



# Minutes of the Arlington City Council Zoom Workshop

Monday, May 24, 2021

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

**Council Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Mayor Barb Tolbert, Paul Ellis, Sarah Lopez, Kristin Garcia, Jonathan Ventura, Jim Kelly, Marc Hayes, City Attorney Steve Peiffle, and Wendy Van Der Meersche.

**Also Known to be Present:** Eight 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 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.

## **WORKSHOP ITEMS – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN**

### **Request for transfer of funds to 2021 art projects**

Community Engagement Director Sarah Lopez reviewed a request for a transfer from the Public Art Fund to support 2021 art projects.

The current amount in the Public Art fund is \$242,365. Staff is requesting a transfer of \$34,000 from the Public Art Fund to support the 2021 Peace Plaza art project, and additional art projects that are ready to implement; sculpture repair, completion of art project from 2020, and creation of winter art banners for Smokey Point poles.

This request is in addition to the original 2021 budget of \$65,000. There is currently \$242,365 in the Public Art Fund. Discussion followed with Ms. Lopez answering Council questions.

### **Relocation of PUD pole and conduit at 40<sup>th</sup> Ave and 172<sup>nd</sup> St**

Public Works Director Jim Kelly reviewed the proposed installation of a new PUD power pole and relocation of underground conduit cable as part of the 40<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 172<sup>nd</sup> St. Intersection Project.

Development and associated transportation growth in Smokey Point is at the point where improvements are needed between Smokey Point Blvd and 43rd Ave to facilitate traffic movement, increase traffic safety, and provide for safe pedestrian crossing. The City received a grant from the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board for installation of a signal at 40th Ave, installation of ADA compliant crosswalks, installation of bus pull-outs, and installation of a solid median between Smokey Point Blvd and 43rd Ave to eliminate all left turn movements.

This work requires the relocation of Snohomish County PUD utility poles and all associated electric and communication cables on those poles. This estimate is for the PUD relocation design and field work. Discussion followed with Mr. Kelly answering Council questions.

### **Resolution regarding the annexation of properties known as The Lindsay Annexation**

Community and Economic Development Director Marc Hayes reviewed a request to consider acceptance of the 60% Petition to Annex for Lindsay Annexation and approve the resolution setting the date for a public hearing for the proposed annexation.

A 60% Petition for Annexation has been submitted for approximately 97.8 acres located south of 172nd Street NE/SR 531 between SR 9 and the future alignment of 75th Avenue NE, of which approximately 71.44% of the total assessed value is owned by the proponents. The properties are within the City Urban Growth Area (UGA), and the current City limits abuts the proposed annexation area to the Northern and Eastern boundaries. The City's Comprehensive Plan designates the area as Residential Ultra Low Capacity with a Master Plan Neighborhood Overlay. The zoning map pre-zones this area with the same designations. Discussion followed with Mr. Hayes answering Council questions.

### **Resolution adopting revised financial policies**

Finance Director Kristin Garcia reviewed revisions to the financial policies.

Staff is proposing an update to the City's financial policies to align with federal and state regulations and industry standards. A full description of the updates is in the Executive Summary section of the financial policies draft. Discussion followed with Ms. Garcia answering Council questions.

### **April 2021 financial report**

Finance Director Kristin Garcia reviewed the May 2021 financial report. Discussion followed with Ms. Garcia answering Council questions.

### **Discussion regarding Wheeled All-Terrain Vehicles (WATVs)**

Police Chief Jonathan Ventura reviewed Wheeled All-Terrain Vehicles (WATVs), with the use of a PowerPoint presentation. 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. With WATV tourist routes established in Snohomish County, there was a request from John Graham, President of the Northwest Quad Association, that Council adopt an ordinance allowing WATVs to operate within Arlington city limits, so routes can be extended and connected. Discussion followed with Chief Ventura answering Council questions.

**ADMINISTRATOR AND STAFF REPORTS**

None.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

None.

**COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS**

Councilmember Jesica Stickles questioned whether a discussion regarding the York property would be coming forward at a future workshop. City Administrator Paul Ellis stated it would.

Councilmember Mike Hopson stated he is still interested in having Chris Collier, from Alliance for Affordable Housing, speak at a future Council meeting. Community and Economic Development Director Marc Hayes stated that he will arrange that.

**COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

Councilmembers had nothing to report this evening.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

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

Council discussed and agreed to place the following item on the Consent Agenda for the June 7, 2021 Council meeting:

Item No. 2. Relocation of PUD pole and conduit at 40<sup>th</sup> Ave and 172<sup>nd</sup> St.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

  
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Barbara Tolbert, Mayor

