



# Minutes of the Arlington City Council Special Meeting

Council Chambers  
110 East Third Street  
March 18, 2019

**Councilmembers Present:** Mike Hopson, Joshua Roundy, Jesica Stickles, Sue Weiss, Jan Schuette, Debora Nelson and Marilyn Oertle.

**Council Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Mayor Barb Tolbert, Paul Ellis, City Attorney Steve Peiffle, Kristin Garcia, Jonathan Ventura, Sarah Lopez, and Erin Keator.

**Also Known to be Present:** Don Vanney and family, Holly Sloan-Buchanan, Monica Bretherton, Jean Olson, Michele Blythe.

Mayor Barb Tolbert called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call followed.

## **INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Marilyn Oertle moved and Councilmember Debora Nelson seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

### **AGENDA ITEMS – NO FINAL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN**

#### **Ordinance amending Arlington Municipal Code regarding Public Art Fund and Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission (PARC) responsibilities**

Community Revitalization Project Manager Sarah Lopez explained that public art is a vital part of the quality of life for our citizens and plays a role in Arlington's economy. A funding mechanism for public art is needed. This amended ordinance calls for ten percent of the amounts collected by the City from construction sales tax revenues to be transferred to the City of Arlington Art Fund. With this change, the City would remove the one percent of budget for art on City of Arlington construction projects, as the ten percent of construction sales tax would apply to City projects. Discussion followed with Ms. Lopez answering questions.

**Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County for Terrace Park Funds**

Community Revitalization Project Manager Sarah Lopez explained that Snohomish County will provide \$40,000 towards Terrace Park improvements. The purpose of the funding is to help re-construct turf terraces that serve the amphitheater. The City shall recognize the County as a financial sponsor. This project is slated for 2019. Discussion followed with Ms. Lopez answering questions.

**Interlocal Agreement Amendment #1 for Public Defender Grant**

Police Chief Jonathan Ventura asked the Council to approve an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Lake Stevens regarding the administration of our Office of Public Defense Social Worker Grant. The office of Public Defense has increased the grant award to \$35,000 with no additional match from the City required but the new award amount will require the original agreement to be amended to reflect the new funding. Discussion followed with Chief Ventura answering questions.

**Miscellaneous Council Items**

Debora questioned City Administrator Paul Ellis about the upcoming retreat. Mr. Ellis explained the retreat was scheduled for April 13, 2019 and Council would receive direction from City Attorney Steve Peiffle shortly.

**ADMINISTRATOR AND STAFF REPORTS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jean Olson, Treasurer of the Arts Council, thanked the Council for their leadership. She believes that the public art is a good thing for the City.

**COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

Councilmembers Hopson, Schuette, Oertle provided brief updates, while Councilmembers Nelson and Roundy had nothing to report this evening. Councilmember Stickles provided a summary of her trip to Washington D.C. with Mayor Tolbert and City Administrator Ellis, providing highlights of the conference.

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

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

  
Barbara Tolbert, Mayor