



Minutes of the Arlington City Council Zoom Meeting

Council Chambers
110 East Third Street
July 20, 2020

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

Council Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Mayor Barb Tolbert, Paul Ellis, Kristin Garcia, Tony Orr, Marc Hayes, Jim Kelly, City Attorney Steve Peiffle, and Wendy Van Der Meersche.

Also Known to be Present: Diane Kamionka, joining remotely; 15 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 Jessica 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

Diane Kamionka, Executive Director, NW Innovation Resource Center provided an update on the Lab@Arlington.

PROCLAMATIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Minutes of the July 6 and July 13, 2020 Council meetings
2. Accounts Payable:
 - Approval of EFT Payments and Claims Checks #100096 through #100255 dated July 7, 2020 through July 20, 2020 for \$858,325.98; and
 - Approval of Payroll EFT Payments and Checks #29553 through #29559 dated June 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 for \$1,442,472.05.
3. Interlocal Agreement with Washington School Information Processing Cooperative
4. Resolution Authorizing a Customer Support Program

5. Ordinance Updating Arlington Municipal Code regarding the Airport Commission
6. Amendment to Process Solutions Contract

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance Supporting House Bill 1406 Authorizing Funding for Affordable Housing
City Administrator Paul Ellis requested Council approve the ordinance implementing local sales and use tax to support affordable housing.

Mayor Pro Tem Jesica Stickles moved and Councilmember Don Vanney seconded the motion to approve the ordinance authorizing the implementation of local sales and use tax to support affordable housing, and authorized the Mayor to sign it. The motion passed unanimously.

Business Rent Relief Grant Program

Finance Director Kristin Garcia requested Council approve Round Two of Business Rent Relief Grants for the Business Rent Relief Grant Program.

Mayor Pro Tem Jesica Stickles moved and Councilmember Don Vanney seconded the motion to approve an award of \$97,848 in business rent relief grants, as presented on the grant application summary. The motion passed unanimously.

Dedication of Right of Way for 169th St. NE

Community and Economic Development Director Marc Hayes requested Council accept the dedication of fully constructed real property known as 169th Street NE for the purpose of right of way.

Mayor Pro Tem Jesica Stickles moved and Councilmember Marilyn Oertle seconded the motion to accept the dedication of the described real properties as right of way to be known as 169th Street NE. The motion passed unanimously.

Land Lease Agreement with Kostar, LLC for Temporary Well Drilling Site

Public Works Director Jim Kelly requested Council approve a land lease agreement with Kostar, LLC for a temporary well drilling site.

Councilmember Debora Nelson moved and Councilmember Jesica Stickles seconded the motion to approve the temporary land lease agreement, and authorized the Mayor to sign the agreement, pending final review by the City Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

Right of Way Purchase for 204th St NE / 77th Ave NE

Public Works Director Jim Kelly requested Council approve the acceptance of Fee Simple Purchases for the noted properties as part of the 204th/77th Roundabout project, and authorized appropriate payments for the same.

Councilmember Jan Schuette moved and Councilmember Debora Nelson seconded the motion to approve the 204th/77th Roundabout Right of Way purchase agreements and real estate transactions negotiated by the City of Arlington and the consultant, Universal Field Services, for the Skagit State Bank and Botch Holdings, and authorized the Mayor to sign, pending final review by the City Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

Design Contract for Smokey Point Blvd Corridor

Public Works Director Jim Kelly and Community & Economic Development Director Marc Hayes requested Council approve the contract with Perteet, Inc. for Planning, Design, and Preliminary Right of way Services for the Smokey Point Boulevard Corridor Project.

Councilmember Jan Schuette moved and Councilmember Debora Nelson seconded the motion to approve the selection of Perteet, Inc. for Planning, Design, and Preliminary Right of Way Services for the Smokey Point Blvd Corridor project, and authorized the Mayor to sign the agreement, pending final approval by the City Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Jan Schuette stated that at the Community Transit Finance Meeting it was announced that five social workers rode buses to engage with homeless individuals and provide them with resources.

Councilmember Michele Blythe stated that the Governor's information today was very helpful imploring all leadership and businesses to set an example and do their part by wearing masks and washing hands, due to an increase in COVID-19 cases.

Councilmember Mike Hopson requested that an agenda item be added to next week's workshop, titled Citizens Police Policy Review Board. The Mayor called for comments from the Council. Discussion followed with Councilmembers Michele Blythe, Debora Nelson, Marilyn Oertle, Jan Schuette, and Jesica Stickles, stating they did not want this item on the agenda.

Mayor Tolbert indicated that the majority of Councilmembers voted no, so the item would not be on next Monday's workshop agenda. She believes Chief Ventura really knows how to lead the police department. The Mayor indicated she would like to know if the Chief needs more tools from Council to do his job. Other cities let police chiefs put together a citizens' committee. After the Council's summer break, she would like to see if Chief Ventura would like to form a committee to hear directly from the community.

Councilmember Mike Hopson made additional comments regarding his support of putting the item on the agenda.

ADMINISTRATOR & STAFF REPORTS

City Administrator Paul Ellis indicated that the Budget Retreat is scheduled for the afternoon of July 30. It has been rescheduled more than once in hopes of an in person meeting. The retreat will be in a Zoom format.

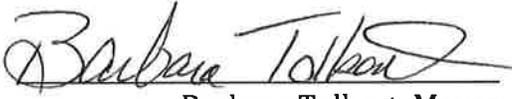
MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Tolbert stated that she, City Administrator Paul Ellis, Public Works Director Jim Kelly, and Congressman Rick Larsen toured four potential federal funded transportation projects in the City of Arlington totaling approximately \$13 million dollars with hope that there will be movement with infrastructure now that the Senate is back in session. She will be emailing Council the one sheet and map of those projects tomorrow.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

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



Barbara Tolbert, Mayor