



# Minutes of the Arlington City Council Meeting

Council Chambers  
110 East 3rd Street  
Monday, June 5, 2023

**Councilmembers Present:** Don Vanney, Heather Logan, Marilyn Oertle, Jan Schuette, and Michele Blythe.

**Council Members Absent:** Debora Nelson and Yvonne Gallardo-Van Ornam.

**Staff Present:** Mayor Barb Tolbert, Paul Ellis, Sheri Amundson, Kris Wallace, Marc Hayes, Marty Wray, Jim Kelly, Jonathan Ventura, Dave Varga, City Attorney Steve Peiffle, and Julie Petersen.

**Also Known to be Present:** Nick Streuli, Kelsey Hulse, Kathy Vanney, Holly Sloan-Buchanan, Steve Maisch, Caera Gramore, Marc Rosson, Stan DeBlieck, Kenzie Killebrew, Don Miller, Courtney Pollick, Joy Johnson, Tom, Ryan Johnson, and others.

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**

Strategies 360 Vice Presidents of Government Relations Kelsey Hulse and Nick Streuli presented an update on the most recent City of Arlington Legislative Session.

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

Mayor Pro Tem Jan Schuette read the Ride Transit Month proclamation.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Marc Rosson, Arlington, provided comments.  
Stan DeBlieck, Arlington, provided comments.  
Kenzie Killebrew, Arlington, provided comments.  
Don Miller, Arlington, provided comments.  
Caera Gramore, Arlington, provided comments.  
Courtney Pollick, Arlington, provided comments.  
Joy Johnson, Arlington, provided comments.  
Tom, Snohomish County, provided comments.  
Ryan Johnson, Arlington, provided comments.

**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 May 15 and May 22 Council meetings, and May 22, 2023 Joint Meeting with the Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission
2. Accounts Payable: Approval of EFT Payments and Claims Checks: #108194 through #108307 dated May 16, 2023 through June 5, 2023 for a total of \$890,912.14.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.40 of the Arlington Municipal Code**

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

Mayor Pro Tem Jan Schuette moved, and Councilmember Heather Logan seconded the motion to move to approve the ordinance amending Arlington Municipal Code Chapter 9.40 and repealing Ordinance 2023-005 and authorized the Mayor to sign it. The motion passed unanimously.

**Low Bid Award for the 2023 Utility Improvement and Pavement Preservation (UPP) Project**

Public Works Director Jim Kelly requested Council approve the contract with Reece Construction for the capital improvement project for 2023 to replace the aged and failing water infrastructure and resurface roads in the same streets where the utility improvements occur.

Councilmember Heather Logan moved, and Councilmember Marilyn Oertle seconded the motion to award the 2023 Utility Improvement and Pavement Preservation Project to Reece Construction in the amount of \$ 2,752,607.03 and authorized the Mayor to sign the construction contract. The motion passed unanimously.

**Request for Full-Time Employee at Arlington Municipal Cemetery**

Public Works Director Jim Kelly requested Council approve one additional full-time employee that will be assigned to the Arlington Municipal Cemetery. The 2022 contractor resigned, and the maintenance and burial work has fallen to the Maintenance and Operations department.

Councilmember Don Vanney moved, and Councilmember Heather Logan seconded the motion to approve the addition of one full-time cemetery maintenance employee, as proposed. Discussion followed with Mr. Kelly answering Council questions. The motion passed unanimously.

**Dedication of Real Property for Public Right-of-Way**

Community and Economic Development Director Marc Hayes requested Council accept the dedication of a strip of real property for public right-of-way purposes for the future construction of 35th Avenue in conjunction with Tribal owned properties.

Mayor Pro Tem Jan Schuette moved, and Councilmember Heather Logan seconded the motion to accept the dedication of the described real property for public right-of-way purposes. Discussion followed with Mr. Hayes answering Council questions. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Tolbert recused herself as Council chair at 6:36 p.m.

**Resolution to Waive Fees for the Arlington Fly-In (SkyFest) Event**

Mayor Pro Tem Jan Schuette acted as Council chair and introduced the agenda item. Airport Manager Marty Wray requested Council approve waiving the fee for the Arlington Fly-In with FAA approval. The FAA agreed this use was consistent with the grant assurances for the airport.

Councilmember Michele Blythe moved, and Councilmember Heather Logan seconded the motion to approve the resolution to waive Fly-In (SkyFest) land use fees and authorize the Mayor Pro Tem to sign the resolution. Discussion followed with Mr. Wray answering Council questions. The motion passed unanimously.

**COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS**

Councilmember Heather Logan provided an update on the goals to combat the opioid crisis in collaboration with Snohomish County.

Councilmember Don Vanney announced that Kiwanis awarded two scholarships, in memory of Mike Hopson and Steve Peterson.

Councilmember Marilyn Oertle asked Public Works Director Jim Kelly to provide an update on the Glen Eagle Reservoir Roof. Mr. Kelly provided a brief update.

Mayor Pro Tem Jan Schuette provided a transit update.

**ADMINISTRATOR & STAFF REPORTS**

City Administrator Paul Ellis provided an update on the opening of the public restrooms within the City of Arlington. He stated he will be responding to the email regarding the public restrooms that the City Councilmembers received.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.



Barbara Tolbert, Mayor