



Minutes of the Arlington City Council Workshop

Council Chambers
110 East 3rd Street
Monday, September 25, 2023

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

Council Members Absent: Debora Nelson, excused.

Staff Present: Mayor Barb Tolbert, Paul Ellis, Jim Kelly, Sarah Lopez, Jonathan Ventura, Kris Wallace, Marc Hayes, Marty Wray, Tony Orr, City Attorney Steve Peiffle, and Wendy Van Der Meersche.

Also Known to be Present: Kathy Vanney, Steve Maisch, and Holly Sloan-Buchanan.

Mayor Barb Tolbert called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, 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

None.

WORKSHOP ITEMS – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

Amendment to Fee Resolution

City Attorney Steve Peiffle reviewed the resolution staff is proposing. The changes in the language in the fee schedule will clarify the fee calculation of redacting video for the body-worn cameras used by public safety. The proposal clarifies the fee is based on the time of the video redacted. This modification will require a public hearing prior to adoption. Discussion followed with Mr. Peiffle answering Council questions.

Ordinance Revising Special Events Policy

City Attorney Steve Peiffle reviewed suggested edits to the Special Event Ordinance, AMC Chapter 5.44, which has not been updated since approximately 2007. The basic provisions of the ordinance are largely unchanged except for combining the text addressing First and Fourteenth Amendment protected events into one section of the ordinance, and providing that special events which invoke the First and Fourteenth Amendments should not be located at the same time and place as other events on City property. The attached changes are intended to make it easier for staff to administer special events and to inform the City when an applicant wants their event to be treated as a First or Fourteenth Amendment event.

The ordinance largely follows the special events ordinance version recommended by the City's insurance pool.

The special event permit application has been revised to include questions specifically addressing whether the applicant is applying for an event protected under the First and Fourteenth Amendment. Discussion followed with Mr. Peiffle answering Council questions.

Sole Source Resolution Purchase of Surplus Snow Removal Equipment

Airport Operations Manager Marty Wray reviewed a staff request for the purchase of surplus Airport Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) under special market conditions. Boeing Field Airport (KCIA) recently received a grant to purchase new snow removal equipment. KCIA is planning to surplus their current fleet of SRE.

Airport and M&O staff recently inspected the equipment and vehicles and have identified and selected four pieces of equipment that would best serve Arlington Airport and the City of Arlington. This equipment is in good condition and will be more efficient to use in a snow event. The airport currently uses retrofitted snow removal equipment and does not have any SRE equipment.

The efficiency that this equipment will in return provide will reduce the labor and vehicles needed during a snow event. This will allow personnel and vehicles to be deployed to other areas in the city during a snow event. Discussion followed with Mr. Wray answering Council questions.

Community and Economic Development Third Quarter Report

Community and Economic Development Director Marc Hayes reviewed the third quarter report.

Utilities and Transportation Third Quarter Report

Public Works Director Jim Kelly reviewed the third quarter report.

ADMINISTRATOR AND STAFF REPORTS

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Yvonne Gallardo-Van Ornam spoke about the Stronger Together event and thanked Sarah Lopez and volunteers.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmembers had nothing to report this evening.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REVIEW OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Councilmembers agreed to keep all agenda items for October 2, 2023 Council meeting on New Business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Tolbert". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Barbara Tolbert, Mayor

