



Minutes of the Arlington City Council Workshop

Council Chambers
110 East Third Street
February 25, 2019

Councilmembers Present: Mike Hopson, Debora Nelson, Marilyn Oertle, Joshua Roundy and Jan Schuette.

Council Members Absent: Jessica Stickles, Sue Weiss.

Staff Present: Mayor Barb Tolbert, Paul Ellis, City Attorney Steve Peiffle, Dan Cone, Kristin Garcia, James Trefry, Jay Downing, Dave Kraski, and Erin Keator.

Also Known to be Present: Sarah Arney and Avery Hufford.

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 Jan Schuette seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

None.

WORKSHOP ITEMS – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

Resolution to surplus administration staff vehicle

City Administrator Paul Ellis explained the City currently has a vehicle that is beyond its useful life and needs to be declared as surplus in order to be properly auctioned off. Approval of this item is prerequisite to the purchase of its replacement. Discussion followed with Mr. Ellis answering questions.

Replacement of Administration staff vehicle

City Administrator Paul Ellis asked the Council to consider a request to purchase a staff vehicle for the Administration Department. This vehicle will replace both the 1997 Ford van and the 2001 Chevy Impala. The current van is used for transporting event supplies and equipment. The van is in need of repairs and the Impala is being surplused. The van will be surplused only if purchase of a new vehicle is approved. The proposed Dodge Grand Caravan could be used for events and as a staff car. Discussion followed with Mr. Ellis answering questions.

Modification to salary schedule for non-represented seasonal employees for 2019

Maintenance and Operations Manager Jay Downing explained that Maintenance and Operations and Human Resources are requesting a revision to the pay rate for Seasonal Maintenance Laborers. The proposed change increases the top step wage to \$16.00 per hour from the current \$15.00 per hour. This change is requested based on updated market information gathered from seasonal postings from other surrounding jurisdictions that have posted since adoption of the 2019 Non-Represented Salary Schedule. There is no requested change to the budget allocation to the Maintenance and Operations seasonal maintenance labor pool – hours will be controlled to stay within the adopted budget for 2019. Discussion followed with Mr. Downing and Administrative Services Director James Trefry answering questions.

Replacement of fire administration vehicle

Fire Chief Dave Kraski explained that in 2018 Fire & EMS was scheduled and budgeted to replace the 2006 Ford Expedition (#AFD-10). This purchase was delayed because of the vacancy in administration. With the appointment of the Deputy Chief / Medical Services Administrator, the Fire Department is ready to move forward with the purchase. Chief Kraski is asking Council to move the purchase to the 2019 budget. Discussion followed with Chief Kraski answering questions.

January 2019 Financial Report

Finance Director Kristin Garcia reviewed the January 2019 Financial Report.

Darrington EMS Update

Fire Chief Dave Kraski provided to the Council an update on the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with Darrington Fire District #24 (FD #24). He explained that FD #24 has partnered with Aero-Skagit a non-profit ALS provider based in Concrete to provide service to the portions of Darrington and FD #24 for which they are in closer proximity than the City of Arlington. Chief Kraski believes this will result in a 50 to 60% decrease in demand for Arlington EMS units. This, along with some internal training and response changes, will allow Darrington to continue to compensate the City of Arlington the historic rate of 70% of their EMS levy in 2019 and be at or near cost neutral. For service in 2020 and beyond, Darrington is working with Aero-Skagit to base a unit in Darrington which will be a major service level improvement. Discussion followed with Chief Kraski answering questions.

Miscellaneous Council Items

None.

ADMINISTRATOR & STAFF REPORTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sarah Arney took a moment to say good bye to Council as she will be gone for three months to Southeast Asia. She stated that even though she will be gone for a while she hopes the Council will continue to promote art within the city.

James Trefry told the Council that the City of Arlington qualifies for the Well City Award.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmembers Nelson, Oertle, Hopson and Schuette provided brief updates, while Councilmember Roundy had nothing to report this evening.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

REVIEW OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

None.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.



Barbara Tolbert, Mayor