



City Council Meeting Minutes

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

March 16, 2026

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

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

The City Council Meeting was held on 3/16/2026 at 4:30 PM in the Vancouver City Hall, Aspen Room 415 West 6th Street, Vancouver, WA 98660.

Workshops were conducted in person in the Aspen Room 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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Community Forum Format (Approximately 30 minutes)

Joy Fowler, Engagement and Access Director, Joy.Fowler@cityofvancouver.us

Staff led Council through a discussion of the Community Forum Format.

Councilmembers Hansen, Stober and Paulsen were absent from the workshop.

Comprehensive Plan Update (Approximately 1 hour, to immediately follow the previous workshop)

Rebecca Kennedy, Deputy Community Development Director, Dominique Martinelli, Senior Planner, rebecca.kennedy@cityofvancouver.us, dominique.martinelli@cityofvancouver.us

Staff led Council through a discussion of the Comprehensive Plan Update.

Councilmembers Hansen, Stober and Paulsen were absent from the workshop.

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

Regular Council Meeting

6:30 PM

Vancouver City Hall - Aspen Room - 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 CTVV 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 McEnery-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, Mayor McEnery-Ogle

Absent: Councilmember Paulsen, Councilmember Stober, Councilmember Hansen

Motion by Councilmember Harless, seconded by Councilmember Perez, and Yes: 4, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to excuse Councilmembers Hansen, Stober and Paulsen's absence. Absent from vote: Councilmember Paulsen, Councilmember Stober, Councilmember Hansen.

Proclamations

American Red Cross Month

Mayor McEnery-Ogle read and presented a proclamation to Shelly Kroll, Board Member of Red Cross SW Region, proclaiming March 2026, as American Red Cross Month.

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

Mayor McEnery-Ogle read and presented a proclamation to Angela Gomez, Clark County Developmental Disabilities, and Heather Bartholomew, Executive Director of Stephen's Place, proclaiming March 2026, as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

Women's History Month

Mayor McEnery-Ogle read and presented a proclamation to Tracy Reilly Kelly, Clark County League of Women Voters Historian, and Sally Hale, Chair, Communications of League of Women Voters of Clark County, proclaiming March 2026, as Women's History Month.

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

- *Daniel Woods, Vancouver*

There being no further testimony, Mayor McEnery-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 items 21 and 22 for discussion.

Motion by Councilmember Perez, seconded by Councilmember Harless, and Yes: 4, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Items 1–20, and 23 on the Consent Agenda. Absent from vote: Councilmember Paulsen, Councilmember Stober, Councilmember Hansen.

Motion by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Harless, and Yes: 4, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Item 21 on the Consent Agenda. Absent from vote: Councilmember Paulsen, Councilmember Stober, Councilmember Hansen.

Motion by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Perez, and Yes: 4, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Item 22 on the Consent Agenda. Absent from vote: Councilmember Paulsen, Councilmember Stober, Councilmember Hansen.

1. Construction Acceptance - Pearson Pump Station Improvements

Staff Report: 046-26

Request: On Monday, March 16, 2026, accept the Pearson Pump Station Improvements Project and authorize release of bond, subject to receipt of all documentation required by law.

Sheryl Hale, Engineering Manager, sheryl.hale@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

2. Bid Award - NE 60th Street Sewer Improvements - ITB26-8

Staff Report: 047-26

Request: On Monday, March 16, 2026, award a construction contract for NE 60th Street Sewer Improvements Project to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Midway Underground of Toledo, WA, at their bid price of \$1,610,302.75, which includes Washington State sales tax, authorize the City Manager, or designee, to finalize and execute the contract and authorize any legal action necessary to enforce the terms of the same.

Sheryl Hale, Engineering Manager, sheryl.hale@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

3. Bid Award - NE 65th Ave Sanitary Sewer Upsize - ITB26-7

Staff Report: 048-26

Request: On Monday, March 16, 2026, award a construction contract for NE 65th Avenue Sanitary Sewer Upsize Project to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Nutter Corporation of Vancouver, Washington, at their bid price of \$1,757,188.54, which includes Washington State sales tax, and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to finalize and execute the contract and authorize any legal action necessary to enforce the terms of the same.

Sheryl Hale, Engineering Manager, sheryl.hale@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

4. Bid Award — City Hall Ground Source Heat Pump Well Relocation - ITB 26-05

Staff Report: 049-26

Request: On Monday, March 16, 2026, award a construction contract for City Hall Ground Source Heat Pump Well Relocation - ReBid Project to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Apex Mechanical of Battle Ground, WA, at their bid price of \$4,613,120, which includes Washington State sales tax, and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to finalize and execute the contract and authorize any legal action necessary to enforce the terms of the same.

Brian Taylor, Operations Superintendent,
brian.taylor@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

5. Bid Award — Airport Terminal Renovation — Evo Designs Enterprises LLC - ITB 26-02

Staff Report: 050-26

Request: On Monday, March 16th, 2026, in conjunction with accepting Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Grant No. 3-53-0139-022-2026 for Airport Terminal Renovation, authorize the City Manager, or designee, to finalize and execute a contract for up to \$658,240 with Evo Design Enterprises LLC for Construction of the Airport Terminal Renovation Project.

Meredith Fox, Airport Manager, meredith.fox@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

6. Bid Award — 2026 East Curb Ramps Project - ITB 26-12

Staff Report: 051-26

Request: On Monday, March 16, 2026, award a construction contract for the 2026 East Curb Ramps Project to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to finalize and execute a contract with Halme Excavating, Inc., Battle Ground, Washington at their bid price of \$344,074, which includes Washington State sales tax.

Chris Sneider, Senior Civil Engineer, chris.sneider@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

7. Bid Award — Fourth Plain Blvd. – Mill Plain to Main St. — National Highway System Resurfacing Project — ITB 26-11

Staff Report: 052-26

Request: On Monday, March 16, 2026, award a construction contract for the W Fourth Plain Blvd – Mill Plain to Main St - NHS Resurfacing Project to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Lakeside Industries, Vancouver, Washington, at their bid price of \$1,808,808, which includes Washington State sales tax, and authorize the City Manager or designee to finalize and execute the same.

Chris Sneider, Senior Civil Engineer, chris.sneider@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

8. Contract Amendment - 2025 Pavement Preservation Project (072825) for Pavement Preservation in 2026 (072826) - C-101976

Staff Report: 053-26

Request: On Monday, March 16, 2026, authorize the City Manager, or designee, to finalize and execute an amendment to the Doolittle Construction, LLC, Bellevue, WA construction contract for the 2025 Pavement Preservation Contract Amendment for street preservation project for one additional year for their adjusted bid price of \$3,781,479.50 for a total contract amount of \$6,894,479.50, which includes Washington State sales tax.

Chris Sneider, Senior Civil Engineer, chris.sneider@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

9. Contract Amendment - 2024 Joint Agency Slurry Seal Project Contract Amendment #2 - C-101617

Staff Report: 054-26

Request: On Monday, March 16, 2026, amend for the second time, the Blackline, Inc, of Vancouver, Washington construction contract for the 2024 Joint Agency Slurry Seal Project for asphalt sealing for one additional year for their adjusted bid price of \$405,250, which includes Washington State sales tax.

Chris Sneider, Senior Civil Engineer, chris.sneider@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

10. Contract Amendment — 1st Amendment to the Supply and Delivery of 5/8" through 2" Water Meters - C-101980

Staff Report: 055-26

Request: On Monday, March 16, 2026, authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute Amendment No. 1 to contract C-101980 between the City of Vancouver and HD Fowler Company Inc. to increase the contract's not-to-exceed amount by \$750,000, to a total of \$1,050,000.

Brian Wilson, Operations Superintendent,
Brian.E.Wilson@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

11. Contract Amendment — 1st Amendment to Supply and Delivery of Crushed Aggregate - C-101436

Staff Report: 056-26

Request: On Monday, March 16, 2026, authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute Amendment No. 1 to contract C-101436 between the City of Vancouver and Tapani Inc. and increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$700,000, to a total of \$1,000,000.

Brian Wilson, Operations Superintendent,
Brian.E.Wilson@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

12. Contract Amendment – Spending Limit Increase for Remittance Processing/Lockbox Services Agreement with Retail Lockbox Inc. - C-101009

Staff Report: 057-26

Request: On Monday, March 16, 2026, authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute Amendment No. (3) to contract C-101009 between the City of Vancouver and Retail Lockbox Inc. Increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$71,000 to a total of \$371,000.

Amy Sorenson, Utilities Administration Manager,
Amy.Sorenson@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

13. Contract Amendment — Increase in Contract Funding for Ergonomic Assessment and Early Intervention Services - C-101807

Staff Report: 058-26

Request: On Monday, March 16, 2026, authorize the City Manager, or designee, to finalize and execute an amendment to contract C-101807 with Work Right NW, to increase contract funding up to a maximum of \$1,170,000.

Brent Waddle, Risk and Safety Manager,
brent.waddle@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

14. Contract Amendment - Bridge Shelter Project - Scott Edwards Architecture - C-101824

Staff Report: 059-26

Request: On Monday, March 16, 2026, authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute Amendment No. 1 to contract C-101824 between the City of Vancouver and Scott Edwards Architecture. Increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$88,382 to a total of \$1,484,713.

John Kearns, Capital Projects Project Manager,
Kevin.Kearns@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

15. Contract Amendment — 4th Amendment for the New Public Works Operations Campus Project Bldgs H/J Foundations Maximum Allowable Construction Cost

Staff Report: 060-26

Request: On Monday, March 16, 2026, authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute Amendment No. 4 to the General Contractor Construction Manager agreement with Skanska USA Building Inc. of Portland, OR in the amount of \$239,226.

Jason Olson, Capital Projects Project Manager,
Jason.Olson@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

16. Professional Services Agreement — Business Planning, Master Planning and Engineering Design Services for the Vancouver Arts Hub – Phase 1

Staff Report: 061-26

Request: On Monday, March 16, 2026, authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute a professional services agreement between the City of Vancouver and Opsis Architecture for the Business Planning, Master Planning, and Architectural and Engineering Design Services for the Vancouver Arts Hub Phase 1 for an estimated amount not to exceed of \$411,793; authorize the City Manager to take any legal action necessary to enforce the terms of the same.

John Kearns, Capital Projects Project Manager,
Kevin.Kearns@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

17. Lease Agreement Amendment — Aero Maintenance Lease

Staff Report: 062-26

Request: On Monday, March 16, 2026, authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Lease Agreement for Fixed Based Operations at Pearson Field Airport between the City of Vancouver and Aero Maintenance, Inc.

Meredith Fox, Airport Manager, meredith.fox@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

18. Grant Award and Resolution — Airport Terminal Renovation Construction

A RESOLUTION authorizing the City of Vancouver to accept Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Infrastructure Grant No. 3-53-0139-022-2026 for the Construction and Inspection Services on the Airport Terminal Renovation Project at Pearson Field Airport.

Staff Report: 063-26

Request: On Monday, March 16, 2026, in conjunction with awarding the Airport Terminal Renovation bid to Evo Design Enterprises LLC, approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to accept Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Grant No. 3-53-0139-022-2026 for the Airport Terminal Renovation Project.

Meredith Fox, Airport Manager, meredith.fox@cityofvancouver.us

Motion adopted Resolution M-4375 to approve the request.

19. Resolution for Grant Funding of Master Plan - Washington State Department of Transportation Airport Aid Grant Application 2026

A RESOLUTION authorizing the City of Vancouver to apply for a Washington State Department of Transportation, (WSDOT) Aviation Division, Airport Aid grant to fund the Airport Master Plan & Airport Geographic Information System (AGIS) project at Pearson Field Airport.

Staff Report: 064-26

Request: On Monday, March 16, 2026, finalize and approve the resolution confirming that Pearson Field and the City of Vancouver have sufficient funds to match a 2.5% Washington State Department of Transportation Grant contribution towards the cost of updating Pearson Field's Master Plan.

Meredith Fox, Airport Manager, meredith.fox@cityofvancouver.us

Motion adopted Resolution M-4376 to approve the request.

20. Right-of-Way Telecommunications Franchise Ordinance Agreement for Fatbeam, LLC, a Washington Limited Liability Company

AN ORDINANCE relating to management of the public rights-of-way, granting to Fatbeam, LLC and its affiliates ("Grantee"), a Washington LLC (collectively "Parties"), a non-exclusive and revocable Franchise to install, operate and maintain a telecommunication system in, on, over, upon, along, and across Public Ways of the City of Vancouver, Washington ("City"), establishing certain rights, duties, terms, and conditions with respect to the Franchise; and setting an effective date and conditions. Grantee and City are sometimes collectively referred to as the "Parties."

Staff Report: 065-26

Request: On March 16, 2026, advance the ordinance on first reading, setting a date for second reading and public hearing on April 27, 2026.

Aaron Lande, Assistant City Manager, Cary Driskell, Assistant City Attorney, aaron.lande@cityofvancouver.us, cary.driskell@cityofvancouver.us

Mayor McEnery-Ogle read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Motion approved the request.

21. First Supplemental Budget

AN ORDINANCE relating to the 2025-26 Biennial Budget and making supplemental appropriations in various funds needed to meet certain necessary expenditures to be incurred in 2025-26 which were not and could not reasonably

have been foreseen at the time of adoption of the 2025-26 Budget; declaring an emergency and providing for an immediate effective date.

Staff Report: 066-26

Request: On Monday, March 16, 2026, advance the ordinance, setting the date for the second reading and public hearing for Monday, April 6, 2026.

Shannon Olsen, Budget Manager, shannon.olsen@cityofvancouver.us

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Motion approved the request.

22. Amendment to Downtown Redevelopment Authority Bylaws

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Vancouver relating to changes to the Bylaws of the Downtown Redevelopment Authority (“DRA”); adopting an amendment to Section 2.09 of the Bylaws clarifying the employment status of the Executive Director.

Staff Report: 038-26

Request: On Monday, March 16, 2026, advance the ordinance, setting the date for the second reading and public hearing for March 23, 2026.

Jeffrey Towery, Deputy City Manager, Jeff.Towery@cityofvancouver.us

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Motion approved the request.

23. Approval of the Claim Vouchers

Request: Approve claim vouchers for March 16, 2026.

Motion approved claim vouchers in the amount of \$21,934,579.59.

Communications

- A. From the Council**
- B. From the Mayor**
- C. From the City Manager**

Community Forum

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Mayor McEnery-Ogle opened the Community Forum and received testimony from the following community members regarding any matter:

- Teresa Lancaster, Vancouver
- Heidi Sackos, Vancouver

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

Adjournment

7:24 p.m.

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Anne McEnery-Ogle

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Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor

Attest:

Signed by:

Lisa Brandl

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Lisa Brandl, City Clerk

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Testimony – 3-16

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Subject: Written Public Comment 3/16

I am providing public comment on behalf of OWI Education Services:

March 16, 2026

Dear Vancouver City Council,

OWI Education Services is a Black-led, family-operated nonprofit based in Vancouver, Washington, dedicated to expanding equitable access to health, housing, and opportunity. We aim to collaboratively champion social justice with compassion while supporting marginalized communities affected by poverty and discrimination. We envision communities that are safe, inclusive, and compassionate, empowering marginalized individuals to forge equitable opportunities for themselves and their communities.

Our organization works directly with and for communities that are income-burdened and historically marginalized from civic and community engagement processes. We know firsthand that our vision will only become reality if we plan for it and build to make it happen. This means intentionally creating an environment that fosters inclusive community cohesion—social infrastructure designed to bring all community members together to take pride in their neighborhood and the spaces where they live, work, and play. We fully support the messages of the Comprehensive Plan Community Experience chapter, especially those recognizing that it is not enough to reduce barriers to encourage social connection—it also requires “culture-building, trust-building, and the intentional design of environments where historically excluded and marginalized communities can see themselves reflected, respected, and supported,” as stated in the chapter.

We also wish to draw attention to the importance of the clause on innovation. The way we have always done things has failed marginalized communities and contributed to uneven and inequitable development and participation in civic processes. As a nonprofit, our reach can only go so far. It is up to the municipality to develop innovative solutions to drive real

progress toward our shared vision of a thriving, safe, and just community where everyone, including marginalized communities, can flourish.

We applaud Rebecca Kennedy and her team's work to engage communities often excluded from these processes. The Community Experience chapter reflects what we have heard consistently from our community members, and we urge you to hold these perspectives closely as the plan is finalized.

Thank you for your time and commitment to building a prosperous Vancouver.

Sincerely,

OWI Education Services

Abby Hollopeter (she/her)

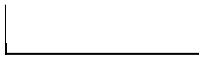
Community Impact Coordinator

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Testimony – 3-16

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March 16, 2026

Mayor Anne McEnerny-Ogle
Councilmember Bart Hansen
Councilmember Diana Perez
Councilmember Ty Stober
Councilmember Kim Harless
Councilmember Sarah Fox
Councilmember Eric Paulsen

Re: Proposed Ordinance Amending Bylaws of
the Vancouver Downtown Redevelopment Authority (#22)

Dear Mayor and Council:

Please accept this letter on behalf of the Vancouver Downtown Redevelopment Authority (“DRA”) as written comment responding to the Staff Report and Proposed Ordinance set for initial consideration tonight. I will not repeat the reasons outlined in my February 22, 2026, letter why the proposed course of action is imprudent. Council has also heard from two former City Attorneys why the proposed erosion of the DRA’s independence is ill-conceived. I sincerely hope that the City has consulted its retained bond counsel (Pacifica Law Group) to understand the ramifications of the proposed action. If not, it should do so before continuing down this course.

On March 2, 2026, this Council rightfully rejected the ordinance as proposed that would have completely transferred authority to select the DRA’s Executive Director to the City Manager. Councilor Stober astutely expressed his “struggle ... with current proposal to remove this entirely out of the DRA’s hands.” Unfortunately, the proposal now before the Council does little to give the Board the deserved flexibility to select the candidate *the Board* believes is best suited to serve in that role.

Much has been said about the history of the DRA Executive Director and the fact the position has been occupied primarily by a current employee of the City of Vancouver. The reality is only three persons currently employed by the City have held that role. Two of those individuals were the City’s then Chief Financial Officer: R. Lloyd Tyler and Natasha Ramras. The Board readily accepted that arrangement because *the Board* believed Mr. Tyler and Ms. Ramras were, at the time, the most qualified person to do the job.

The current ordinance limits the possibility of who could possibly serve as Executive Director. As the letter from President Robertson and Secretary/Treasurer aptly note, limiting the candidates who can serve as Executive Director to only at-will City employees narrows the

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candidate pool to possibly one candidate. It is an illusion to say the Board has a choice when the available option is singular.

If the City wants a say in the Executive Director selection, it absolutely can insist that *the Board's* selection is subject to the City Council's or City Manager's confirmation. But the current ordinance provides no such opportunity. It vests the initial decision within the City Manager, whose decision is then subject to approval by the DRA Board. Particularly when the ordinance specifies that the eligible candidates are so few, there is little for the Board to do except blindly accept the candidate as proposed by the City Manager. If the Board is presented with a menu of one, it is absurd to call the decision a choice.

What is more striking about the current proposal is that its passage is supported by misleading statements. The Staff Report states, **“A 2013 audit of PDAs by the State Auditor's Office cited a lack of oversight by sponsoring cities as a top concern for the State in monitoring the health and operations of established PDAs.”** A review of the source material confirms how misinforming this statement is. The referenced passage alluded to a few entities that had created public development authorities having zero involvement in the PDA's actions. The Auditor's recommendation to remedy this problem was to simply “[h]ave elected officials and/or staff from the creating entity attend audit exit and entrance conferences,” which would have the effect of ensuring “they will be aware of any audit issues we identify”:

Recommendations to entities that have created PDAs and PFDs

- Ensure PDA and PFD appointed officials receive training and guidance on what city, town or county laws are applicable. The Municipal Research and Services Center website has information specific to newly elected officials that may be useful. The links are:

For City and town - created PDAs and PFDs

<http://www.mrsc.org/subjects/governance/newcityo.aspx>

For County-created PDAs and PFDs

<http://www.mrsc.org/subjects/governance/newcounty.aspx>

- Ensure board members take an active role in monitoring PDA and PFD operations.
- **Have elected officials and/or staff from the creating entity attend audit exit and entrance conferences.** Our Office will be asking these individuals to attend these meetings so they will be aware of any audit issues we identify.
- Monitor the financial health of the PDAs and PFDs. Such monitoring should examine whether the creating entity has the debt capacity to handle any PDA or PFD financial difficulty and determine if/when financial support is needed.
- Inform the State Auditor's Office when a new entity is created.

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(Audit Report at p.8.) Not once in this report did the Auditor’s office hint that the “seven out of the state’s 64 PDAs and PFDs ... on the list of having reportable financial conditions” alter their governance to break the wall of independence between creating entity and public development authority. The report cited can be found here in its entirety: [Audit Report](#).

It goes without saying that the report is well over a decade old, and the Vancouver DRA has never been cited as evidencing financial concerns. To this end, the Council should heed its code:

The City Council and state auditor shall have no right, power or duty to supervise the daily operations of the authority, but shall oversee such operations only through their powers to audit, modify the Charter and bylaws and to remove board members all as set forth in this chapter, all for the sole purpose of correcting any deficiency and assuring that the purposes of the authority are reasonably accomplished.

VMC 2.73.230 (emphasis added). While the City Council certainly has the right to “modify the Charter and bylaws,” it can do so only to “correct[] any deficiency” and/or “assur[e] that the purposes of the authority are reasonably accomplished.” VMC 2.73.230. At no point has anyone from the City (or anywhere) identified “any deficiency” in DRA operations. And at no point has anyone accused the DRA of falling short of fulfilling “the purposes of the authority.”

On March 2, 2026, the Council conceded there is no “deficiency” or shortfall in “the purposes of authority” when its members identified the sole cited reason for this change: “a change of circumstance” as stated by Councilor Fox, which Councilor Paulsen clarified to mean an “adversarial” relationship stemmed by the DRA’s Executive Director “taking active legal action against City of Vancouver.”¹ Councilor Paulsen stated on March 2 that there was a need to determine which is the lesser evil: (a) the City’s liability should it refrain from interfering with the DRA’s desire to move forward with its current Executive Director, or (b) eroding the DRA’s independence and injecting direct City oversight into the DRA’s operations. Without question, the City faces much greater liability in the latter scenario. If the City supplies an Executive Director who mistakenly fails to honor the bond obligations, the City would then shoulder the liability for the \$37.75 million balance on the bonds.

I reiterate the DRA’s commitment to work collaboratively with the City in fulfilling the Authority’s duty to “oversee the activities of the corporate officers, establish and/or implement

¹ The City’s refusal to honor the DRA Board’s desire to continue with Ms. Ramras as Executive Director existed long before Ms. Ramras filed a tort claim challenging the lawfulness of her separation. Ms. Ramras was separated on January 15, 2026. The City was actively trying to prevent Ms. Ramras from continuing in her role as Executive Director long before February 13, 2026, the date the referenced claims were filed. Consequently, the City’s motivations in preventing Ms. Ramras from continuing to serve as Executive Director predate any “adversarial” relationship created by Ms. Ramras’s claim.

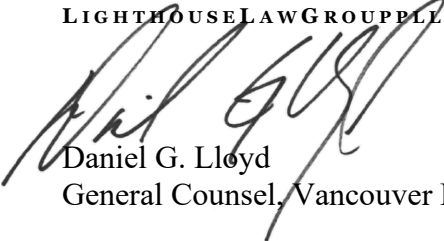
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policy, participate in corporate activity in matters prescribed by city ordinance, and ... have stewardship for management and determination of all corporate affairs” of the DRA. (DRA Charter, § 6.03.) Sadly, this ordinance undermines Section 6.03 of the Charter’s imposition on the Board to supervise the DRA Executive Director. (*Id.* § 6.03 (“*Subject to supervision by the Board of Directors, the Executive Director shall have primary responsibility for all matters involving day-to-day operations of the Authority and shall make recommendations to the Board of Directors on practices, policies and programs of the Authority.*”) (Emphasis added).

The Board remains open to constructive dialogue with City Leadership if the City is so willing. I strongly urge the Council to reject it in favor of what Councilors Stober and Hansen proposed on March 2, namely leaving the decision of who to appoint as Executive Director with the independent Board of Directors, subject to subsequent confirmation by the City Council and/or City Manager.

Very truly yours,

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General Counsel, Vancouver DRA

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Message

Hello!

I'm writing to share a concern regarding the Evergreen Heights Neighborhood Association. While some individuals from the association have been communicating with you and speaking about the rezoning efforts, they do not represent the full range of perspectives within our neighborhood.

Participation in the association has been limited primarily to those who agree with a particular viewpoint. Questions or differing opinions are often not acknowledged, which means many residents are not being included in the conversation. I was shushed for pointing out the opportunities we've all had to provide feedback for rezoning, for example.

I want to note that many people in Evergreen Heights do feel that the city has listened throughout the rezoning process, from the One Tower proposal to the current efforts to improve Vancouver for everyone. I support thoughtful growth that allows people of different incomes to live in neighborhoods like ours and that strengthens the area as a connector for the community as a whole.

For context, the current association representatives were selected by fewer than 30 people in a neighborhood with hundreds of residents and with no notification to the residents that a vote was happening. I hope the city will consider the broader range of voices that exist within Evergreen Heights when evaluating feedback from the neighborhood.

I do ask that you require future developers to include parking beyond means and rooftop green spaces with local/native plants to reduce the impact on the environment as we mow down old growth for housing developments. Parking beyond need would minimize the impact on neighborhoods nearby and greenery reduces heat from concrete and allows birds to continue cohabitation.

Thank you for the work you and the city are doing to thoughtfully improve Vancouver. If you ever need an additional, fact-based perspective from someone in the neighborhood, I would be happy to help.

Sincerely,

Allison Drake

Neighbor of Evergreen Heights, Secretary of the non-profit Vancouver Music Organization, and local Insurance Agent

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Greetings, please find attached a letter addressed to the Mayor and Vancouver City Council regarding the matter of the DRA. It would be our hope that you circulate the attached letter to each Council member before the meeting on Monday. Thank you in advance.

Thanks,

Kathleen



Downtown Redevelopment Authority

March 13, 2026

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council:

We send this letter as the two Board Member officers of Vancouver's Downtown Redevelopment Authority in response to the ordinance to be considered on March 16, 2026. The DRA appreciates the Council's continued attention to governance matters related to the conference center and hotel project. We share the Council's goal of ensuring that the DRA operates with transparency, accountability, and in the best interest of the community.

In response to Councilor Paulsen's statement on March 2 expressing a desire to "sit down with DRA Leadership," we have always been open to doing so. We remain so open.

We have reviewed the ordinance that will be considered at your March 16, 2026, meeting that seeks to amend Section 2.09 of the DRA's bylaws. We have serious concerns over the approach that is proposed.

First, the proposed language functionally destroys the Board's independence in supervising the DRA's Executive Director. If the municipal code being honored, any ordinance by Council can be passed only "for the sole purpose of correcting any deficiency and assuring that the purposes of the authority are reasonably accomplished." We are extremely disappointed in the insinuation that the dedicated seven-member Board has been "deficient" in some way or has acted contrary to "the purposes of the authority." The history of the DRA demonstrates beyond reproach that the Board's management has been extraordinary, much less deficient in any way.

Second, the ordinance severely limits the applicant pool from which the DRA Board can select to serve as its Executive Director. The Board's goal is to have the most qualified individual serve as its Executive Director, whomever that may be. This ordinance, however, eliminates the Board's ability to select that person by effectively limiting the pool of applicants to only department directors or deputy directors in the City of Vancouver. There are only a small number of department directors or deputy directors who *might* possess the combination of municipal finance expertise, project oversight experience, and operational knowledge required to manage a complex asset such as the conference center and hotel along with the financing structure that supports it. Consequently, passing this ordinance as written give the Board no say in who serves as Executive Director. While Mr. Tyler and Ms. Ramras were eminently qualified to serve

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as the DRA's Executive Director during their tenures, we cannot say with any degree of confidence that the current personnel of the City of Vancouver has the requisite skills and experience to fulfill this important role. This ordinance does not provide the Board with discretion; it provides the Board with a menu of one that it either accepts or proceeds without anyone filling the role of Executive Director.

To this end, it is necessary to correct a misconception that has plagued these deliberations. While it is true most Executive Directors have been "city employees," there have only been three city employees to have served in the Executive Director role. Two of those individuals—Lloyd Tyler and Natasha Ramras—served for almost all the time the DRA has been in existence, and both performed excellent work in their role as Executive Director. The third City employee who served as Executive Director following Mr. Tyler's untimely death fell short of expectations in the Board's eyes, which is why the DRA Board elected to retain Paul Lewis as an independent contractor. While Mr. Lewis was eminently qualified to understand the DRA's business in managing the hotel and convention center, the other city employee who served briefly as Executive Director was not. And contrary to what Council heard or assumed on March 2, it was not the City Manager who recommended anyone to serve as Executive Director. Rather, it was Mr. Lewis who recommended Ms. Ramras succeed him in that role. This is reflected in the Staff Report from when Ms. Ramras was appointed.

If the Council is proceeding down this path under a belief that the Executive Director appointments have always occurred by way of City Manager nomination and Board concurrence, that belief is simply untrue. Ultimately, the Board has always retained the authority to control, direct, and supervise whomever held the position of Executive Director, even though the majority of the time the individual simultaneously worked for the City of Vancouver. We strongly urge the Council to avoid eroding that independence.

In the spirit of cooperation, we propose the following alternate language to permit the City Manager to have a voice in selecting the DRA's Executive Director. While we do not and cannot speak for the entire Board, we believe that we could convince a majority of the Board to endorse the following rewriting of Section 2.09:

The Executive Director shall serve as the chief administrative officer of the Authority and shall be responsible for the day-to-day administration and operations of the Authority and for carrying out the policies and directives of the Board of Directors.

The Executive Director shall be appointed by the Board of Directors of the Authority based upon qualifications and

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experience relevant to the administration of the Authority's responsibilities.

Prior to final appointment, the Board shall provide written notice of its selected candidate to the Vancouver City Manager. The City Manager shall have the opportunity to review the appointment and provide concurrence within fifteen business days. If the City Manager does not provide written objection within that period, the appointment shall be deemed confirmed.

If the City Manager provides written objection to the appointment within the review period, the matter shall be returned to the Board for reconsideration. Upon reconsideration, the Board may affirm its appointment by majority vote, at which time the appointment shall be final.

Nothing herein prevents the Executive Director from holding simultaneous employment with the City of Vancouver. The Executive Director shall serve under the Board's supervision, at the pleasure of the Board, and may be removed by the Board at any time with or without cause.

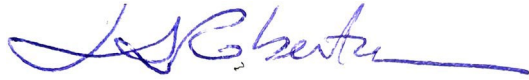
This approach preserves the DRA's ability to select the most qualified professional for the role while providing the City with a meaningful confirmatory role in the appointment process.

The Board believes this balanced approach would maintain the governance structure supporting the conference center financing while also addressing the Council's interest in City oversight.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Jan Robertson
DRA President

Sincerely,



Kathleen Kee
DRA Secretary/Treasurer

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Mayor McEnerny-Ogle and Members of the Vancouver City Council,

My name is Natasha Ramras. I am a Vancouver resident and serve as Executive Director of the Downtown Redevelopment Authority. I am speaking in opposition to the proposed amendment to Section 2.09 of the DRA bylaws concerning the appointment and employment status of the Executive Director.

The proposed language would require that the Executive Director be an at-will employee of the City and that the position be automatically vacated if City employment ends. The current proposal appears to be inconsistent with Council direction given at the last meeting of maintaining the Board right to select the most qualified person to serve as an Executive Director and having the City confirm. Here are the issues with the updated ordinance for first reading on 3/16:

1. Negative impact on DRA's independence. While the proposed language may appear to be an administrative clarification, it raises a significant concern in light of the governing bond documents for the Conference Center Project. The proposed ordinance before you for 3/16 conflicts with the separation contemplated in the bond structure.

The issue is whether the governance framework underlying a financed public authority should be altered in a way that introduces ambiguity about where operational authority ultimately resides. The ordinance amending the bylaws will also create inconsistency with the DRA's Charter language.

2. Legality of the proposed ordinance. The Authority issued bonds to finance the conference center and hotel project under an Amended and Restated Trust Indenture.

That indenture contains specific covenants regarding the governance and independence of the Authority.

Section 7.08 requires the Authority to maintain a separate legal existence and governance structure. Section 7.11 further provides that amendments to the Authority's charter and bylaws may not be made in a manner that conflicts with the covenants and obligations established in the financing documents.

The currently proposed language appears inconsistent with those provisions. By requiring that the Executive Director be an at-will City employee whose position is automatically vacated if their City employment ends, the amendment effectively places the operational leadership of the Authority within the City's employment structure rather than under the sole direction of the Authority's Board.

3. Practical considerations: Requiring that the Executive Director be an at-will City employee significantly narrows the potential candidate pool. In practice, this would likely limit eligibility to current City department directors. Of those, only a very small number may reasonably possess the combination of municipal finance expertise, project oversight experience, and operational knowledge required to manage a complex asset such as the conference center and hotel and the financing structure that supports it. Realistically, this may limit the pool to at most two individuals within the City organization. Having the Executive Directorship tied to city employment would also, in effect tie the DRA Board's hands as it relates to the managing the performance of the incumbent and replacing them, as best serves the interests of the Board. The Authority's bylaws have historically allowed the Board to select the most qualified individual—whether a City employee, independent contractor, or other professional—with the specific expertise required for the role. It is imperative the original language remains unchanged.

The bond documents were drafted to ensure that the Authority operates as a legally distinct entity responsible for the project and the financing structure supporting it. That separation is part of the legal framework relied upon by bondholders and reflected in the covenants contained in the indenture.

Altering the governance structure in a way that introduces City employment control over the Authority's chief administrative officer raises questions about whether the Authority continues to operate consistently with those covenants and as an independent entity.

I would also note that at the Council's last meeting two former long-serving City Attorneys testified against the proposed ordinance. Together they represent more than sixty years of municipal legal experience advising the City of Vancouver. Their testimony raised similar concerns about the legal and structural implications of the proposed changes.

The Downtown Redevelopment Authority was created as an independent public

authority under state law specifically to enable projects like the conference center to be financed through revenue bonds while protecting the City's general credit and financial exposure. Maintaining the Authority's independent governance structure is therefore not merely a policy preference; it is part of the framework that supports the financing itself.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Council to reconsider the proposed amendment of the bylaws in its entirety and ensure that any changes to the bylaws remain fully consistent with the covenants contained in the bond indenture and the legal structure under which the Authority was created.

Thank you for your consideration.

Natasha Ramras
Executive Director
Downtown Redevelopment Authority

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Subject: Evergreen Highlands Neighborhood Zone Assignments

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The Evergreen Highlands Neighborhood requests the City respect our current and longstanding residential zone assignments (R2- R6) and assign Low-Scale zone classification across our entire neighborhood. Low-Scale as defined within the current draft 'Our Vancouver Plan' provides the best fit to support and sustain our neighborhood's character moving forward.

Under the current draft Our Vancouver Plan, the Evergreen Highlands Neighborhood zone assignments are a mix of Low-Scale and Medium-Scale, leaning heavily to Medium-Scale assignments. The Medium-Scale assignments are effectively City discretionary up-zoning actions to our neighbor's individual properties and our neighborhood overall. This Medium-Scale upzoning does not represent the 'as-built' nature, historic character, or current zone assignments (R2- R6) of our neighborhood.

Further the City's up-zoning actions and the draft Zoning Update Plan have been overshadowed by the City's communication seeking public engagement in development of the parent document Our Vancouver Plan. Illustrating the communication challenges, after approximately 3-years of City efforts, of the 121 Evergreen Highlands Neighborhood residents signing our recent petitions, only nine percent (9.0%) expressed knowledge of the Our Vancouver Plan. Of the majority (91%) signatures, those that held any recognition of City planning activity thought it was a continuation of the long-running The Heights project.

The Evergreen Highlands Neighborhood is a mature, well settled family-oriented neighborhood. Over 92 percent of the homes are detached-single-family homes on modest lots. We are a solid representation of middle-class working family values; open, welcoming, and respectful of the diversity of faiths and ethnicities present within our neighborhood. The 'as-built' inventory of Evergreen Highlands Neighborhood is: complete, conventional, historically stable, well maintained, safe, and very livable. Our neighborhood holds approximately 300 dwelling units; 92 percent are detached-single-family homes. Our neighborhood is proudly inclusive of: one small park (approximately 1/3 block); St. Joseph Catholic Church; United Methodist Church; and St. Joseph Catholic School (pre-school through 8th grade). As well as 5 residential care homes: 4 specializing in senior care; and one specializing in disability care. Of the few vacant lots within our neighborhood, the majority are located along the south facing ridge-front; the City previously tagged most of these lots as geologically unstable. Further, Evergreen Highlands Neighborhood is not

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located near or adjacent to any Mixed-Use areas, Regional Activity Centers, or designated economic growth areas as defined within the draft Our Vancouver Plan. At present there are no business or retail store fronts located within our neighborhood.

As we've actively engaged with the recent virtual and in-person reviews of the current draft Our Vancouver Plan we've come to understand how broadly neighborhood 'covenants, conditions and restrictions' (CC&R's) have been employed across the City's historical neighborhoods, most written as 'running with the land' in recorded Title language. The Evergreen Highlands Neighborhood of course holds our CC&R's as important to our neighborhood's future. We understand the challenges of future growth and pledge our participation in addressing those challenges with the City moving forward, including how CC&R's (ours and our sister/brother neighborhood's) may yet be incorporated into Vancouver's (Our City's) future growth and management processes.

When examining the Evergreen Highlands Neighborhood, as described above, in conjunction with the draft Our Vancouver Plan, we do not understand how our neighborhood has been assigned anything other than Low-Scale zoning. For present, the Evergreen Highlands Neighborhood formally requests the City remove the current Medium-Scale "up-zoning" designation assigned to the Evergreen Highlands Neighborhood and replace it with the Low-Scale zoning designation as defined within the current draft Our Vancouver Plan.

Response or requests for clarification may be addressed to [REDACTED] (or mailed to: Evergreen Highlands Neighborhood Association [REDACTED] Vancouver Wa.98661

Thank you for your time and consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

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Evergreen Highlands Neighborhood

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Hello Council and Staff,

Recognizing that this testimony is written late, I ask for the Council's time to briefly consider the following. I became aware of a potential withdrawal only this morning, and have been on a delay responding to it and writing this specific piece of testimony.

In regards to withdrawal: I ask that Council kindly consider rejecting an incoming Motion to withdraw this application, and to move forward with a hearing as planned. The Council has already spent much of its honored and precious time workshopping and discussing this project, including at discussions, staff presentations and meetings, and Consent Agenda. Council has gone through all the proper steps and has put much effort and time into this proposal.

This withdrawal comes less than a business day before a scheduled public hearing, and merely hours given to the Public and Association to respond and understand. This does not feel respectful to our time testifying and to the Council's time already spent on this issue.

Therefore, I ask the Council to consider bringing this issue to a natural conclusion by holding the public hearing. I fear withdrawal would again allow an identical or similar application to be submitted in quick succession, which would be merely a waste of the Council's and City's time. It is far better to simply hold the Public Hearing as already planned and approved at Consent Agenda on February 23rd, 2026. A formal "reject" vs "withdraw" would prohibit frivolous rezone applications going forward until the Comprehensive Plan is approved, and

save the Council's precious time so it may focus on said Comprehensive Plan. As well as allow us to put these rezones past us and allow us to focus on the Comp Plan as well.

Thank you for your time in responding to this short notice information regarding withdrawal. Please consider denying the motion to withdraw and protecting due process and a fair hearing for all; the Applicant and the public.

Best,
Ana