



Minutes of the Arlington City Council Zoom Meeting

Monday, February 7, 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, Jim Kelly, Police Chief Jonathan Ventura, City Attorney Steve Peiffle, James Trefry, Kristin Garcia, Bryan Terry, Wendy Van Der Meersche and Julie Petersen.

Also Known to be Present: Danette Klemens, Executive Director, Stilly Valley Center and e 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 Heather Logan seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Danette Klemens, Executive Director Stilly Valley Center presented information on the variety of services provided to the seniors who live in Arlington and the surrounding area. She shared her gratitude of the support she has received from the City. She asked for the Council to consider providing a higher level of funding in the coming year which will help restore the services that were previously offered before the COVID pandemic. Councilmembers and the Mayor shared their gratitude for the work of the Stilly Valley Center to help the senior population be able to feel connected during the pandemic isolation.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Barb Tolbert signed and presented the proclamation for Black History Month.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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 18 and January 24, 2022 Council meetings

2. Accounts Payable:

Approval of EFT Payments and Claims Checks: #104657 through #104755 dated January 19, 2022 through February 7, 2022 for \$711,613.38; EFT Payment #999726318 dated December 28, 2021 for \$216,492.16.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Works Personnel Requests

Public Works Director Jim Kelly requested Council approve a revision to the 2022 pay plan for the addition of three new full-time employees, and reclassification of two current employees. Discussion followed with Mr. Kelly answering Council questions.

Councilmember Deborah Nelson moved and Councilmember Don Vanney seconded the motion to approve the addition of three new Public Works full-time employees, and reclassification of two current Public Works employees. The motion passed unanimously.

Procurement of Remaining Membranes for Water Reclamation Facility

Public Works Director Jim Kelly requested Council approve the purchase of a Kubota Membranes for Water Reclamation Facility MBR trains #1, #3, and #4.

Councilmember Deborah Nelson moved and Councilmember Heather Logan seconded the motion to approve the purchase of membranes from Kubota Membrane USA for the City of Arlington's Water Reclamation Facility, and authorized the Mayor to sign a purchase order for \$2,320,770.00. The motion passed unanimously.

Inter-local Agreement with City of Lake Stevens and Acceptance of Public Defense Grant

Police Chief Jonathan Ventura requested Council approve a third amendment to an ILA with the City of Lake Steven to accept a Public Defense Grant of \$36,000 over two-years (2022-2023) to provide indigent defense social services. This is a local matching grant in partnership with the City of Lake Stevens. Arlington's portion of the grant per year is 60% or \$10,800 - \$2,520 of that amount is paid for by the grant and the out of pocket costs for the local match will be \$8,280 per year. Discussion followed with Police Chief Jonathan Ventura answering Council questions and Mayor Tolbert requesting Police Chief share the results from the last two year agreement.

Mayor Pro Tem Jan Schuette moved and Councilmember Marilyn Oertle seconded the motion to approve the third Amendment to Inter-local Agreement Concerning Grant from the Office of Public Defender, and authorized the Mayor to sign it, pending final review by the City Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Jan Schuette announced that Community Transit has added a supplement service called "Snow Goose". The pilot program is operated by Lincoln Hill Retirement Community (formerly Stanwood Community & Senior Center) and funded by the State

Department of Transportation, the Lincoln Hill Retirement Community, Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians and the Floyd & Delores Jones Memorial Fund. Many other organizations are partnering in the project. The 14-passenger bus transportation will have its regular route, and will offer door-to-door service for those with mobility issues who schedule a day in advance to get citizens to their appointments and shopping centers. Bus drivers can flex from the set route to include scheduled door-to-door pick-ups and drop-offs.

Councilmember Michael Hopson shared the webinar that he attended on Tax Increment Financing (TIF). He described the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) as a value capture revenue tool that uses taxes on future gains in real estate values to pay for new infrastructure improvements. The TIF creates funding for public or private projects by borrowing against the future increase in these property-tax revenues. He encourages the City to use this type of tool.

ADMINISTRATOR AND STAFF REPORTS

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.



Barbara Tolbert, Mayor