



Minutes of the Arlington City Council Meeting

Council Chambers
110 East 3rd Street
Monday, November 7, 2022

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

Council Members Absent: Debora Nelson, excused.

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

Also Known to be Present: Kathy Vanney, Lois Langer Thompson, Cassie Hanson, Monica Jackson, Jordan Mohrenne, and Denise Stiffarm.

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 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

Mayor Barb Tolbert introduced Sno-Isle Libraries Executive Director Lois Langer Thompson, who provided an update on Arlington libraries. She introduced Arlington Library Manager Monica Jackson and Lakewood/Smokey Point Library Manager Cassie Hanson.

PROCLAMATIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jon Knisley, 19908 54th Drive NE, provided comment about construction on airport property affecting his neighborhood.

Glen Andrews, 405 N Olympic Ave, provided comment regarding homeless in Arlington.

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 October 17 and October 24, 2022 Council meetings
2. Accounts Payable: Approval of EFT Payments, Petty Cash Check #2017, and Claims Checks: #106732 through #106868 dated October 18, 2022 through November 7, 2022 for \$3,704,032.30; and Approval of Payroll EFT Payments and Checks: #30198 through #30210 dated July 1, 2022 through July 31, 2022 for \$1,280,830.05.

3. Snohomish County Health District Merger with Snohomish County
4. Contract with Parametrix for Engineering Design Services
5. Sole Source Resolution for the Procurement of a Water Tank Bladder

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance Approving Arlington School District's 2022-2027 Capital Facilities Plan

Community and Economic Development Director Marc Hayes reviewed the Arlington School District's request that the City approve, for inclusion in its Comprehensive Plan, the District's 2022-2027 Capital Facilities Plan. Mr. Hayes introduced Denise Stiffarm, legal counsel for Arlington and Lakewood School Districts.

- 7:29 p.m. Mayor Tolbert opened the public hearing.
7:29 p.m. With no members of the public wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.
7:30 p.m. Council comments and questions were opened.

Councilmember Yvonne Gallardo-Van Ornam moved and Councilmember Heather Logan seconded the motion to adopt the Arlington School District 2022-2027 Capital Facilities Plan, and authorized the Mayor to sign the ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance Approving Lakewood School District's 2022-2027 Capital Facilities Plan

Community and Economic Development Director Marc Hayes reviewed the Lakewood School District's request that the City approve, for inclusion in its Comprehensive Plan, the District's 2022-2027 Capital Facilities Plan.

- 7:32 p.m. Mayor Tolbert opened the public hearing.
7:32 p.m. With no members of the public wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.
7:33 p.m. Council comments and questions were opened.

Councilmember Michele Blythe moved and Councilmember Marilyn Oertle seconded the motion to adopt the Lakewood School District 2022-2027 Capital Facilities Plan, and authorized the Mayor to sign the ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution Establishing the 2023 Proposed Property Tax Levy

Finance Director Kristin Garcia reviewed the proposed 2023 property tax levy. The 2023 proposed levy is an increase of 1% or \$27,500 which excludes any revenue the City receives from new construction.

- 7:35 p.m. Mayor Tolbert opened the public hearing.
7:35 p.m. With no members of the public wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.
7:35 p.m. Council comments and questions were opened.

Councilmember Heather Logan moved and Councilmember Marilyn Oertle seconded the motion to approve the resolution of the City of Arlington establishing the 2023 regular property tax levy and authorized the Mayor to sign it. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance Approving the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget

Finance Director Kristin Garcia reviewed the 2023–2024 Budget.

7:41 p.m. Mayor Tolbert opened the public hearing.

7:41 p.m. With no members of the public wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

7:41 p.m. Council comments and questions were opened.

Mayor Pro Tem Jan Schuette moved and Councilmember Marilyn Oertle seconded the motion to approve the Ordinance Adopting the City of Arlington Biennial Budget for the Years 2023-2024, and authorized the Mayor to sign it. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointments to Youth Council

Community Engagement Director Sarah Lopez presented a video introducing Youth council members, and requested Council consent to the re-appointments of Sera Sabol, Kimberly Leach, and Mariska Lebahn, and consent to the appointments of Brooklyn Helle, Kathleen Azpiri, Rachael Tanner, and Reese Baggen to the Youth council.

Councilmember Blythe moved and Councilmember Heather Logan seconded the motion to consent to the appointments and re-appointments of the 2022-2023 youth council members as proposed.

Authorization to Waive Building Permit Fee for Haller Shelter

Community Engagement Director Sarah Lopez requested Council waive the building permit fee for Haller Park shelter. The City contracted to build a shelter at Haller Park this year. It has been standard practice to waive the building permit fees for City projects. Staff is requesting to waive \$1,344.34 in City fees.

Councilmember Marilyn Oertle moved and Councilmember Heather Logan seconded the motion to waive the building permit fees for the Haller Park shelter. The motion passed unanimously.

Appointment to Cemetery Board

Public Works Director Jim Kelly requested Council consent to the appointment of Jordan Mohrenne to the Arlington Cemetery Board, and introduced Mr. Mohrenne to Councilmembers.

Councilmember Don Vanney moved and Councilmember Marilyn Oertle seconded the motion to the appointment of Jordan Mohrenne to the Arlington Cemetery Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution to Require Ballot Proposition on Extension of Transportation Benefit District Funding

City Administrator Paul Ellis requested Council approve the resolution to provide for a ballot proposition to the voters in the City for the renewal of the transportation benefit district 0.2% sales and use tax funding.

Mayor Pro Tem Jan Schuette moved and Councilmember Marilyn Oertle seconded the motion to approve the resolution to provide for a ballot proposition to the voters in the City for the renewal of the transportation benefit district 0.2% sales and use tax funding. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Tolbert recused herself from the following agenda item, with Mayor Pro Tem Jan Schuette taking the position of Chair.

Approve Lodging Tax Distribution for Grant Year 2023

Finance Director Kristin Garcia requested Council approve funding distributions for 2023.

Councilmember Heather Logan moved and Councilmember Don Vanney seconded the motion to approve the 2023 funding distribution as recommended by the lodging tax advisory committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Tolbert rejoined the Council meeting as Chair.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Don Vanney thanked City staff and all involved in the cleanup after the storm.

Councilmember Michele Blythe thanked City Administrator Paul Ellis for his leadership and the assistance he provides.

Councilmember Jan Schuette encouraged Councilmembers to attend the chamber luncheon the following day, to listen to Lieutenant Mike Gilbert speak.

ADMINISTRATOR & STAFF REPORTS

City Administrator Paul Ellis thanked everyone for the budget approval.

MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.


Barbara Tolbert, Mayor