



Minutes of the Arlington City Council Meeting

Council Chambers
110 East Third Street
Monday, July 6, 2021

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

Council Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Mayor Barb Tolbert, Paul Ellis, James Trefry, Bryan Terry, Kristin Garcia, Sarah Lopez, Marc Hayes, Amy Rusko, Marty Wray, Lorene Robinson, Theresa Ramey, Cary Stuart, Sam Johnston, Jordan Jackson-Brewer, Julian Gilman, Blake Smith, Braydon Nealey, Drew Shannon, Craig Monson, Brandon Kyles, Al Chamberlin, Jason Abrahamson, Gregg Haddick, Chris Peterson, Paul Lizarraga, Samson Nyagah, Julie Boyer, City Attorney Steve Peiffle, and Wendy Van Der Meersche.

Also Known to be Present: Bob Nelson, Sid Logan, Heather Logan, Eric Hansen, Joel Smith and family, Steve Maisch, Holly Sloan-Buchanan, John Cermak, Mark Tingley, Brian Bookey, Kathy Vanney, Dan Tarasievich, Vicki Johnson, Jean Olson, Sarah Arney, and Roberta Baker.

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 Stickle 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

Filling in for Chief Kraski, was John Cermak, Chief of North County Regional Fire Authority. Chief Cermak recognized Jason Abrahamson, who was promoted to Captain July 2020, Firefighters Braydon Nealey and Julian Gilman, for completing probation, Paramedics Blake Smith and Sam Johnston for completing paramedic school, and Paramedic Justin Honsowetz, who was not present, for completing his Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership and Emergency Management.

PROCLAMATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Dan Tarasievich, 19018 59th Drive NE, Arlington, is a small business owner. He spoke of his support of the staff at the Arlington Airport. He stated he is unhappy with the Roxy Project (Amazon), and he does not support the project.

John Graham, 9017 180th Street SE, Snohomish, Washington 98296, President of the Northwest Quad Association, stated that he spoke previously about a Wheeled All-Terrain Vehicle (WATV) Ordinance he requested Council approve. He is willing to talk with anyone about the matter, and answer any questions.

Heather Logan, 18520 Whitehawk Drive, Arlington, stated she believes it is a poor choice to use \$55,000 of taxpayers' money to remove the York House. Two developers were interested in purchasing the land and house, but that was not approved by Council. And also stated she would like the cap on the Art Fund to be no lower than \$200,000 per year. Art in Arlington is a deliberate attempt to make the town beautiful and to attract tourists and tax dollars.

Sarah Arney, 224 E. Haller Ave, Arlington, President of the Arlington Arts Council, spoke in favor of art in Arlington, and praised what the Arts Council has done for the City.

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 June 21 and June 28, 2021 Council meetings
2. Accounts Payable: Approval of EFT Payments and Claims Checks #103098 through #103185 dated June 22, 2021 through July 6, 2021 for \$1,077,697.64
3. RFA Annexation documents
4. Sole Source Resolution for Procurement of Membranes for Water Reclamation Facility
5. Budget Amendment for Network Assessment
6. Budget Amendment for Access Control System

PUBLIC HEARING

Community and Economic Development Director Marc Hayes requested Council accept the 60% Petition to Annex, and to approve the resolution directing staff to prepare and forward the Notice of Intention for the Lindsay Annexation to the Washington State Boundary Review Board for Snohomish County for review.

The public hearing was opened at 7:23 p.m.

Mayor Tolbert read a written public comment submitted by Lucas Long, 17013 71st Dr NE, Arlington, WA 98223. He stated as a property owner in the proposed annexation area, he and his family are not in favor of being annexed into the City of Arlington.

Brian Bookey, CEO of National Foods Corp, 15900 51st Ave NE, stated he sold all but four acres of his property, located at 172nd and 51st to Amazon. National Foods has property south of the proposed annexation, where chickens are raised. Mr. Bookey is not in favor of the Lindsay Annexation. He does not feel that the proposed residential development is compatible with neighboring agricultural.

The public hearing portion was closed, and Council questions were opened at 7:33 p.m.

Discussion followed with Mr. Hayes answering Council questions.

With no further comments or questions from Council, the public hearing was closed at 7:36 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Stickles moved and Councilmember Debora Nelson seconded the motion to accept the 60% Petition to Annex for the Lindsay Annexation, and to approve the resolution directing staff to prepare and forward the Notice of Intention to the Washington State Boundary Review Board for Snohomish County for review. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Amendment for York House Demo

City Administrator Paul Ellis requested Council approve the proposed budget amendment for the York House and garage removal. Discussion followed. Councilmember Jan Schuette read from a prepared statement explaining why she is opposed to the budget amendment.

Councilmember Jessica Stickles moved and Councilmember Michele Blythe seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment for the removal of the York House, garage, and site restoration, and authorized staff to solicit bids for the work. The motion failed 4-3, with Councilmembers Jan Schuette, Debora Nelson, Don Vanney, and Marilyn Oertle voting no.

Budget Amendment for new Community and Economic Development Employee

Community and Economic Development Director Marc Hayes requested Council approve a proposed budget amendment request to fund a Full Time Employee (FTE) as a Planner I position in the CED Department.

Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Stickles moved and Councilmember Debora Nelson seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment for the unscheduled hiring of a full time Planner I position. The motion passed unanimously.

Appointment of new Airport Commissioner Eric Hansen

Airport Operations Manager Marty Wray requested Council appoint new Airport Commissioner Eric Hansen. Mr. Hansen was present at the meeting, and greeted the Mayor and Councilmembers.

Councilmember Michele Blythe moved and Councilmember Marilyn Oertle seconded the motion to appoint Eric Hansen to the Airport Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

Appointment of new Civil Service Commissioner Jonathan Reichert

Administrative Services Director James Trefry requested Council confirm the appointment of new Civil Service Commissioner Jonathan Reichert.

Councilmember Marilyn Oertle moved and Councilmember Debora Nelson seconded the motion to confirm the appointment of Jonathan Reichart to fill the vacant position on the Civil Service Commission for a term expiring April 1, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance Amending Chapter 3.82 of the Arlington Municipal Code Regarding the Arlington Arts Fund

City Administrator Paul Ellis requested Council approve an ordinance amending Chapter 3.82 of the Arlington Municipal Code regarding the Arlington Arts Fund. Discussion

followed. Mayor Pro Tem Jesica Stickles distributed written information to Councilmembers regarding the arts fund.

Councilmember Marilyn Oertle moved and Councilmember Debora Nelson seconded the motion to approve the Ordinance Amending Chapter 3.82 of the Arlington Municipal Code Regarding the Arlington Arts Fund and Placing a Cap on Contributions, and authorized the Mayor to sign the ordinance. The motion passed 4-3 with Councilmembers Michele Blythe, Jesica Stickles, and Mike Hopson voting no.

Airport Land Use Waiver for Fly-In Event

Mayor Tolbert recused herself at 8:12 p.m., and Mayor Pro Tem Jesica Stickles assumed the position of Council chair. Airport Operations Manager Marty Wray and Airport Operations Specialist Lorene Robinson requested Council approve the resolution to waive the Fly-In land use fees.

Councilmember Jan Schuette moved and Councilmember Debora Nelson seconded the motion to approve the resolution to waive Fly-In land use fees, and authorized the Mayor Pro Tem to sign the resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Tolbert returned to the meeting to resume her position as Council chair at 8:14 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Jan Schuette asked a question about a previous Council meeting conversation regarding capital facilities and parks.

Councilmember Debora Nelson thanked Arts Council members who were present tonight.

Councilmember Don Vanney stated he will be happy to celebrate next year's 4th of July with the traditional parade.

ADMINISTRATOR & STAFF REPORTS

City Administrator Paul Ellis stated that he emailed Councilmembers a Fireworks After Action Report for July 4, 2021 calls.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Tolbert announced that City offices reopened today, and thanked everyone at the meeting for attending.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.


Barbara Tolbert, Mayor