunteer Week proclamation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Minutes of the March 29 Joint Meeting, April and April 12 Council meetings and April 10, 2021 Council Retreat
2. Accounts Payable: Approval of EFT Payments and Claims Checks #102513 through #102631 dated April 6, 2021 through April 19, 2021 for \$1,910,162.59; and Approval of Payroll EFT Payments and Checks #30074 through #30080 dated March 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021 for \$1,534,321.15.
3. Resolution Declaring Certain Property as Surplus
4. Professional Services Agreement for Design and Construction with DOWL Engineering

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.40 of the Arlington Municipal Code and Criminalizing the Possession of a Controlled Substance without a Prescription

City Administrator Paul Ellis reviewed the Ordinance amending Chapter 9.40 of the AMC and criminalizing the possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. A ruling of the Washington State Supreme Court eliminated the criminal penalties as a felony.

On February 25, 2021, the Washington State Supreme Court ruled on the case of State v. Blake. The ruling has eliminated any criminal penalties for the possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. This also eliminates the authority of police officers to arrest persons possessing a controlled substance without a prescription or obtaining search warrants to search for controlled substances possessed without a prescription.

At this time, Police Chief Jonathan Ventura is requesting to table this item. There was no Council action taken at this time.

Resolution Approving the Change of Indirect Control of a Franchisee

City Attorney Steve Peiffle requested Council approve the resolution to change the indirect control of a franchisee, Astound Broadband.

Mayor Pro Tem Jesica Stickles moved and Councilmember Marilyn Oertle seconded the motion to approve the Resolution approving the change of indirect control of Astound Broadband, LLC., and authorized the Mayor to sign the Resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance Adding Community Engagement Director to Title 2 of the Arlington Municipal Code

Administrative Services and Human Resources Director James Trefry requested Council approve an Ordinance adding Community Engagement Director to the Arlington Municipal Code Title 2. The addition of the Community Engagement Director will update Arlington Municipal Code Title 2 to reflect the City's current organizational structure.

Mayor Pro Tem Jesica Stickles moved and Councilmember Marilyn Oertle seconded the motion to approve the Ordinance adding Community Engagement Director to the Arlington Municipal Code, and authorized the Mayor to sign the Ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

Appointment of Community Engagement Director

Administrative Services and Human Resources Director James Trefry requested Council confirm the Mayor's appointment of Sarah Lopez as Community Engagement Director, per Arlington Municipal Code.

Sarah Lopez has been employed by the City of Arlington as the Community and Economic Revitalization Manager. With this appointment Sarah Lopez will assume the full scope of

duties of Community Engagement Director. Sufficient budget funding for the Community Engagement Director position is included in the adopted 2021-2022 budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Stickles moved and Councilmember Jan Schuette seconded the motion to confirm the appointment of Sarah Lopez as Community Engagement Director. The motion passed unanimously.

Modification to Salary Schedule for Non-Represented Employees for 2021

Administrative Services and Human Resources Director James Trefry reviewed the modification to salary schedule for non-represented employees for 2021.

Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Stickles moved and Councilmember Marilyn Oertle seconded the motion to approve the modification to salary schedule for non-represented employees for 2021 and authorized the Mayor to sign the Ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Mike Hopson attended the National League of Cities regarding the American Jobs Program. He is requesting updates on federal funding the city potentially receives in the near future and where it will be distributed. Mayor Tolbert stated that we have not received funds or have the final amounts, but will report to City Council when this information is available.

Councilmember Don Vanney is requesting a further discussion on the legalization of ATVs be brought to a Council Workshop with information on how they are licensed. Mayor Tolbert stated that she would request Police Chief Jonathan Ventura to attend that workshop to explain what the current laws are and ask the WATV President to attend, as well.

ADMINISTRATOR & STAFF REPORTS

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT


None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.


Barbara Tolbert, Mayor