



Minutes of the Arlington City Council Zoom Workshop

Monday, February 28, 2022

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

Council Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Mayor Barb Tolbert, Paul Ellis, Kristin Garcia, Dave Ryan, Marty Wray, Marc Hayes, City Attorney Steve Peiffle, and Wendy Van Der Meersche.

Also Known to be Present: Chris Collier and 18 YouTube viewers.

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 Jan Schuette moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Marilyn Oertle seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

WORKSHOP ITEMS – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

Request for Airport Intern Position

Airport Operations Manager Marty Wray reviewed the Airport's request for an intern position. Increased demands and responsibilities, with changing challenges over the last several months, in particular, have created a demand for additional entry level/intern level work at the Airport.

Traditionally, the airport has had an airport intern position, and has filled full-time vacancies through this process. New airport revenues can easily support this position. Discussion followed with Mr. Wray answering Council questions.

Financial Report for January 2022

Finance Director Kristin Garcia reviewed the January 2022 financial report. Discussion followed with Ms. Garcia answering Council questions.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Chris Collier, AHA Program Manager of Housing Authority of Snohomish County provided a presentation with the use of a PowerPoint about housing affordability. Discussion followed with Mr. Collier answering Council questions.

Community and Economic Development Quarterly Report

Community and Economic Development Director Marc Hayes reviewed the first 2022 quarter report for Community and Economic Development. Discussion followed with Mr. Hayes answering Council questions.

ADMINISTRATOR AND STAFF REPORTS

City Administrator Paul Ellis provided an update from Governor Inslee regarding mask wearing. Effective March 11 at midnight, the mask requirement for indoor public spaces is being lifted. Beginning March 12, staff will no longer be required to wear masks at indoor city facilities or in city vehicles. Masks will be provided for staff and members of the public who wish to wear them. Extra sanitation measures will be taken. In person public meetings will resume, with City Council meeting in person beginning April 3. City Council, Planning Commission, and Airport Commission will continue to be streamed on YouTube, and until further notice, the public may make a request to provide comment via Zoom. Mayor Tolbert stated that if a Councilmember will be out, and requests a Zoom link to join a meeting, only one person per meeting may join. It will be on a first come, first served basis.

Councilmember Debora Nelson stated that when in-person meetings resume, she hopes workshops will resume in the around the table as before, and not at the dais. Mayor Tolbert indicated that it will depend whether IT can accommodate that with the new camera system.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Tolbert provided an update on the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) housing plan. She stated that this is the first time ever that a regional transportation planning organization has developed a housing plan. It has never been done before.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Michele Blythe agreed with Councilmember Nelson's comment about workshop setup.

Councilmember Don Vanney requested an update regarding crosswalk striping. Mr. Ellis stated that due to supply chain issues in 2021, striping was not completed, and the project is a year behind. He is hopeful more will be done this year following the striping schedule.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmembers had nothing to report this evening.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REVIEW OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

There is only one item being brought forward from tonight's workshop, so there will be no agenda items for March 7 meeting's consent agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.



Barbara Tolbert, Mayor