



Minutes of the Arlington City Council Zoom Meeting

Monday, June 7, 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, Sarah Lopez, Dan Cone, Marc Hayes, City Attorney Steve Peiffle, and Wendy Van Der Meersche.

Also Known to be Present: Judge Jennifer Rancourt, and 20 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

Mayor Tolbert introduced Judge Jennifer Rancourt, Snohomish County District Court, Cascade Division, who provided an update on the transition from Marysville Court to Cascade Court.

PROCLAMATIONS

None.

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 May 17 and May 24, 2021 Council meetings
2. Accounts Payable:
 - Approval of EFT Payments and Claims Checks #102844 through #102975 dated May 18, 2021 through June 7, 2021 for \$1,220,730.48.
3. Relocation of PUD pole and conduit at 40th Ave and 172nd St

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for transfer of funds to 2021 art projects

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

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.

Councilmember Marilyn Oertle moved and Councilmember Debora Nelson seconded the motion to approve additional art funding for the projects, as presented, in the amount of \$34,000. The motion passed unanimously.

Permit fee waiver for art project

Community Engagement Director Sarah Lopez requested a permit fee waiver for a City project.

The City has applied for a construction permit for the Peace Plaza, a 2021 public art project. The permit fee is \$1,620.95. The City Council may waive fees for non-profits and government agencies. Discussion followed with Ms. Lopez answering Council questions.

Councilmember Marilyn Oertle moved and Councilmember Don Vanney seconded the motion to approve waiving the permit fee for the Peace Plaza project. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution regarding the annexation of properties known as the Lindsay Annexation

Community and Economic Development Director Marc Hayes requested Council approve the resolution setting the date for a public hearing for the proposed annexation. Discussion followed with Mr. Hayes answering Council questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Jesica Stickles moved and Councilmember Don Vanney seconded the motion to approve the resolution setting the date for the public hearing for the Lindsay Annexation, and authorized the Mayor to sign the resolution.

Resolution adopting revised financial policies

City Administrator Paul Ellis filled in for Finance Director Kristin Garcia, and requested Council approve the resolution adopting the revised financial policies.

The capital facilities reserve and parks reserve policies have been removed since the May 24, 2021 Council workshop. A capital facilities plan and a park improvement plan will be developed, along with a funding needs assessment. The facilities and parks plans and the funding assessment will be brought to Council for review and discussion later this year.

Additionally, a few wording changes have been made since the policy review at the May 24, 2021 workshop. Discussion followed with Mr. Ellis answering Council questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Stickles moved and Councilmember Marilyn Oertle seconded the motion to approve the resolution adopting the revised financial policies, and authorized the Mayor to sign the resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Schuette asked when to expect the new procedure for reporting meeting attendance to begin. City Administrator Paul Ellis indicated that would be sent to Councilmembers soon.

Councilmember Debora Nelson asked if James Trefry is working on insurance information for Councilmembers. Mr. Ellis indicated that he is, and information will be coming.

Councilmember Michele Blythe thanked Community Engagement Director Sarah Lopez for taking her on an art walk last week. She appreciated the time and knowledge Ms. Lopez imparted. Ms. Lopez indicated she is happy to take any other Councilmembers, as well.

Councilmember Mike Hopson spoke of the money in the Arts Fund that was discussed at the last workshop, and when that will be addressed again. Mayor Tolbert indicated that would be coming forward as a stand-alone item at a future meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR & STAFF REPORTS

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Attorney Steve Peiffle announced the need for an Executive Session to discuss pending or potential litigation [RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)], and potential purchase or sale of real estate lease [RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)-(c)].

Mr. Peiffle announced the Session would resume at 8:00 p.m. Mayor Tolbert recessed the workshop at 7:33 p.m. At that time, a Zoom Executive Session was initiated. The meeting resumed at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Stickles moved and Councilmember Marilyn Oertle seconded the motion to authorize the City Attorney and City staff to pursue enforcement action against the Smokey Point Motor Inn owners, to include litigation, as recommended by the City Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.


Barbara Tolbert, Mayor

