



Minutes of the Arlington City Council Zoom Meeting

Council Chambers
110 East Third Street
May 18, 2020

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

Council Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Mayor Barb Tolbert, Paul Ellis, James Trefry, Tony Orr, City Attorney Steve Peiffle, Jim Kelly, Kristin Garcia, Sarah Lopez, Bryan Terry, Jonathan Ventura, Dave Kraski and Ashleigh Scott

Also Known to be Present Remotely: Brittany Kleinman, Jennifer Harrington, Marcela Manibusin and 23 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 Jesica Stickles 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.

PROCLAMATIONS

Police Week Proclamation was read by Councilmember Marilyn Oertle.
EMS Week Proclamation was read by Mayor Pro Tem Jesica Stickles.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Minutes of the May 4 and May 11, 2020 Council meetings
2. Accounts Payable: EFT Payments and Claims Checks #99640 through #99738 dated May 5, 2020 through May 18, 2020 for \$2,117,966.35; and Payroll ETF Payments and Checks #29532 through #29544 dates April 1, 2020 through April 30, 2020 for \$1,612,180.41.
3. Haller Splash Pad Project Close-Out and Acceptance
4. 2019 Utility Pavement Preservation Close-Out and Acceptance

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointments to Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC)

Community Revitalization Project Manager Sarah Lopez requested Council re-confirm two expired positions and confirm one vacancy. The appointments of the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission recommended candidates Brittany Kleinman, Jennifer Egger and Jennifer Harrington.

The Parks, Arts, and Recreation Committee (PARC) serves as an advisory commission to the Mayor and City Council with respect to Parks, Arts and Recreation facilities and programs within the City, as well as changes, expansions or new acquisitions of both facilities and programs. The Commission also serves as the Tree Board. Terms for the seven members are four years (staggered).

Councilmember Marilyn Oertle moved and Councilmember Jan Schuette seconded the motion to confirm the reappointment of Brittany Kleinman and Jennifer Egger and appoint Jennifer Harrington to the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

Waste Management Business and Occupation Tax Rate Increase

Public Works Director Jim Kelly requested Council approve the proposed rate adjustment to the Arlington – Waste Management Franchise Agreement due to the recent Business and Occupation (B&O) Tax increases passed by the Washington State Legislature.

The City of Arlington has a franchise agreement with Waste Management (WM) for refuse collection and residential recycling/composting within the city limits. Effective April 1, 2020, the Washington State Legislature pass SB 6492-201-20, increasing the B&O Tax rate from 1.5% to 1.75% assessed on businesses operating in the State of Washington. The franchise agreement allows WM to request an adjustment due to increased expenses

Councilmember Debora Nelson moved and Councilmember Michele Blythe seconded the motion to approve the rate adjustment between the City of Arlington and Waste Management, and authorized the Mayor to sign any required documentation, pending final approval by the City Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance and Proposed Revisions to AMC Title 15.16 Regarding Fireworks

City Administrator Paul Ellis requested Council approve an Ordinance to amend the Arlington Municipal Code 15.16 banning consumer fireworks.

State law requires a 365 day period prior to the proposed ban's effective date.

A Resolution was approved by the City Council on August 5, 2019, requesting an advisory vote be added on the November 5, 2019 ballot seeking citizen input regarding the banning of the possession, sale and discharge of fireworks except for state regulated public displays

of fireworks within the City of Arlington. The advisory measure passed 50.70%. This would not take effect until after July 4, 2020.

Councilmember Marilyn Oertle moved and Councilmember Debora Nelson seconded the motion to approve the Ordinance amending and repealing sections of the Arlington Municipal Code Chapter 15.16 pertaining to the banning of fireworks. The motion passed 5-2 with Councilmember Don Vanney and Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Stickles voting no.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Don Vanney was concerned about comments made at last week's Council Meeting on YouTube, regarding the Port of Everett and the 40% business loss.

ADMINISTRATOR & STAFF REPORTS

City Administrator Paul Ellis provided updates regarding the RFA Committee. He reviewed activity reports and how the committee is working through things. He discussed the Values Statement and elaborated on how the values of both organizations aligned with shared priorities.

He discussed how the Communication Plan addresses City Council with monthly updates, the progression in the work being done, and ensuring that the staff and public are being informed with imperative information.

The RFA committee is asking for Council feedback. Mr. Ellis reviewed the North County Regional Fire Authority Administrative staffing and the Arlington Fire Department organization charts regarding what the committee anticipates will happen if and when they merge; including proposed new positions with existing personnel, equipment and facilities in regards to quantity post merge.

Councilmember Marilyn Oertle briefed Council about how the committee is trying to keep it simple and be able to capture where they're going and understand the data. Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Stickles stated they received a Letter of Support from the Labor Union. Mr. Ellis stated this was not going to be a discussion at tonight's meeting but it would be brought forward at the retreat.

Councilmember Jan Schuette asked where to address questions regarding the RFA Committee and their actions and progress.

Councilmember Don Vanney asked if Mr. Ellis could include what the tax payers are paying in regarding breakdown of costs. Mr. Ellis stated that would be discussed during the retreat.

Councilmember Debora Nelson asked if during the retreat, there could be a discussion regarding the levy changes and what the cost to the City might look like regarding property transfers, employee liability, cash reserve contribution, etc. Mr. Ellis stated it would be a topic at the retreat and it is being discussed on the committee level. Councilmember Nelson also had questions regarding the permit center's process regarding changes if and when the merge is successful or not, concerning the Fire Marshall's office and inspections, etc. Mr. Ellis mentioned it's a complex discussion and will be addressed more during the retreat.

MAYOR'S REPORT

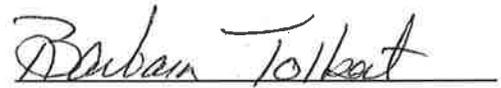
None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.



Barbara Tolbert, Mayor