



# Minutes of the Arlington City Council Meeting

Council Chambers  
110 East 3rd Street  
Monday, September 18, 2023

**Councilmembers Present:** Don Vanney, Heather Logan, Debora Nelson, Marilyn Oertle, Jan Schuette, Michele Blythe, and Yvonne Gallardo-Van Ornam.

**Council Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Mayor Barb Tolbert, Paul Ellis, Sarah Lopez, Julie Petersen, Mandy Kruger, Kristin Garcia, Mike Gilbert, City Attorney Steve Peiffle, Tony Orr, and Wendy Van Der Meersche.

**Also Known to be Present:** Sid Logan, Lisa Rodino, Mackenzie Moff, Baile Linklater, Leisha Nobach and husband.

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**

Summer Interns with Administration and Community and Economic Development, Mackenzie Moff and Baile Linklater, spoke about their experiences as interns with the City.

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

Councilmember Yvonne Gallardo-Van Ornam read aloud the Hispanic Heritage Proclamation.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Joe Beardsley spoke about safety on Olympic Avenue.

## **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 July 31 and September 11, 2023 Council meetings and August 22, 2023 Audit Entrance Conference
2. Accounts Payable: Approval of EFT Payments and Claim Checks: #108640 through #108746, Petty Cash Checks #2025 and #2026 dated July 18, 2023 through August 7, 2023 for \$842,012.77; #108747 through #108873, Petty Cash Check #2027 dated August 8, 2023 through August 21, 2023 for \$852,906.41; #108874 through #108970 dated August 22, 2023 through September 5, 2023 for \$1,105,016.06; and

Approval of Payroll EFT Payments and Checks: #30296 through #30301 dated July 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023 for \$1,470,937.23 and #30302 through #30307 dated August 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023 for \$1,358,150.89.

3. Sole Source Resolution for Airport On-Call Services
4. Amendment No. 3 to SR-530 Roundabout Design

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Appointment to Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission**

Community Engagement Director Sarah Lopez stated that the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) has one vacancy, due to the death of Commissioner Sarah Arney. The interview committee interviewed four applicants on September 7, 2023. The committee is recommending Leisha Nobach for the position with a term expiring April 1, 2026.

Councilmember Marilyn moved, and Councilmember Michele Blythe seconded the motion to consent to the appointment of Leisha Nobach to the Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

**COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS**

None.

**ADMINISTRATOR & STAFF REPORTS**

City Administrator Paul Ellis proposed October 9, from 5:00 to 5:45 p.m., as a joint meeting with City Council, Planning Commission, and Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission (PARC) to discuss the Smokey Point Park. Council agreed. Councilmember Logan stated she will be unable to attend. Mayor Tolbert requested materials be sent out prior to the joint meeting. Council's regular workshop at 6:00 p.m. will follow the joint meeting.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

City Attorney Steve Peiffle announced the need for an Executive Session to last 30 minutes to discuss pending or potential litigation [RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)].

Mayor Tolbert recessed the meeting at 6:14 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 6:49 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

  
Barbara Tolbert, Mayor