



# Minutes of the Arlington City Council Meeting

Council Chambers  
110 East Third Street  
\*February 19, 2019

**Councilmembers Present:** Mike Hopson, Joshua Roundy, Jessica 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, Dave Kraski, Jonathan Ventura, Jim Kelly, Kristin Garcia, James Trefry, Sarah Lopez, Kristin Banfield, Bryan Terry, Craig Monson, Chris Dickison, Greg Koontz, Scott Hillis, Anna Melillo, Megan Nunemaker, Thomas Jackson, Kirk Normand, Brian Price, Wayne Mitchell, Ethan Peterson, Thomas Brown, Aaron Boede, Paul Lizarraga, Zach Hanson, Justin Honsowetz, Keanan Metcalfe, Gregg Haddick, Niche Sacha, Bob Beam, Ethan Pedersen and Erin Keator.

**Also Known to be Present:** Doug Buell, Civil Service Commissioner Michele Blythe, Fire District 21 Firefighters/EMTs Spencer, Patel and Taft, friends and family of newly hired firefighters.

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

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

**Firefighter/EMT Badge Pinning:** Fire Chief Dave Kraski introduced, and provided background information on, the three new Firefighter/EMTs: Paul Lizarrago, Aaron Boede and Zachary Hanson. City Attorney Steve Peiffle administered their oaths of office. Firefighter Lizarrago's girlfriend Allison performed his badge pinning. Firefighter Boede was pinned by friend, and fellow firefighter, Keanan Metcalfe. Firefighter Hanson's fiancé, Noble, and his mother performed his badge pinning.

Fire Chief Dave Kraski recognized Logan Harding for his hard work in coordinating the academy for the new part-paid firefighters. Chief Kraski explained that the Fire Department lost 11 part-paid firefighters in 2018 out of a program that maintains 15. The Fire Department has limited capacity to recruit, hire and train new part-paid firefighters. When Logan heard of the need for training of the new part-paid firefighters he offered to coordinate

the academy that would provide education regarding the operations of the Fire Department. He coordinated the schedule, the location and identified and conducted the training. This was a tremendous value and savings to the department.

Phoenix Award – Fire Chief Kraski explained that the Phoenix Award is awarded to those individuals that provide services in extremely difficult and emotional circumstances. Firefighters Sacha, Haddick, Peterson and Beam responded to a call of a mother having an at-home birth. Both the mother and baby were in distress as the baby was stuck in the birth canal. EMTs Spencer, Patel and Taft from Fire District 21 also arrived on scene. After assessing the situation and providing services, the mother and baby were transported to the hospital. Unfortunately, there was not a happy outcome, the baby only survived a few days on life support. However, the family was extremely thankful to the emergency responders because they were allowed a few days with the child allowing them to spend time with, and take photographs of, the infant.

PARC Commissioner Recognition: Tiffany McAuslan. Mayor Barb Tolbert stated that Tiffany started on the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission in November of 2012 when she “was looking for a way to become more involved in her community and help shape some of the areas in town.” She owned and operated a landscape construction company with her husband and recently returned to college for her horticulture degree. Her background in landscape made her an asset on the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission and the Tree Board. Tiffany advised on tree plantings for Arbor Days and other tree plantings for the City. She has volunteered her time to plant and replant the flower boxes in front of City Hall. Tiffany was also instrumental in providing perspective on outdoor recreational assets in the City. Mayor Tolbert thanked Tiffany for all her service to the community and hopes that the City is able to work with her on more projects! Mayor Tolbert presented Tiffany with a plaque.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Marilyn Oertle moved and Councilmember Debora seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda which was unanimously carried:

1. Minutes of the February 11 special meeting and February 11, 2019 workshop.
2. Accounts Payable: Approval of EFT Payments and Claims Checks #95939 through #96044 dated February 5, 2019 through February 19, 2019 for \$610,007.12 and approval of Payroll EFT Payments and Checks #29376 through #29381 dated January 1, 2019 through January 31, 2019 for \$1,286,851.12.
3. Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with Snohomish Conservation District.
4. Construction Contract for Standby Generator for Arlington Airport Administration Building.
5. Acceptance of Department of Natural Resources (DNR) grant for Wildland Equipment.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

Before moving on to new business, Mayor Barb Tolbert took a moment to thank all the employees, particularly those in M&O, that worked so tirelessly keeping the streets cleared during our several snow storms that the City experienced over the past few weeks.

**NEW BUSINESS****Selection of Pacific Groundwater Group (PGG) for Consulting Services**

Public Works Director Jim Kelly recommended that the City contract with PGG to provide Water Resources Consulting Services and to continue hydrogeological service for well installation. Councilmember Schuette asked how long he thought the process would take. Mr. Kelly responded that he believed they would be drilling test holes this fall and would be drilling by April of next year. Councilmember Josh Roundy moved and Councilmember Jessica Stickles seconded the motion to authorize staff to proceed with the proposed personnel requests. The motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution to Reject all Bids for Innovation Center and Pocket Park Renovation Project**

City Administrator Paul Ellis explained this is the second bidding attempt for this project. Staff recommends rejecting the bids, since the low bid is over budget that was estimated for this project. Two bids were received and opened on January 8, 2019. The project was advertised for bidding December 6, 2018 – January 8, 2019. The bids received were: Tower Pacific \$498-688 and BCN Construction \$498,800. The previous bidding cycle was August 9 – August 28, 2018. The bid received was from Bouwer Construction for \$583,750 and was rejected. Mr. Ellis stated that he hoped to provide options to the Council in April. Mayor Pro Tem Marilyn Oertle moved and Councilmember Sue Weiss seconded the motion to authorize staff to proceed with the proposed personnel requests. The motion passed unanimously.

**Ground Emergency Medical Transport (GEMT) Reimbursement to Central Pierce Fire & Rescue (CPF&R)**

Fire Chief Dave Kraski explained GEMT as being defined as: the supplemental payments to cover the funding gap between a provider's actual costs per GEMT transport and the allowable amount received from Washington Apple Health (Medicaid) and any other sources of reimbursement. CPF&R was the lead agency in this effort with seven other departments. Collectively they incurred costs in the amount of \$560,000.00. The reimbursement request from Arlington of \$7,277.68 is based on an equitable and proportionate formula. To date we have received approximately \$180,000.00 in GEMT funds. Councilmember Sue Weiss moved and Councilmember Mike Hopson seconded the motion to authorize staff to proceed with the proposed personnel requests. The motion passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

None.

**INFORMATION**

None.

**ADMINISTRATOR & STAFF REPORTS**

City Administrator Paul Ellis thanked the M&O employees for all their hard work during the snow storms. He also stated that there have been many positive comments from citizens regarding how well the City provided services during the snow storms. The councilmembers concurred. Next step in the process will be to have the street sweeper out cleaning up the sand. Routes and dates will be posted so citizens can move their cars.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

None.

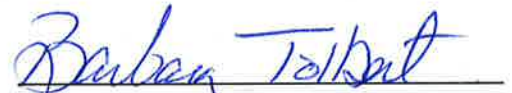
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

City Attorney Steve Peiffle announced that there would be a need for an Executive Session for discussion of pending or potential litigation [RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)] until 7:45 p.m. There would be no action taken by Council following the Executive Session.

Council recessed at 7:21 p.m. and reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

  
Barbara Tolbert, Mayor