



# Minutes of the Arlington City Council Workshop

Council Chambers  
110 East Third Street  
February 10, 2020

**Councilmembers Present:** Mike Hopson, Marilyn Oertle, Debora Nelson, Jan Schuette, Jessica Stickle and Michele Blythe.

**Council Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Mayor Barb Tolbert, Paul Ellis, James Trefry, Kristin Garcia, Jonathan Ventura, Jim Kelly, Kris Wallace, Linda Taylor, City Attorney Steve Peiffle, and Wendy Van Der Meersche.

**Also Known to be Present:** Don Vanney, Kathy Vanney, Lindsay Dunn, Holly Sloan-Buchanan, Doug Buell, Sid Logan, Heather Logan, and Judge Jennifer Rancourt.

Mayor Barb Tolbert called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call followed.

## **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Stickle 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**

**Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County for Embedded Social Worker Program**  
City Administrator Paul Ellis reviewed the proposed interlocal agreement with Snohomish County.

The City of Arlington and Snohomish County are embarking on a pilot project for a Law Enforcement Embedded Social Worker (LEESW). The goal of the LEESW program is to provide an alternative police response to those people with social service needs within and/or directly impacting the City of Arlington. The proposed interlocal agreement outlines the purpose, activities, and commitment of resources from each agency.

The interlocal agreement for law enforcement embedded social worker with Snohomish County concluded December 31, 2019. The proposed agreement with Snohomish County will provide a full time, embedded social worker with Arlington. This agreement also provides for back fill during employee leave and medical oversight needed to administrate

the program. In the 2020 budget, \$120,470.00 was budgeted. The program cost will be \$158,420.72 requiring a budget amendment of \$37,950.72. Discussion followed with Mr. Ellis answering Council questions.

### **Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County for Court Services**

Chief Jonathan Ventura reviewed the proposed interlocal agreement with Snohomish County. He was joined by Judge Jennifer Rancourt of Cascade District Court.

The City of Arlington has contracted for court and jail services with the City of Marysville since April of 2003. As the Marysville jail has been essentially at capacity for the last two years, the Arlington Police Department has been backlogging arrest warrants. This has ultimately resulted in the ineffectual administration of criminal justice. Without the ability to have full access to the Marysville Jail, the City of Arlington will be better served by conducting court business within our own city.

The interlocal agreement will establish court services with Cascade District Court (Snohomish County). The current agreement with Marysville Municipal Court (Marysville) expires on February 29, 2020. Discussion followed with Chief Ventura and Judge Rancourt answering Council questions.

### **Ordinance to Update Arlington Municipal Code**

Chief Jonathan Ventura reviewed updates to certain criminal justice sections to the Arlington Municipal Code.

The City's misdemeanor prosecutor, Zachor/Thomas is recommending updates to certain sections of the Arlington Municipal Code (AMC). These AMCs may include, but are not limited to; Title 9 (Peace, Morals, and Safety), and Title 10 (Vehicles and Traffic), Title 8 (Animals), and Title 11.01.110 to ensure any traffic revisions in Title 10 don't conflict. These are generally criminal justice related AMCs enforced by the police department that have become outdated/invalidated in part to changes/updates to WACs/RCWs, recent court decisions (case law), and/or failure to properly incorporate and reference WACs/RCWs. Discussion followed with Chief Ventura answering Council questions.

### **Second Amendment to Interlocal Agreement Concerning Grant from the Office of Public Defender**

Chief Jonathan Ventura reviewed the Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement from the office of Public Defender.

In 2017, the Arlington Police Department participated in a pilot grant project to establish a social service program for public defense clients of the cities of Lake Stevens and Arlington. The program identifies clients that benefit from social services allowing defense attorneys to spend more time on legal defense work. Clients working with a social worker can benefit from decreased jail time and decreased recidivism. This saves the tax paying community money (arrest, prosecution, defense, medical, and incarceration).

In 2017, Arlington and Lake Stevens experienced a recidivism rate of 35% whereas Marysville, which did not participate in the program, experienced a recidivism rate of 67%.

In 2019, the grant opportunity was extended through the first amendment to the interlocal agreement, and the grant was increased to \$50,000. The first amendment to the interlocal agreement expired on December 31, 2019.

#### **Award to Apparent Low Bidder for Sewer Lift Station #15 Installation Project**

Public Works Director Jim Kelly distributed the preliminary bid tab and reviewed the bid award for Sewer Lift Station #15. Equity Builders was the apparent low bid at \$154,190.40. The bid is expected to be qualified soon. Equity Builders also performed the Lift Station #2 Upgrade Project.

The City of Arlington has entered into a recovery contract with Baker-Mor, LLC and AMWA-JPM, LLC for the construction of a lift station and force main to provide sanitary sewer service to the Baker-Mor development site in Smokey Point. Staff conducted a formal bid (Project PO2-465) for procurement of a prepackaged sewer lift station. Once the construction drawings were complete, staff advertised for the installation, testing and start-up of the prepackaged sewer lift station on January 24, bids were received on February 7. The February 18 Council agenda packets will include a PE stamped bid tabulation along with recommendation for award to lowest qualified bidder. Discussion followed with Mr. Kelly answering Council questions.

#### **Design of 40th/172nd Intersection Signal Project by Perteet Engineers**

Public Works Director Jim Kelly reviewed the contract with Perteet, Inc. for Design and Engineering Services for the 40<sup>th</sup> Ave/SR-531 Intersection project.

In 2018, Arlington received approval from WSDOT to install a traffic signal at the intersection of 172nd St (SR-531) and 40th Avenue. In 2019, staff applied for and received a \$1,121,328.00 grant from the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) to fund design, Right of Way procurement, and construction of a signal at this intersection. In conjunction with the signal, the project will include elimination of the center turn lane from Smokey Point Blvd to 43rd Ave, installation of ADA compliant pedestrian crossings, and the addition of bus stop pull outs on the NW and SW corners. Staff is recommending that council authorize contracting with Perteet, Inc. for the design services. Discussion followed with Mr. Kelly answering Council questions.

#### **December 2019 Financial Report**

Finance Director Kristin Garcia reviewed the December 2019 financial report. Discussion followed with Ms. Garcia answering Council questions.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR AND STAFF REPORTS**

None.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

None.

#### **COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS**

None.

**COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

Councilmember Mike Hopson provided a brief update, while Councilmembers Marilyn Oertle, Debora Nelson, Jan Schuette, Jesica Stickles, and Michele Blythe had nothing to report this evening.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**REVIEW OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Council discussed and decided all of tonight's agenda items would be on New Business for the February 18, 2020 Council meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.



Barbara Tolbert, Mayor