



Minutes of the Arlington City Council Workshop

Council Chambers
110 East Third Street
April 22, 2019

Councilmembers Present: Mike Hopson, Marilyn Oertle, Debora Nelson, Josh Roundy, Jan Schuette, Jessica Stickle and Sue Weiss.

Council Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Mayor Barb Tolbert, Paul Ellis, City Attorney Steve Peiffle, Jonathan Ventura, Marc Hayes, Dave Ryan, Sarah Lopez, Kristin Garcia, James Trefry, Kristin Banfield and Erin Keator.

Also Known to be Present: Gayle Roeber, Don Vanney and family, Michele Blythe, Doug Buell, Lindsey Dunn, Judy Castanares, Avery Huffard and Dwan Kinney.

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

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

None.

PROCLAMATIONS

None.

WORKSHOP ITEMS – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

Resolution for authorizing bond issue for capital projects

City Administrator Paul Ellis explained that the City will be coming forward with a resolution for council approval that will direct staff to proceed in preparing for a bond issue for a new fire station, police impound facility and maintenance and operations building and also refinance debt. Councilmember Schuette asked if it could be made clear that Fire Station 47 will be combined into the new Fire Station 48 thereby saving money in rent. Mr. Ellis responded that the City can accommodate that request. Discussion followed with Mr. Ellis answering questions.

Public art proposals

Community Revitalization Manager Sarah Lopez reviewed recommendations by the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission for public artwork which includes a

1. Chainsaw carved wood bench with cougar by Jacob Lucas. Donation by Arlington Arts Council, value is \$2,500. The proposed location is the bench pad next to the sidewalk at Olympic Avenue and First Street; and
2. Chain link fence cup art – “Bee” by Erika Bruss. Proposed location is on the chain link fence behind the police station. This is a youth project and materials are paid for by the Arlington Arts Council. This item was actually completed on Saturday, April 20.

Discussion followed with Ms. Lopez answering questions.

Arlington Municipal Code Title 14 update regarding Airport Rules and Regulations

Airport Director Dave Ryan explained that Council is being asked to consider adopting an ordinance amending sections of Title 14 (Airport Rules and Regulations) of the Arlington Municipal Code. Mr. Ryan explained that the updates requested will bring the Code up to date and deal primarily with the new category of “Very Light Aircraft” rather than the “Ultra-Light Aircraft” previously mentioned. This encompasses Light Sport Aircraft, Ultra-lights and Powered Parachutes into the ordinance. It also makes some other minor changes in other sections. Discussion followed with Mr. Ryan answering questions.

Appointments to Airport Commission

Airport Director Dave Ryan explained that he will be requesting to reappoint the following individuals to the Airport Commission: Ms. Gayle Roeber, Mr. John Swizer and Mr. Don Munson. He went on to explain that another Airport Commissioner just resigned so he will be returning to Council with another recommendation at a future meeting. Discussion followed with Mr. Ryan answering questions.

Review of 2019 Comprehensive Plan docket items

Community and Economic Development Director Marc Hayes walked through the first group of comprehensive plan docket items.

1. The AVS Communities Rezone request PLN #524 – 2019 Docket Item. The AVS Communities Rezone is requesting to rezone a 9-acre parcel from General Industrial to General Commercial and utilize the Mixed Use Overlay for a future proposed project. The applicant is requesting this rezone to accommodate a Mixed Use project that they are proposing for both the subject 9 acres and an additional 11.51 acres. This neighborhood was identified as a Mixed Use Village Center in the City’s Regulating Plan. A Public Hearing was held April 16, 2019 at Planning Commission. Public testimony was taken and two people spoke in support of the request. Discussion followed with Mr. Hayes answering questions.

2. Grandview North Rezone Request PLN #509 – 2019 Docket Items. The Grandview North Rezone is requesting to rezone a .99 acre parcel from Residential Low Medium Density to Neighborhood Commercial and utilize the Mixed Use Overlay for a future proposed project. The applicant is requesting this rezone to accommodate an expansion of the Mixed Use project he is building on the abutting 1.76 acres he owns to the east of the subject parcel, which is already zoned Neighborhood Commercial. A Public Hearing was held April 16, 2019 at Planning Commission. Public testimony was taken and three people spoke in opposition of the request. Discussion followed with Mr. Hayes answering questions. Councilmember Nelson requested that there be two motions for this docket item so that she can review both when making her decision. City Attorney Steve Peiffle stated he would prepare a second ordinance for council to review prior to the May 6th, 2019 meeting.
3. The Arlington-Marysville Manufacturing Industrial Center (AMMIC) Subarea Plan PLN #491 – 2019 Docket Item. The AMMIC Subarea Plan was adopted by Council in December 2018, but required inclusion into the Comprehensive Plan as a reference document. This is the adopting ordinance to provide for that Comprehensive Plan Amendment, allowing for its inclusion. A Public Hearing was held April 16, 2019 at Planning Commission. There was no public opposition of the proposed amendment to the comprehensive plan. Discussion followed with Mr. Hayes answering questions.
4. Complete Streets Policy PLN #513 – 2019 Docket Item. The Arlington Complete Streets Policy was adopted by Council in November 2018, but required inclusion into the Comprehensive Plan as a reference document. This is the adopting ordinance to provide for that Comprehensive Plan Amendment, allowing for its inclusion. A public Hearing was held April 16, 2019 at Planning Commission. There was no public opposition of the proposed amendment to the comprehensive plan.
5. Unit Lot Subdivision PLN #514 – 2019 Docket Item. The Unit Lot Subdivision is a Land Use Code Update amending Chapter 20.44.020 AMC. The amended Chapter will be identified as 20.44.020A. Chapter 20.44.020 AMC currently existed but was deficient in its structure. This amendment provides for a detailed expansion of the existing chapter providing more specificity of its use when developing fee simple property related to common wall and zero lot line types of housing. A Public Hearing was held April 16, 2019 at Planning Commission. There was no public opposition of the proposed amendment to Chapter 20.44.020.
6. York Rezone Request PLN #515 – 2019 Docket Item. The York Rezone is a City initiated request to rezone a .56 acre parcel that was declared surplus by the City; the request is to rezone from existing Public/Semi-public zoning to High Density Residential. This item was placed on the 2019 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket. A Public Hearing was held April 16, 2019 at Planning Commission. Public testimony was taken and one person spoke in opposition of the request. Councilmember Schuette asked what is the cost to demolish the house and buildings and turn the property into an addition to the existing park. Discussion followed with Mr. Hayes answering questions.

7. Butler Property Annexation. State Law allows the City Council by simple majority vote to annex property for municipal purposes per RCW 35A.14.300 with no public hearing. The City purchased this 51.53 acre property in 2000 with assistance from a Snohomish County Conservation futures grant. The intention was for passive recreation, open space, and wetland restoration. Since that time the Old Town Stormwater Wetland has been constructed on the property. The City applied to the Snohomish County Docketing process in October 2010 to include the property in the Arlington UGA. The docket was approved by Snohomish County Council in August 2013 and the property is within the Arlington UGA.

Appointments to Planning Commission

Community and Economic Development Director Marc Hayes explained that Commissioner Aaron MacDonald resigned in February 2019 and Commissioner Kenneth Levesque’s term ended April 1, 2019. Interviews were held on April 11, 2019 with three individuals. The interview committee is recommending Timothy Dean and Melissa Johnson as candidates to fill the open positions. A question was asked whether Ms. Johnson qualified to serve on the planning commission due to where she currently resides. Mr. Peiffle stated he would research the question and follow up with the City Council.

March 2019 Financial Report

Finance Director Kristin Garcia reviewed the March 2019 Financial Report. Discussion followed with Ms. Garcia answering questions.

Miscellaneous Council Items

ADMINISTRATOR & STAFF REPORTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Schuette provided a brief update, while Councilmembers Roundy, Nelson, Oertle, Hopson, Stickles and Weiss had nothing to report this evening.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Attorney Peiffle announced that there would be a need for an Executive Session for discussion of pending negotiations and bargaining agreements under RCW 42.30.140(4)(a). Mayor Tolbert recessed the meeting at 8:10 stating the meeting would reconvene at 8:20. At 8:20 City Attorney Peiffle announced that the Executive Session would be extended until 8:25. The meeting reconvened at 8:28.

REVIEW OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Council discussed and agreed to place the Arlington Municipal Code Title 14 update regarding Airport Rules and Regulations on the May 6, 2019 consent agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.



Barbara Tolbert, Mayor

