



Minutes of the Arlington City Council Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

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

Council Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Mayor Barb Tolbert, Paul Ellis, Sarah Lopez, Kristin Garcia, Jim Kelly, City Attorney Steve Peiffle, Julie Petersen, and Wendy Van Der Meersche.

Also Known to be Present: Eight YouTube viewers.

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 Jan Schuette 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

City Clerk Wendy Van Der Meersche read a written public comment from Arlington Arts Council President Sarah Arney. Ms. Arney stated that she is very excited about the 15 art projects to be done in 2022, and she expressed gratitude to City staff, especially Sarah Lopez. The written public comment was emailed to Councilmembers, as well.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Minutes of the January 3 and January 10, 2022 Council meetings
2. Accounts Payable:
Approval of EFT Payments and Claims Checks:
#104499 through #104562 dated January 4, 2022 through January 18, 2022
for \$886,897.40; #104563 through #104656 dated December 31, 2021
for \$1,032,392.70; Approval of Payroll EFT Payments and Checks
#30144 through #30150 dated December 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021
for \$1,190,306.35
3. Request to Waive Building Permit Fees for Phase II of the Innovation Center Renovation
4. Proclamation of the City of Arlington Recognizing the City of Arlington
as a Purple Heart City

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Selection of Mayor Pro Tem

City Administrator Paul Ellis requested Council select a Mayor Pro Tem to serve until the second Council meeting in January, 2024.

Councilmember Jesica Stickle served as Mayor Pro Tem from January 2020 to August 31, 2021. She resigned September 1, 2021, leaving a vacancy for Mayor Pro Tem. At the September 7, 2021 Special Council meeting, Jan Schuette was selected by Council to serve as Mayor Pro Tem until the second meeting in January 2022, when the two-year selection for Mayor Pro Tem is made. Discussion followed.

Councilmember Debora Nelson moved and Councilmember Marilyn Oertle seconded the motion to select Jan Schuette as the City's Mayor Pro Tem, to serve until the second Council meeting in January, 2024. The motion passed 6-1, with Councilmember Mike Hopson voting no.

Lateral Hiring Incentives Program for Police Department

City Administrator Paul Ellis requested Council approve a lateral hiring incentives program for the police department.

Councilmember Marilyn Oertle moved and Councilmember Don Vanney seconded the motion to approve the Limited Term Lateral Police Officer Incentive Program, and the Bilingual Incentive Program, which begin January 18, 2022, and sunset December 31, 2022, unless revoked, modified or canceled prior. The motion passed unanimously.

Appointments to Lodging Tax Advisory Committee

Finance Director Kristin Garcia requested Council confirm the appointments of Rachel Ralson, Cristy Brubaker, and Sarah Arney to the lodging tax advisory committee.

Councilmember Debora Nelson moved and Councilmember Marilyn Oertle seconded the motion to confirm the appointments of Rachel Ralson, Cristy Brubaker, and Sarah Arney to the lodging tax advisory committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Request for Budget Amendment for Proposed 2022 Public Art Projects

Community Engagement Director Sarah Lopez requested Council approve a budget amendment for proposed 2022 public art projects.

Councilmember Marilyn Oertle moved and Councilmember Debora Nelson seconded the motion to authorize a budget amendment of \$78,030 to the public art fund to complete the 2022 art projects recommended by PARC. The motion passed unanimously.

Reduction of 2022 CPI Increase on Utility Rates

Public Works Director Jim Kelly requested Council approve an ordinance authorizing an amendment to the Arlington Municipal Code (AMC) Chapter 13.12 to reduce Utility Rate Consumer Price Index (CPI) Increase for 2022.

Councilmember Debora Nelson moved and Councilmember Heather Logan seconded the motion to approve the ordinance revising the scheduled 2022 utility CPI increase to water, sewer, and stormwater rates, and authorized the Mayor to sign the ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

Contract with Parametrix for Design Services for the 2022 Utility and Pavement Preservation Program

Public Works Director Jim Kelly requested Council approve a contract with Parametrix to provide engineering services for the 2022 Utility and Pavement Preservation (UPP) Project.

Councilmember Debora Nelson moved and Councilmember Don Vanney seconded the motion to accept the Parametrix proposal for design of the water main replacement and pavement preservation work planned for 2022, and authorized the Mayor to sign the contract, pending final review by the City Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Heather Logan stated that she took the oath of office this morning for the Snohomish Health District Board of Health. She is looking forward to serving.

Councilmember Michele Blythe stated that Association of Washington Cities (AWC) provides a weekly online legislative update, during this legislative session.

ADMINISTRATOR & STAFF REPORTS

City Administrator Paul Ellis stated that the joint meeting with the school district and hospital districts scheduled for January 31 has been cancelled, because of the hospitals' busyness with the pandemic. He will let Councilmembers know when a new date has been selected.

MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.


Barbara Tolbert, Mayor