



Minutes of the Arlington City Council Meeting

Council Chambers
110 East 3rd Street
Monday, October 2, 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, Kristin Garcia, Jim Kelly, Caitlin Dwyer, Katie Heim, Kory Archer, Bill Cochinella, Zach Resch, Marty Wray, City Attorney Steve Peiffle, Tony Orr, and Wendy Van Der Meersche.

Also Known to be Present: Kathy Vanney, Archer family, and Mrs. Cochinella.

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

Public Works Director Jim Kelly and Utilities Manager Caitlin Dwyer spoke of the City of Arlington Water Department receiving the Washington State Department of Health's first-ever 20-Year Award for 20 consecutive years of meeting DOH's Treatment Optimization Program (TOP) regulations. Present were Water Treatment Plant Operator 1 Kory Archer, Water Treatment Plant Operator II Zach Resch, and Water Treatment Plant Operator II Bill Cochinella.

PROCLAMATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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 September 18 and September 25, 2023 Council meetings
2. Accounts Payable: Approval of EFT Payments and Claims Checks: #108971 through #109083 dated September 6, 2023 through September 18, 2023 for a total of \$1,669,589.16.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Amendment to Fee Resolution

City Attorney Steve Peiffle requested Council approve a fee resolution amendment proposing changes to the language to 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.

Mayor Pro Tem Jan Schuette moved, and Councilmember Michele Blythe seconded the motion to approve the amendment to the City's fee resolution relating to the customized service charge for redacting body-worn camera footage as presented and authorized the Mayor to sign the resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance Revising Special Events Policy

City Attorney Steve Peiffle requested Council approve 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 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.

Councilmember Don Vanney moved, and Councilmember Debora Nelson seconded the motion to approve the amendment to the City's special event ordinance and authorized the Mayor to sign it. The motion passed unanimously.

Sole Source Resolution Purchase of Surplus Snow Removal Equipment

Airport Operations Manager Marty Wray requested Council approve a sole source resolution for the purchase of surplus Airport Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) under special market conditions.

Councilmember Michele Blythe moved, and Councilmember Marilyn Oertle seconded the motion to approve the resolution and authorized the Mayor to sign it. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Schuette thanked Finance Director Kristin Garcia and her staff for another clean audit.

Councilmember Vanney requested an update about cameras. Mayor Tolbert stated that would be discussed at the upcoming retreat on Friday, October 6.

Councilmember Nelson requested an update regarding the impromptu cruise on Olympic Avenue that occurred Friday, September 8, 2023. City Administrator Paul Ellis stated he would follow up.

Councilmember Logan provided information about an event where author Sam Quinones spoke about the fentanyl crisis.

ADMINISTRATOR & STAFF REPORTS

City Administrator Paul Ellis stated that binders for the Friday Council Budget Retreat were distributed tonight.

MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.



Barbara Tolbert, Mayor