



# Minutes of the Arlington City Council Meeting

Council Chambers  
110 East Third Street  
March 2, 2020

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

**Council Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Mayor Barb Tolbert, James Trefry, Kristin Garcia, Dave Ryan, Jim Kelly, City Attorney Steve Peiffle, and Ashleigh Scott

**Also Known to be Present:** Avery Hufford, Lindsay Dunn, Holly Sloan-Buchanan, Cory Ferris, Mark Tingley and Dan Rankin.

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 Jessica Stickles 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**

Shawn Fredrick from the Snohomish Health District was scheduled to present, but due to the current Coronavirus concerns and workload, he cancelled his presentation.

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

None.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Lindsay Dunn spoke to City Council with concerns regarding the 172<sup>nd</sup> intersection signal timing and semi-trucks. He also brought to Council's attention Arlington's "quiet zones."

Cory Ferris spoke to City Council with concerns regarding the growth of Arlington without sustainable expandable infrastructure. He requested that expansion be kept down until road expansion has been addressed, established, and completed. He also was concerned about zoning issues and not being able to afford a home within Arlington City limits because lots are increasing and developers are purchasing ones that were affordable.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Stickles moved and Councilmember Marilyn Oertle seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda that was unanimously carried:

1. Minutes of the February 18<sup>th</sup> and February 24<sup>th</sup> of 2020 Council meetings, and February 19, 2020 Special Meeting.
2. Accounts Payable of EFT Payments and Claims Checks #99055 through #99156 dated February 19, 2020 through March 2, 2020 for \$456,162.08.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Airport Commission Appointment**

Airport Director Dave Ryan requested Council approve the appointment of Don Munson to the Airport Commission.

On January 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of 2020, an interview panel consisting of City Councilmember Jan Schuette, Airport Commissioner Ruth Gonzales, Airport Director David Ryan, and Airport Operations Manager Marty Wray, held interviews with five candidates for the open Airport Commissioner position. Don Munson, who has 11 years' experience on the commission, was selected for the position.

Councilmember Michele Blythe moved and Councilmember Jan Schuette seconded the motion to appoint Don Munson to the Airport Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

**Ordinance for Bond Refunding**

Finance Director Kristin Garcia requested Council adopt the ordinance to refund bonds. The bond ordinance is the document that sets the parameters for the bond sale, such as how much can be issued, which bonds can be refunded, target interest rate savings,

The refinance of the 2007 – 2010 General Obligation Bonds and Promissory Note that we hold for the Graafstra property is to lower the interest rate and overall cost to the City for the remaining life of the bonds. With the three obligation bonds, the estimated net savings, including any costs to refund, would be around one million dollars. Pricing on the bonds will set the interest rate on March 17<sup>th</sup> and the bond proceeds will available with closing on April 1, 2020.

Mayor Pro Tem Jesica Stickles moved and Councilmember Mike Hopson seconded the motion to approve the Ordinance to refund one or more series of limited tax general obligation bonds, to repay a promissory note and to pay costs of issuance and sales of the bonds in an amount not to exceed \$7,500,000 and authorized the Mayor to sign it. The motion passed unanimously.

**BNSF Rail Trail Crossing Bid Award**

Public Works Director Jim Kelly requested Council award the BNSF Rail Trail Crossing project to PNW Civil in the amount of \$63,845.

City Staff applied for and received a FHWA Safety Grant to improve the Centennial Trail railroad crossing along 67<sup>th</sup> Ave. The proposed improvement will realign Centennial Trail so that it crosses the railroad tracks at a more perpendicular angle. Work on this project includes traffic control, demolition, grading, paving, and pavement markings.

Councilmember Marilyn Oertle moved and Councilmember Debora Nelson seconded the motion to award the 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue Rail/Trail Crossing Project to PNW Civil, Inc., and authorized the Mayor to sign the contract, subject to final review by the City Attorney.

### **Sixth Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for Marysville Municipal Court Services**

City Attorney Steve Peiffle requested Council approve two Interlocal Agreements between the City of Marysville and the City of Arlington to update Interlocal Agreements for Municipal Court Services and providing for the transition of those services to Cascade District Court and transfer of outstanding arrest warrants and/or court orders to the Arlington Police Department.

On February 18, 2020 Council approved an Interlocal agreement with Snohomish County to provide District Court Services beginning March 1, 2020. Cases filed into the Marysville Municipal Court prior to March 1, 2020 can be dismissed and refiled into the District Court for additional fees, or can continue through Marysville Municipal Court through the end of 2020. Long term probation cases should be transferred to the District Court for continued monitoring. Additionally, the Marysville Police Department, through its relationship with Marysville Municipal Court, has maintained Arlington's outstanding misdemeanor arrest warrants and some court orders issued by the court that should be transferred to the Arlington Police Department for future management.

Councilmember Marilyn Oertle moved and Jesica Stickle seconded the motion to approve the Interlocal Agreements between the City of Marysville and the City of Arlington providing for the transition of court services to include the transfer of court orders and outstanding arrest warrants and authorized the Mayor to sign the agreements, subject to final review by the City Attorney.

### **COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS**

None.

### **ADMINISTRATOR & STAFF REPORTS**

City Administrator Paul Ellis is out at a Washington Cities Insurance seminar, but wanted to provide an update regarding how the City is responding to the Coronavirus. The police and fire chiefs are reminding first responders to practice good hygiene, and Kurt is coordinating with the janitorial service for additional surface cleaning in public areas.

Mayor Rankin from the Town of Darrington, who is serving as Snohomish Health District Board of Health Representative for all small cities in County Council District #1, provided a brief update directly from the Health District, regarding the Coronavirus.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Tolbert". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Barbara Tolbert, Mayor