



City Council Meeting Minutes

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Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor • Bart Hansen • Ty Stober • Erik Paulsen • Sarah J. Fox • Diana H. Perez • Kim D. Harless

January 13, 2025

Workshops: 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Vancouver City Hall - Council Chambers - 415 W 6th Street, Vancouver WA

Workshops were conducted in person in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Members of the public were invited to view the meeting in person, via the live broadcast on www.cvtv.org and CVTV cable channels 23 or HD 323, or on the City's Facebook page, or www.facebook.com/VancouverUS.

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City Council Policy Updates

(Approximately 45 minutes)

Jonathan Young, City Attorney, jonathan.young@cityofvancouver.us

Staff led Council through a discussion of the City Council Policy Updates.

Downtown Access, Mobility and Parking Plan

(Approximately 45 minutes, to immediately follow the previous workshop)

Anne Stedler, Parking Demand Manager, Gabe Montez, Parking District Manager,
anne.stedler@cityofvancouver.us, gabriel.montez@cityofvancouver.us

Staff led Council through a discussion of the Downtown Access, Mobility and Parking Plan.

Council Dinner / Administrative Updates (6:00 - 6:30 PM)

Regular Council Meeting

6:30 PM

Vancouver City Hall - Council Chambers - 415 W 6th Street, Vancouver WA

This meeting was conducted as a hybrid meeting with in person and remote viewing and participation over video conference utilizing a GoToMeeting platform. Members of the public were invited to view the meeting in person, via the live broadcast on www.cvtv.org and CVTV cable channels 23 or HD 323, or on the City's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/VancouverUS. Public access and testimony on Consent Agenda items and under the Community Forum were also facilitated in person and via the GoToMeeting conference call.

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Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order and Roll Call

The regular meeting of the Vancouver City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor McEnerny-Ogle. This meeting was conducted as a hybrid meeting, including both in person and remotely over video conference.

Present: *Councilmember Harless, Councilmember Perez, Councilmember Fox, Councilmember Paulsen, Councilmember Stober, Councilmember Hansen, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle*

Absent: *None*

Community Communication

This is the place on the agenda where the public is invited to speak to Council regarding any matter on the Agenda not already scheduled for Public Hearing. (Separate instructions are provided for offering testimony on Public Hearing when applicable.) This includes the option to testify about Workshops. Members of the public addressing Council are requested to give their name and city of residence for the audio record. Speakers are to limit their testimony to a total of three minutes for all items combined.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened Community Communication and received testimony from the following community members regarding any matter on the agenda not scheduled for a Public Hearing:

- *Kimberlee Goheen Elbon, La Center, WA*

- *Matthew Trevino, Vancouver*

There being no further testimony, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle closed Community Communication.

Consent Agenda

The following items will be passed by a single motion to approve all listed actions and resolutions. There will be no discussion on these items unless requested by Council. If discussion is requested, the item will be moved from the Consent Agenda and considered separately – after the motion has been made and passed to approve the remaining items.

Council pulled item 2 for discussion.

Motion by Councilmember Hansen, seconded by Councilmember Perez, and Yes: 7, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Items 1, 3, 4 and 5 on the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Stober, and Yes: 7, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Item 2 on the Consent Agenda.

1. Construction Acceptance - E-Interceptor Phase 1 and 2 Cured In Place Pipe Rehabilitation

Staff Report: 008-25

Request: On Monday, January 13, 2025, accept the facilities as constructed by SAK Construction LLC of O'Fallon, Missouri, and authorize release of the retainage bond subject to receipt of all documentation required by law.

Sheryl Hale, Senior Engineering Supervisor,
sheryl.hale@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

2. Memorandum of Agreement - Vancouver Farmers Market Association and the City of Vancouver

Staff Report: 002-25

Request: On Monday, January 13, 2025, authorize the City Manager, or designee, to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the Vancouver Farmer's Market for use of portions of Esther and 8th Streets for operation of the Market for 2025-2029.

Chris Harder, Deputy Economic Development Director ,
chris.harder@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

3. Resolution to Establish Heights Business Improvement Area

A RESOLUTION under RCW 35.87A.040 expressing an intention to establish the Heights Business Improvement Area (Heights BIA).

Staff Report: 009-25

Request: On Monday, January 13, 2025, approve the resolution to establish a Business Improvement Area to be known as the Heights Business Improvement Area.

Amy Stewart, Real Estate Project Manager,
amy.stewart@cityofvancouver.us

Motion adopted Resolution M-4321 to approve the request.

4. Appointment of Interim City Attorney

Request: On Monday, January 13, 2025, appoint Nena Cook as the Interim City Attorney.

Lon Pluckhahn, City Manager

Motion approved the request.

5. Approval of Claim Vouchers

Request: Approve claim vouchers for January 13, 2025.

Motion approved claim vouchers in the amount of \$3,755,411.23.

Public Hearings

The following item(s) are scheduled for public hearing. Members of the public addressing Council are requested to give their name and city of residence for the audio record. Unless otherwise announced by the Presiding Officer, speakers are to limit their testimony to three minutes for each public hearing.

6. Ordinance Establishing a Construction Sales Tax Deferral Program

AN ORDINANCE adopting a Construction Sales and Use Tax Deferral Program under chapter 82.92 RCW; enacting new section VMC 5.98.070; and providing for

severability and an effective date.

Staff Report: 005-25

Request: On Monday, January 13, 2025, approve the ordinance for the creation of a new affordable housing incentive program.

Bryan Monroe, Associate Housing Project Coordinator, Patrick Quinton, Economic Development Director, bryan.monroe@cityofvancouver.us, patrick.quinton@cityofvancouver.us

Bryan Monroe, Associate Housing Project Coordinator, provided an overview of the Ordinance Establishing a Construction Sales Tax Deferral Program.

Council discussed the item briefly with staff.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened the public hearing and received testimony from the following community members:

- *Kimberlee Goheen Elbon, La Center, WA*

There being no further testimony, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Perez, and Yes: 7, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Ordinance M-4493.

7. Condemnation Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE relating to redevelopment of the Heights District, transportation and streets and sidewalks, public plazas, public parks and associated public uses; declaring the public necessity for and providing for the acquisition by the City of Vancouver by eminent domain of a portion of an easement across real property located at 5411 E Mill Plain Blvd, Vancouver, WA 98661, for purposes of constructing street improvements, public plazas, and other redevelopment within the City of Vancouver, Washington; authorizing the City Attorney to prosecute eminent domain proceedings and to stipulate in mitigation of damages; providing for payment for such easement; and providing for an immediate effective date.

Staff Report: 006-25

Request: On Monday January 13, 2024, adopt the ordinance to acquire by eminent domain a portion of an easement across real property located at 5411 E Mill Plain Blvd for the purposes of constructing public improvements related to the redevelopment of the Heights District.

Amy Stewart, Real Estate Project Manager, Sara Baynard-Cooke, Assistant City Attorney, amy.stewart@cityofvancouver.us, Sara.Baynard-Cooke@cityofvancouver.us

Patrick Quinton, Economic Development Director, provided an overview of the Condemnation Ordinance.

Council discussed the item briefly with staff.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened the public hearing and received testimony from the following community members:

- *Kimberlee Goheen Elbon, La Center, WA*

There being no further testimony, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Paulsen, and Yes: 7, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Ordinance M-4494.

Communications

A. From the Council

B. From the Mayor

C. From the City Manager

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle administered the Oath of Office to Nena Cook to allow her to fully discharge the duties of Interim City Attorney for the City of Vancouver.

Adjournment

7:56 p.m.

DocuSigned by:

Anne McEnerny-Ogle

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Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor

Attest:

DocuSigned by:

Natasha Ramras

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Natasha Ramras, City Clerk

The written comments below are those of the submitter alone and are not representative of the views of CVTV or the City of Vancouver, its elected or appointed officials, or its employees.

From: [James Wu](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Comment for City Council Meeting Jan 13
Date: Monday, January 13, 2025 8:07:53 AM

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- This is in regards to the Downtown Access, Mobility and Parking Plan
- Eliminating the parking Minimum is a good thing, as this reduces the wasted space created by underutilized parking and allows the space to be used for more businesses or other things.
- The option to park once and walk to several destinations requires density, which requires less parking spaces that cause additional walking time to accommodate for parking spaces. This means that the option to park once and walk to several destinations is directly in opposition of the goal of being able to park at the destination.
- Instead efforts should be made to reduce parking availability, given that we aren't even at full capacity yet, and instead focus on improving transit reliability and transit options should be given so that people can travel to their destination in other ways.
- There is not an immediate need to reduce parking time as the parking capacity isn't being all used, people already have the option to park farther away and walk a bit to reach their destination, and this is in direct conflict with the goal to have people only park once
- Improving transit should reduce the need to have as many parking spaces, and would serve to improve accessibility to disabled people and people with low income.
- Given the parking spaces are not close to full as per the report, any efforts to expand parking should not be taken seriously as people should be able to find a parking spot
- This viewpoint is given by someone who does regularly drive to downtown Vancouver on the weekends and I do need to circle a bit to find parking, however I am prioritizing the experience once getting out of the car as this will increase the demand and prosperity of downtown

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[James Wu](#)



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From: [PETER BRACCHI](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: City Council 1/13/24 Acting City Attorney Advises not to Report misdemeanor Crimes such as 8.22.040 (B)
Date: Thursday, January 9, 2025 9:23:33 AM
Attachments: [PeterBracchi-1.png](#)
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[image003.png](#)

Dear Council Members,

I have been Advised by Nena Cook I do not need to report Misdemeanor Crimes such as a violation of 8.22.040 (B)

Why does the City not care about Environmental protection for the Growth Management Act Critical Area along 303d Fecal coliform Polluted Burnt Bridge Creek?

Is there other Crimes/Misdemeanor acts the City would like to advise the Public Not Report?

I tried to report a Misdemeanor Crime and was told I do not need to "Report area for Cleaning"



Begin forwarded message:

From: "Cook, Nena" <Nena.Cook@cityofvancouver.us>
Subject: RE: 8.22.040 Unlawful camping and outside habitation - Camp within 200 of Burnt Bride Creek
Date: January 6, 2025 at 11:56:32 AM PST
To: PETER BRACCHI <peterbracchi@aol.com>

Peter,
With the new year, I would like to again ask you to direct all your non-emergency inquiries to me so I can get them to the right group to address your questions. By routing all your requests/questions through me, the City can better streamline its response, and manage its resources in a way that serves you and all members of our community. When you send an email to "Office of the City Manager," they simply forward the request to me to take appropriate action. When you send an email to VanPD and copy City Manager and VPD, there can be confusion about who is responding to what. Sending emails to multiple groups actually delays any response you might receive from the City. You should also be aware that the HART team already monitors the 200 ft buffer area along BBC trail, so there is no need for you to report those areas for cleaning.

If you need a quicker response than the HART team can provide, please call 311 and request an officer response through dispatch. If you have an emergency, please call 911. Otherwise, please send all your requests to me. Thank you.

Nena Cook | Acting City Attorney



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From: PETER BRACCHI <peterbracchi@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, January 3, 2025 2:08 PM
To: VANPD <vanpd@cityofvancouver.us>
Cc: HART Team <hartteam@cityofvancouver.us>; City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager <cmo@cityofvancouver.us>
Subject: 8.22.040 Unlawful camping and outside habitation - Camp within 200 of Burnt Bride Creek

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I like to report the Following Violation of Habitation within 200 feet of Burnt Bridge Creek. GPS coordinates and Link to Google Maps
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/SXECfPsXotauBHbj9>

[45.633938 -122.597853](tel:45.633938-122.597853)

East Side of Andersen Rd. See Red Arrow on the Map for Location

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