



Minutes of the Arlington City Council Zoom Meeting

Monday, March 21, 2022

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

Council Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Mayor Barb Tolbert, Paul Ellis, James Trefry, Sarah Lopez, Kristin Garcia, Jay Downing, City Attorney Steve Peiffle, Tony Orr, and Wendy Van Der Meersche.

Also Known to be Present: Four YouTube viewers.

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

None.

PROCLAMATIONS

None.

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 March and March 14, 2022 Council meeting minutes
2. Accounts Payable:
 - Approval of EFT Payments and Claims Checks: #104958 through #105902 dated March 8th, 2022 through March 21, 2022 for \$1,323,131.60; and approval of Payroll EFT Payments and Checks: #30158 through #30166, dated February 1, 2022 through February 28, 2022 in the amount of \$1,130,993.53.
3. Ordinance Amending Chapter 2.36 of the Arlington Municipal Code
4. Appointments to Cemetery Board

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Contract with Zen City

Community Engagement Director Sarah Lopez requested Council approve a contract with Zencity. Zencity is a community engagement tool for local governments. This program will gather and analyze residents' input, delivering real time actionable insights that can help the City prioritize resources, track performance, and connect with more of the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Jan Schuette moved and Councilmember Marilyn Oertle seconded the motion to approve the 2022 contract with Zencity for \$18,000, and authorized the Mayor to sign it. The motion passed unanimously.

Request for Unscheduled Equipment Purchase

M&O Manager Jay Downing requested Council approve a request for an unscheduled equipment purchase. Funds originally scheduled to replace the City's road grader would be utilized to purchase a skid steer loader, attachments, and trailer.

Mayor Pro Tem Jan Schuette moved and Councilmember Don Vanney seconded the motion to approve the purchase of the Caterpillar 279D3 skid steer, proposed attachments, and trailer, for \$187,451.74, using funds originally allocated to replace the Caterpillar road grader, and reschedule its replacement to 2035. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Blythe spoke about previous Council conversations regarding traffic issues. She stated that the City is doing so much to improve on the situation, with assistance of the police department, and wonders if neighborhoods could volunteer to help monitor. She's hoping this can be discussed at the upcoming retreat.

Councilmember Logan provided an update from Snohomish Health District's Board of Health regarding Snohomish County COVID cases, which are down considerably since January 2022.

ADMINISTRATOR & STAFF REPORTS


City Administrator Paul Ellis stated that the City is transferring management of Hadley Hall to the Boys and Girls Club.

MAYOR'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.


Barbara Tolbert, Mayor