



Minutes of the Arlington City Council Zoom Meeting

Monday, May 3, 2021

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

Council Members Absent: Jan Schuette and Jessica Stickles, excused absences.

Staff Present: Mayor Barb Tolbert, Paul Ellis, James Trefry, Kristin Garcia, City Attorney Steve Peiffle, and Wendy Van Der Meersche.

Also Known to be Present: John Graham, and Seven 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

Councilmember Marilyn Oertle acting as Mayor Pro Tem, moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Debora Nelson seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

None.

PROCLAMATIONS

Councilmember Michele Blythe read the proclamation for Older Americans Month. Mayor Barb Tolbert read the proclamation for Public Service Recognition Week.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Graham, President of the Northwest Quad Association, based in Everett, Washington, stated that Snohomish County passed an Ordinance allowing Wheeled All-Terrain Vehicles (WATVs) to operate on County roads at 35 mph or less, with other local cities passing ordinances, as well. WATV tourist routes have been established in Snohomish County. He requested Council adopt an ordinance allowing WATVs to operate within Arlington city limits, so routes can be extended and connected. Mayor Tolbert stated that the subject of WATVs would be discussed at a Council workshop later in the month.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Marilyn Oertle acting as Mayor Pro Tem, moved and Councilmember Debora Nelson seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda that was unanimously carried:

1. Minutes of the April 19 and April 26, 2021 Council meetings
2. Accounts Payable:
3. Approval of EFT Payments and Claims Checks #102632 through #102730 dated April 20, 2021 through May 3, 2021 for \$1,086,451.07
4. Distribution Easement with PUD No. 1 of Snohomish County and Ziplly Fiber; and Utility Easement with Cascade Natural Gas Corporation
5. Utilities Consultant Prequalification for Design Consulting Services

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Amendment Request for Laserfiche Consulting with Cities Digital Incorporated (CDI)

IT Director Bryan Terry requested Council approve a budget amendment request for Laserfiche consulting with Cities Digital Incorporated (CDI) for the purchase of a 100-hour block of consulting services with CDI and integration with the City's financial system, Caselle.

Councilmember Marilyn Oertle, acting as Mayor Pro Tem moved and Councilmember Debora Nelson seconded the motion to approve the request for a 2021 budget amendment for the purchase of a 100-hour block of consulting services with CDI, and integration with the City's financial system, Caselle. The motion passed unanimously.

Low Bid Award for the 2021 Utility Improvement and Pavement Preservation Project to Reece Construction Company

Public Works Director Jim Kelly requested Council award the 2021 Utility Improvement and Pavement Preservation Project to Reece Construction Company.

Councilmember Debora Nelson moved and Councilmember Don Vanney seconded the motion to award the 2021 Utility Improvement and Pavement Preservation Project to Reece Construction Company in the amount of \$2,139,164.47, and authorized the Mayor to sign the construction contract. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution Adopting a Revised Fee Schedule

Community and Economic Development Director Marc Hayes requested Council approve a Resolution adopting an updated fee schedule.

Councilmember Marilyn Oertle, acting as Mayor Pro Tem, moved and Councilmember Debora Nelson seconded the motion to approve the resolution replacing Resolution No. 2020-016, and adopting a revised fee schedule, and authorized the Mayor to sign the resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

Transfer of the City of Arlington Library Building and Property to Sno-Isle Intercounty Rural Library District

Administrative Services Director / HR Director James Trefry requested Council approve the transfer of the City of Arlington Library building and property to Sno-Isle Intercounty Rural Library District.

Councilmember Marilyn Oertle, acting as Mayor Pro Tem, moved and Councilmember Debora Nelson seconded the motion to approve the Agreement for the transfer of the City of Arlington Library Building and Property to Sno-Isle Intercounty Rural Library District, and authorized the Mayor to sign it. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Mike Hopson asked when Chris Collier from Alliance for Housing Affordability is scheduled to speak before the Council. The Mayor and City Administrator Paul Ellis stated there is not a date set for Mr. Collier to speak yet. Community and Economic Development Director Marc Hayes is in the process of working with Mr. Collier to set a date.

ADMINISTRATOR & STAFF REPORTS

City Administrator Paul Ellis provided information regarding traffic congestion on 172nd Street due to trucks hauling to the future site of Amazon. Discussion followed with Mr. Ellis and Mayor Tolbert answering Council questions.

MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.


Barbara Tolbert, Mayor

