



Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor
Bart Hansen · Ty Stober · Linda Glover
Laurie Lebowsky · Erik Paulsen · Sarah J. Fox

October 11, 2021 - Vancouver City Council Meeting Minutes

WORKSHOPS

Workshops were conducted remotely over video conference utilizing a GoToMeeting platform. Members of the public were invited to view the meeting 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, or listen via the GoToMeeting conference call.

Councilmember Fox was absent from workshops.

4:30-5:00 p.m. Washington State Redistricting Update

Brian Enslow, Arbutus Consulting; Aaron Lande, Policy and Program Manager, 360-487-8612

Summary

The City's governmental affairs liaison for the State of Washington provided Council with an overview of the ongoing legislative redistricting process.

5:00-6:00 p.m. Community Task Force on Policing Update

Tanya Gray, Performance Analyst, 360-487-8465

Summary

Staff provided Council with a final report of the work of the Community Task Force on Policing.

COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA MEETING

This meeting was conducted remotely over video conference utilizing a GoToMeeting platform. Members of the public were invited to view the meeting 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 via the GoToMeeting conference call.

Call to Order and Roll Call

The consent agenda meeting of the Vancouver City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor McEnerny-Ogle. This meeting was conducted remotely over video conference.

Present: Councilmembers Paulsen, Lebowsky Glover, Stober, Hansen, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle

Absent: Councilmember Fox

Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, seconded by Councilmember Hansen, and carried unanimously to excuse Councilmember Fox.

Proclamations

Indigenous Peoples' Day

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read and presented a proclamation to Rosalba Pitkin, Clark College Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and Dianne Manden, representing the Indigenous community, proclaiming the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read and presented a proclamation to Don Stose, board chair, Susan Stearns, CEO, and Mary Sullivan, all representing the Pink Lemonade Project, proclaiming October 2021 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Community Communication (Items 1-5)

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened Community Communication and, receiving no testimony, closed Community Communication.

Consent Agenda (Items 1-5)

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Glover, and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

1. **4th Plain Water Transmission Main and Port PS Pressure Sewer Bypass (ITB 21-14) - Final Construction Acceptance and Release of Retainage**

Staff Report 150-21

Nutter Corporation, of Vancouver, Washington, has completed 1,473 linear feet of 24-inch diameter ductile iron water main in a section of West 4th Plain that is also identified as State Route 501, between West 26th Avenue and Mill Plain Boulevard. This project is part of the City of Vancouver's 2015 Comprehensive Water System Plan and necessary to convey additional water west to supplement future growth within the Port of Vancouver and surrounding areas. In addition, an 8-inch diameter pressure sewer main approximately 75 feet long was incorporated in the scope of this project to provide a temporary bypass that will facilitate future upgrades of the Port Sewer Pump Station. The utility work was completed in advance of a paving project by the State to repave State Route 501.

The work was completed satisfactorily in accordance with the plans and specifications. Contract costs are summarized below:

TOTAL CONTRACT COSTS	
<i>Labor, Equipment and Material</i>	<i>\$905,189.76</i>
<i>Sales Tax</i>	<i>\$76,941.13</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$982,130.89</i>
<i>Retainage</i>	<i>\$45,259.49</i>

The original contract amount for this project was \$845,460.22.

Final costs for construction of the water transmission main and sewer bypass are \$982,130.89, which is \$136,670.67 (16%) higher than the original contracted amount. The difference between the original and final amounts can be attributed to unforeseen utility crossing conflicts and additional materials used to reconstruct the road which was found in worse condition than expected once opened up.

Nutter Corporation met the 3% Apprenticeship Utilization goal with at 3.1% apprentice utilization.

Request: On October 11, 2021, accept the facilities as constructed by

Nutter Corporation, of Vancouver, Washington, and authorize release of retainage in the amount of \$45,259.49, subject to receipt of all documentation required by law.

Michelle Henry, Senior Civil Engineer, 360-487-7155

Motion approved the request.

2. Continued use of Washington State contract for purchase of network equipment, software, and services from PC Specialists dba Technology Integration Group

Staff Report 151-21

The City had used Washington State contract #01114 to purchase network equipment such as firewalls, security appliances, network switches, wireless access points and network-related software and services.

WA State contract #01114 for data communications has expired. The City is requesting authorization to cooperatively purchase from the new State data communications contract, Washington State contract #05819, up to the Council-approved budgeted amount for these commodities through the end of the contract, which is 9/30/2024, and into any extended period negotiated by the State of Washington.

Request: Authorize the City Manager or their designee to approve purchases under Washington State contract #05819 for the life of the contract with PC Specialists dba Technology Integration Group.

Scott Cooley, IT Application Services Manager, 360-487-7664

Motion approved the request.

3. Continued use of Washington State Contract #08215 for IT Temporary Staffing Services

Staff Report 152-21

The City uses Washington State contract #08215 to purchase IT staff augmentation services. The contract allows IT to provide technology staffing augmentation for relatively short-term projects or to quickly backfill vacancies until a permanent hire can be made.

The City is requesting authorization to continue to use the contract to

purchase up to the Council-approved budgeted amount for these services through the end of the contract, which is 1/31/2026, and into any extended period negotiated by the State of Washington.

The City is approaching the approved amount per City procurement policies in 2021 and requests authority to continue to purchase using this contract up to the amounts approved by Council in the City's budget process.

Request: Authorize the City Manager or their designee to execute an amendment to Washington State contract #08215 with TEKsystems, Inc. dba Allegis Group Holdings, Inc.

Scott Cooley, IT Application Services Manager, 360-487-7664

Motion approved the request.

4. Appointments to the Transportation and Mobility Commission

The Transportation and Mobility Commission is an 11-member commission that provides advice to Vancouver City Council, the City Manager and City staff on a variety of transportation and mobility-related projects, programs and policies. It also provides ongoing feedback and guidance on development of citywide transportation policy through the update of the city's Transportation System Plan.

Council Committees 1 & 2 recently interviewed ten candidates for four full-term positions, representing four separate categories of seats. They recommend the appointment of Connor Godsil to the youth category, with a term beginning immediately and expiring Oct. 6, 2022; the appointment of Alex Hubert to the driving category, with a term beginning immediately and expiring Oct. 6, 2024; and the appointment of Jeananne Edwards to the at-large category, with a term beginning immediately and expiring Oct. 6, 2024.

Request: Appoint Connor Godsil to the youth category of TMC with a term beginning immediately and expiring Oct. 6, 2022; appoint of Alex Hubert to the driving category of TMC, with a term beginning immediately and expiring Oct. 6, 2024; and appoint of Jeananne Edwards to the at-large category of TMC, with a term beginning immediately and expiring Oct. 6, 2024.

Council Committees 1 and 2

Motion approved the request.

5. **Approval of Claim Vouchers**

Request: Approve claim vouchers for October 11, 2021.

Motion approved claim vouchers for October 11, 2021, in the amount of \$3,429,483.34

Community Forum

Mayor McEnerney-Ogle opened the Community Forum and received the following testimony:

- Shareefah Hoover, Vancouver, expressed concerns that the Community Task Force on Policing concluded its work with a number of recommendations from the Police Executive Research Forum still outstanding. She also expressed concerns that the current police camera program proposal is not strong enough.
- Cathryn Chudy, Vancouver, urged the Council to do all it can to stop fossil fuel expansion and ensure development permits do not allow for removal of the mature tree canopy. She also spoke regarding the importance of implementing strong climate policies in support of Indigenous peoples.
- Don Steinke, Vancouver, urged the City to enact policies to steer property owners away from gas heating equipment as soon as possible and look for energy waste cutting measures in commercial properties.
- Alona Steinke, Vancouver, urged the City to speed up the permitting process for rooftop solar power to more quickly address emissions reductions.
- Teresa Hardy, Vancouver, expressed concerns about a lack of clarity about how much of the forested area on the Vancouver Innovation Center site will be preserved when the land is developed.
- Wynn Grcich, Vancouver, expressed concerns about the COVID-19 vaccine and state and federal mandates.
- Laurel Pascual, Vancouver, expressed concerns about the COVID-19 vaccine and state and federal mandates.
- Keith Smith, Tigard, Oregon, expressed concerns about the COVID-19

vaccine and state and federal mandates.

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

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle recognized the attendance of Cub Scouts from Pack 95. Lucy Molinari spoke on behalf of the group.

Adjournment

7:08 p.m.

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Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor

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Natasha Ramras, City Clerk

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To: Vancouver City Council and Staff
Citizen Forum/October 11, 2021/Cathryn Chudy

First, I want to acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of Chinook and Klickitat Nations.

Second, today is a good day to share with you:

A recent [report](#) by Indigenous Environmental Network, or IEN, and Oil Change International, or OCI, found that Indigenous-led resistance to 21 fossil fuel projects in the U.S. and Canada over the past decade has stopped or delayed an amount of greenhouse gas pollution equivalent to at least one-quarter of annual U.S. and Canadian emissions.

Dallas Goldtooth, an organizer with IEN, had this to say in a recent [article](#) about the report: “In the face of criminalization and demonization of those fighting to move beyond fossil fuel use, Indigenous resistance can show us a way out... From an Indigenous perspective, when we are confronting the climate crisis we are inherently confronting the systems of colonization and white supremacy as well... In order to do that, you have to reevaluate how you relate to the world around you and define what your obligations are to the world around you. It’s more than just stopping fracking development and pipelines and it’s more than just developing clean energy, it’s about actually fundamentally changing how we see the world itself.”

The name of the report is: “Indigenous Resistance Against Carbon”

From the Executive Summary of this report:

“Our aim is two-fold: First, that Indigenous land defenders are emboldened to see the collective results of their efforts and utilize this information as a resource to garner further support. Second, that settler nation-state representatives, organizations, institutions, and individuals recognize the impact of Indigenous leadership in confronting climate chaos and its primary drivers. We hope that such settlers, allies or not, come to stand with Indigenous Peoples and honor the inherent rights of the first peoples of Turtle Island — the land currently called North America — by implementing clear policies and procedures grounded in Free, Prior and Informed Consent, and by ending fossil fuel expansion once and for all.”

And from Winona LaDuke, Executive Director of Honor the Earth:

“Approaching this day for uplifting Indigenous peoples, here's a suggestion. It's time to end conquest and begin survival. Code Red for the environment means that we need to move away from fossil fuels and to organic agriculture, and to local and efficient energy. Fortunately, tribal nations are leading the way in the north. It's time to quit acting like Columbus.”

Here on the traditional territory of Chinook and Klickitat Nations, if we are serious about fundamentally changing how we see the world itself, we can stop fossil fuel expansion and make sure that development permits no longer remove any of our protective mature tree canopy.

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Hello, my name is Don Steinke. Please interrupt me if my volume needs to be higher.

On Sept 30 the Washington State Building Code Council voted to move forward with a proposed code amendment to require that all water heating and space heating in new construction be done with electric heat pumps instead of gas. The same requirement would apply whenever a permit was needed for the replacement of heating systems in existing buildings.

That amendment will soon be put out for public comment. If they eventually approve that code amendment, the change would not be effective before 2023.

Because of the Climate Commitment Act, new gas heating equipment will become stranded assets.

Instead of waiting for 2023, I suggest that you will be doing property owners and tenants a favor by steering them away from equipment that will be obsolete before it is paid for. If that building code proposal is passed, that will help with our Climate Action work in Vancouver.

Friends of the fossil gas industry like to say, we need gas in the event we have a power failure. However, pipes for fossil gas to new buildings are not our only option during a power outage. Other options include distributed energy resources such as solar on all roof tops, and aggregated batteries from electric school buses and electric cars.

The cost of solar falls about 40% every time the number of panels installed is doubled, and the cost of batteries falls 18% every time the number made is doubled.

I also attended the public hearing of the Northwest Power and Conservation Council last week. Alona and Cathryn did as well.

The Northwest Power and Conservation Council is a quasi-federal agency charged with making guidance for utilities as they plan for the future.

Their new draft plan did not include new gas or nuclear. It did include 3 ½ gigawatts of renewables, by 2027. That's like 3 ½ Bonneville Dams.

A common theme among those who testified is that both the efficiency and the renewable targets were too low. In terms of efficiency, the low hanging fruit keeps growing back with new construction because the owners of commercial properties have no incentive to invest in energy efficiency.

Energy efficiency makes everything else easier. Very few people notice energy waste in commercial buildings. For fifty years, I've pointed out energy waste in commercial

properties to my wife. She always says, "Don't tell me. I can't do anything about it."

I encourage councilmembers and staff to look for energy waste. Begin with the downtown library on a hot August afternoon. We burn a lot of fossil fuels for electricity on days like that.

Good evening. My name is Alona Steinke. I'm a registered nurse, retired after a 43 year career. I'm a member of both Oregon and Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility.

We appreciate being able to participate in your stakeholder roundtable discussions regarding your climate action plan. We've been asked by the public: How will utilities be able to provide all of the energy required to replace fossil fuels?

No one resource can do the job. We need multiple resources. The leading ideas today are overbuild wind, solar and energy storage.

Not only are the costs of wind and solar less than the cost of coal by wire, they are cheaper than hydro from BPA. We believe that overbuilding solar is the key. Already, Californians produce so much solar energy that we can sometimes buy it from them at no cost. California now requires all new construction to have rooftop solar.

The cost of energy from BPA and our power plant is only about 1/3 of our electricity. The cost of distribution systems makes up the rest.

Although rooftop solar is more expensive than utility scale solar, it can save on local distribution costs, and combined with energy storage can provide reliability during an outage.

There are many kinds of energy storage, both short and long-term. They will help with resource adequacy.

People also ask, "how will we pay for the clean energy transition?" House Bill 1091, the Clean fuels Plan, has been codified into the RCWs and rule-making has begun. That bill and the Climate Commitment Act will help us meet our emissions reduction targets. Both of those bills are similar to a cap and trade program. They will raise revenue to be ear-marked for emissions reducing projects, such as transit, complete streets and electric vehicle infrastructure.

Clark Public Utilities probably has the most critical role to play in the clean energy transition. By 2030, we need them to provide half the energy needed for transportation and half the energy needed for buildings in order to meet our common goals. That energy will be in the form of electricity rather than fossil gasoline or fossil gas. That is a tall order. Twice a month for the last 3 years, we've been urging them to prepare for the future.

Change comes more slowly than we think it should, and then it happens more quickly than we thought it could.

The only suggestion I have for the Council right now is to speed up the permitting process for rooftop solar and to do more, faster, in terms of emissions reduction.