

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Vancouver City Hall – Council Chambers – 415 W. 6th Street
PO Box 1995 – Vancouver, Washington 98668-1995

www.cityofvancouver.us

Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor

Bart Hansen • Bill Turlay • Alishia Topper • Ty Stober • Linda Glover • Laurie Lebowsky

October 8, 2018

WORKSHOPS

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

All present

4:00-4:30 p.m. Downtown Business Improvement Area Update

***Presenters: Teresa Brum, Economic Development Division Manager, 487-7948;
John Collum, Principal Planner, 487-7956***

Staff provided Council with an update on the efforts to design a framework for a potential Vancouver Downtown Improvement Area.

4:30-5:00 p.m. Fourth Plain Forward Update

Presenters: Rebecca Kennedy, Long Range Planning Manager, 487-7896; Andrea Pastor, Associate Economic Development Planner, 487-7947

Staff provided Council with an update on implementation of the Fourth Plain Forward initiative.

5:00-6:00 p.m. Human Service Facilities Siting Ordinance Update

***Presenters: Chad Eiken, Community & Economic Development Director, 487-7882;
Jonathan Young, Deputy City Attorney***

Staff provided Council with an update on options related to potential amendments to the City's Human Service Facilities Siting ordinance.

COUNCIL DINNER/ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES (6-7 PM)

Vancouver City Hall – Birch Conference Room

COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA MEETING

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order and Roll Call

The consent meeting of the Vancouver City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Anne McEnerny-Ogle in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 415 W. 6th Street, Vancouver, Washington.

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

Absent: None

Proclamation: Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read and presented a proclamation Cyndi Holloway, representing Waste Connections Inc., Sherri McMillan, representing Why Racing, and Don Stose, Mayor of Ridgefield and representing the Pink Lemonade Project, proclaiming October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Vancouver.

Citizen Communication (Items 1-2)

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

Consent Agenda (Items 1-2)

Motion by Councilmember Lebowsky, seconded by Councilmember Turlay, and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

1. **Arnada Park Right-of-Way Vacation**
Staff Report 149-18

A RESOLUTION fixing November 5, 2018 as the date for a public hearing on a proposal to vacate a portion of public rights-of-way associated with E 24th Street and H Street located within the current boundaries of Arnada Park. The right-of-way is located within the Southeast Quarter of Section 22, Township 2 North, Range 1 East, Willamette Meridian.

AN ORDINANCE vacating a portion of public rights-of-way associated with E 24th Street and H Street located within the current boundaries of Arnada Park. The right-of-way is located within the Southeast Quarter of Section 22, Township 2 North, Range 1 East, Willamette Meridian, City of Vancouver, Clark County, Washington; providing for an effective date.

Mayor Pro Tem Hansen read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Summary

City of Vancouver staff is requesting approval to vacate the right-of-way associated with the north half of E. 24th Street and east half of H Street, all which is located within the current boundaries of Arnada Park. The right-of-way is located within the Southeast Quarter of Section 22, Township 2 North, Range 1 East, Willamette Meridian.

Historically, the subject rights-of-way were part of the overall City of Vancouver downtown street grid. When Interstate 5 was constructed in the 1960s, some of the nearby properties and rights-of-way were acquired by WSDOT to accommodate the construction of the Fourth Plain Blvd interchange. After construction of the interstate was completed, Arnada Park was unused rights-of-way; there is no record of the City having constructed any public street improvements within the subject right-of-way area. The City of Vancouver now wishes to vacate the rights-of-way to create a clear designation of property ownership to correspond to the property use as a public park.

The rights-of-way to be vacated do not provide public street access to any adjacent private properties. Staff has reviewed the City's Transportation Systems Plan and determined there is no future need for these rights-of-way. Therefore, vacation of these rights-of-way will have no adverse impact on the City's transportation assets.

Staff has contacted all utility owners with facilities potentially located within the subject area. The City of Vancouver has utilities within the area of the proposed vacation, including a domestic water main, a storm water main, and associated appurtenances. The private utility owners have indicated there are no private utilities within the subject area. The City will retain a public utility easement under and over the entire vacated area for the construction, repair and maintenance of all public utilities and services. Pursuant to VMC 11.05.130, the property associated with a vacated street shall belong to the abutting property owners, one-half to each. The half-widths of right-of-way being vacated abut property currently owned by the City of Vancouver.

RCW 35.79.030 provides for, but does not require, the City to collect compensation for the value of public right-of-way that is vacated. As previously noted, prior to construction of I-5 the subject rights-of-way were part of the overall City of Vancouver downtown street grid. The rights-of-way were then converted to a public park after the completion of the interstate. The City has not constructed any street improvements within the proposed right-of-way. Based on these circumstances, staff recommends that no compensation be required for the vacated right-of-way.

Request: On October 8, 2018, adopt a resolution of intent and approve ordinance on first reading to vacate portions of street rights-of-way associated with E 24th Street and H Street situated within the current boundaries of Arnada Park, located within the Southeast Quarter of Section 22,

Township 2 North, Range 1 East, Willamette Meridian, setting the date of public hearing for Monday, November 5, 2018.

Eric Hahn, Senior Civil Engineer, 487-7702; Ryan Lopossa, Streets & Transportation Manager, 487-7706.

Motion adopted Resolution of Intent M-3981, setting date of public hearing for Monday, November 5, 2018.

2. Approval of Claim Vouchers

Request: Approve claim vouchers for October 8, 2018

(Copy available upon request.)

Motion approved claim vouchers for October 8, 2018, in the amount of \$10,694,905.81.

Citizen Forum

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened the Citizen Forum and received the following testimony:

- Carmen McKibben, representing SW WA Communities United for Change, expressed concerns about recent incidents of violence towards local people of color, and urged the Council to take a leadership role in denouncing and preventing such actions, as well as providing opportunities and political support for members of Vancouver's communities of color to fill leadership roles in the community.
- Ashley Giha, Vancouver, representing The Noble Foundation, expressed concerns about recent incidents of violence towards local people of color, and urged the Council to take a leadership role in denouncing and preventing such actions.
- Sarah Chivers, Vancouver, representing The Noble Foundation, expressed concerns about recent incidents of violence towards local people of color, and urged the Council to take a leadership role in denouncing and preventing such actions and the organized groups that initiate them.
- Ophelia Noble, executive director of The Noble Foundation, expressed concerns about recent incidents of violence towards local people of color, and urged the Council to take a leadership role in denouncing and preventing such actions, as well as committing to ensuring all communities are considered when making policy decisions.
- Karen Morrison, Vancouver, representing Odyssey World International Education Services, stated her intention to testify to the Council on behalf of residents who may be afraid to speak up. She stated she hopes to work with the Council to make the

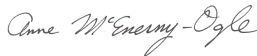
needs of vulnerable communities known. She highlighted a new draft regulation proposed by the federal government that would negatively impact people attempting to legally immigrate to the United States.

- Joe Sasmillen, Vancouver, expressed concerns about his water utility bill and the fact that he lives in outside of the city limits but must be connected to the city utility for service.
- Heidi Owens, Vancouver, expressed concerns about provisions outlined in amendments to the City's Human Service Facilities Siting ordinance.
- Fred Meurer, Vancouver, expressed concerns about commercial signs posted in the right-of-way.

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

Adjournment

7:11 p.m.

DocuSigned by:

58CB15C0632F403...
Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor

Attest:

DocuSigned by:

661339AB277E439...
Natasha Ramras, City Clerk
By: Carrie Lewellen, Deputy City Clerk

Meetings of the Vancouver City Council are electronically recorded on audio and videotapes. The audio tapes are kept on file in the office of the City Clerk for a period of six years.