



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor

Bart Hansen · Bill Turlay · Ty Stober · Linda Glover · Laurie Lebowsky · Erik Paulsen

August 26, 2019

WORKSHOPS

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

4:00-6:00 p.m. Charter Review Follow-Up

Presenters: Jeanette (Jan) Bader, Program & Policy Development Manager, 487-8606; Brent Boger, Assistant City Attorney, 487-8503

Summary

In follow-up to previous Council discussions related to the 2019 Charter Review process, staff provided Council with an overview of options pertaining to election-by-district and the City Charter's resign-to-run provision for Council's consideration.

6:00-6:30 p.m. Executive Session re: Labor Negotiations Strategy

Mayor McEnery-Ogle announced Council would be entering into executive session from 6:00 to about 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussion labor negotiations strategy.

COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA MEETING

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 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 415 W. 6th Street, Vancouver, Washington.

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

Absent: None

Citizen Communication (Items 1-7)

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

- Peter Bracchi, Vancouver, spoke regarding Item 3, and requested that reference to improving and protecting water quality be added to the purpose of the agreement, as well as reporting requirements for the 20 percent of time that participants can spend outside of litter pick-up.

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

Consent Agenda (Items 1-7)

Council pulled Item 2 and returned it to staff for further development.

Council requested that Items 1 and 4 be pulled from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion, as summarized below.

Motion by Councilmember Glover, seconded by Councilmember Lebowsky, and carried unanimously to approve Items 1 and 3-7 of the Consent Agenda.

1. Cascade Highlands Neighborhood Action Plan

Staff Report 116-19

A RESOLUTION of the City of Vancouver, Washington relating to neighborhood planning; accepting the revised Neighborhood Action Plan for the Cascade Highlands Neighborhood Association.

Summary

The Vancouver Comprehensive Plan states that "Vancouver is a city of neighborhoods". The plan emphasizes preserving or enhancing the unique character and function of individual neighborhoods, commercial districts and other places, which make Vancouver a special place to live. To help achieve this result, the neighborhood action planning program was started in 1994.

The Cascade Highlands Neighborhood Association was established and recognized by the Vancouver City Council in 1999. The initial neighborhood action plan was adopted by the neighborhood association and accepted by City Council in 2002. Since that time a substantial number of components of the plan were addressed or completed. Over the past year, the neighborhood association action plan committee worked together with neighbors to get input on priorities and update the plan. City staff provided feedback that was considered by the neighborhood action plan committee. The proposed plan was made available to every household in the neighborhood. The updated plan was officially approved and adopted by the Cascade Highlands Neighborhood Association at a general meeting on July 15, 2019.

Request: Adopt a resolution to accept the updated Cascade Highlands Neighborhood Action Plan.

Judi Bailey, Neighborhoods Coordinator, 487-8608

Judi Bailey, Neighborhoods Coordinator, and Jean Kent, Chair of the Cascade Highlands Neighborhood Association, were available to address Council comments.

Councilmember Stober congratulated the neighborhood on completing the process of updating its Action Plan. He noted that one item in the plan calls for grasscycling and asked for clarification as to that.

Ms. Kent explained that one neighbor had concerns that grass would be collected after it was mowed, rather than being left on the ground to encourage regrowth, which is referred to as grasscycling.

Motion adopted Resolution M-4034 and approved the request.

2. Resolution Establishing Joint Executive Board on Homelessness

Staff Report 117-19

A RESOLUTION expressing the City's support for the creation of a Joint Executive Board on Homelessness; authorizing the City Manager to sign an appropriate Charter and Continuum of Care Memorandum of Agreement for creation of such Joint Executive Board; and authorizing the appointment of a City Councilmember and appropriate City staff representation to participate in the governance of the same.

Summary

In November of 2017, in response to growing concerns with an increase in homelessness, the Community Foundation of Southwest Washington convened the funders of local homeless crisis response programs to discuss a possible reorganization of the governance structure to better coordinate allocation of funding to priority initiatives and programs that implement the County's Homeless Action Plan.

Challenges identified with the current Continuum of Care structure include: 1) it is difficult to make adjustments to system priorities; 2) representation required by US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are not memorialized in the CoC Charter; 3) elected official and high level administrators from funding agencies are not included; 4) the CoC Steering Committee's capacity is consumed by allocation of funding versus assessing the efficacy of the system and adjusting priorities; 5) there is no formal way to engage people with lived experience in decision-making; 6) there is no formal commitment by funders to allocating funds to programs that support a systemic approach to addressing homelessness.

The proposed structure would create a Joint Executive Board on Homelessness whose members will consist of the primary funders of the homelessness crisis response system, such as City of Vancouver (2 seats), Clark County (2 seats), Vancouver Housing Authority (2 seats), and Council for the Homeless (1 seat), with an option to add more members such as small cities if they commit to certain homeless program funding thresholds. An advisory member (non-voting) position would be created for the Community Foundation of SW Washington. Elected officials would no longer be appointed to the Council for the Homeless Board.

The proposed structure would reconstitute the CoC Steering Committee as a technical advisory committee to the Joint Executive Board on Homelessness with a focus on meeting HUD requirements. The currently existing workgroups would still provide information and recommendations to the Steering Committee, including: 1) a System Performance Workgroup that would focus on agency, program and system progress toward meeting outcomes, and 2) a Coordinated Assessment Workgroup that is responsible for overseeing the coordinated entry and assessment and By Name List Groups such as Veterans.

The new structure is anticipated to be created and fully operational by late fall of 2019.

Request: Adopt a resolution in support of the creation of the Joint Executive Board on Homelessness, authorizing the City Manager or designee to sign the Charter and Continuum of Care Memorandum of Agreement for creation of the Joint Executive Board, and authorizing appointment of Council and City staff representation in the governance of the board.

*Chad Eiken, Community and Economic Development
Director, 487-7882*

Item returned to staff for further development.

3. Amendment to Local Grant Agreement for Litter Collection and Cleanup

Staff Report 118-19

Summary

For the last two and a half years, Share has provided litter pick up services to downtown Vancouver, public parks and other City property, including the Navigation Center, through its Talkin' Trash crew. The Talkin' Trash crew is limited to removing litter only within City right-of-way. The City's Navigation Center has been in operation for six months, and nearby residents and businesses have reported incidences of sharps (needles), human waste and other debris appearing on their private property (lawn, side yard) since operations commenced in November 2018. The Talkin' Trash crew could be deployed to enhance community trust and respect towards the Navigation Center and address health and safety concerns posed by specified human waste and debris, by picking up litter from private property within a defined boundary surrounding the Navigation Center.

If approved, funds to cover the disposal costs of litter collection from private property will be provided by the City of Vancouver's Solid Waste Program. Solid Waste program staff will work with Share staff and the Talkin' Trash crew to pilot this effort to address collection of items that present a public health and/or safety concern on private property to the benefit of these entities and the broader community. Based on favorable performance and an existing community need, staff proposes to extend approval to adjust the program to include private property litter collection within a designated zone.

Request: Authorize the City Manager or designee to sign the Amendment to Local Grant Agreement for Litter Collection and Cleanup in Vancouver and Exhibit A between Share and City of Vancouver for an additional five years (until December 31, 2023).

Julie Gilbertson, Solid Waste Supervisor, 487-7162

Motion approved the request.

4. **Addendum to City Manager Employment Agreement**

Staff Report 119-19

Summary

Council Policy 100-31A, as well as the employment agreement between the City and the City Manager, calls for an annual performance evaluation and compensation adjustment. Council conducted the evaluation during July and August 2019. Based on the evaluation, a compensation adjustment of 5.25% is reflected in the addendum.

Request: Approve the Addendum to City Manager Employment Agreement and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.

Jonathan Young, Acting City Attorney, 487-8500

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read a statement on behalf of the Council summarizing the Council's conclusions from the City Manager's performance evaluation.

Motion approved the request.

5. **Appointments to the Culture, Art and Heritage Commission**

Request: Appoint Beth Harrington, Linda Reid and Kevin Weaver with terms beginning immediately and expiring December 31, 2021; Alex Gall, Lee Rafferty, Christine Richardson with terms beginning immediately and expiring December 31, 2022; Tracy Fortmann, Maureen Montague with terms beginning immediately and expiring December 31, 2023 and the appointment of Lynne Bowden as the Vancouver representative from the Clark County Arts Commission with a term beginning immediately and expiring December 31, 2023.

Motion approved the request.

6. **Appointment to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee**

Request: Appoint Richard Burrows for a mid-term appointment to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, term beginning immediately, and expiring September 30, 2020.

Councilmembers Turlay, Stober and Lebowsky

Motion approved the request.

7. Approval of Claim Vouchers

Request: Approve claim vouchers for August 26, 2019.

Copy available upon request.

Motion approved claim vouchers for August 26, 2019, in the amount of \$7,912,104.89.

Citizen Forum

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

- Karen Grotts, Vancouver, spoke regarding her request to receive a hardship permit to live on private property in her motorhome.
- Glen Yung, Vancouver, expressed concerns about the City's public engagement process for the Stronger Vancouver initiative.
- LaRae Zawodny, representing ARTSTRA, invited the public to a fundraising event to benefit ARTSTRA's programs on August 30.
- Steve Lindeman, Vancouver, spoke regarding homelessness in Vancouver and recommended the City purchase vacant land to designate as legal camping areas and then prohibit camping in all other public areas of the city.
- Rheta Rubenstein, Ridgefield, Washington, spoke regarding the City's engagement with the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) to evaluate the police department's use of force, and expressed her hope that PERF's evaluation includes review of police records and retention policies.
- Danielle Jokela, Vancouver, spoke regarding the City's engagement with the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) to evaluate the police department's use of force, and requested that the City facilitate an open public forum to allow any community member to speak to the PERF representatives.
- Peter Bracchi, Vancouver, expressed concerns about wildfire dangers within Vancouver related to homeless camps, especially along the Burnt Bridge Creek trail.
- Joyce Brekke, Vancouver, spoke regarding the City's engagement with the

7:32 p.m. Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) to evaluate the police department's use of force, and stated the department's use of force policy needs to be stronger, training needs to be enhanced, and consequences for not following the policies need to be enforced. She also requested an opportunity for the community to provide feedback to PERF.

- Rachel Weber, Vancouver, spoke regarding the Navigation and expressed concerns about any new day center sites being located in east or west Vancouver. She expressed concerns about the apparent transparency of the City and City Council.
- Stanley Crews MD, Vancouver, expressed concerns about potential changes to the City's lease with the Vanco Golf Range and the impact that could have on that business.
- Chuck Daughtry, Vancouver, expressed concerns about potential changes to the City's lease with the Vanco Golf Range and the impact that could have on that business. He requested the City extend the golf range's lease longer than one year and determine how the business might fit within the long range plan for the Heights District.
- Shareefah Hoover, Vancouver, spoke regarding the City's engagement with the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) to evaluate the police department's use of force, and requested that the City facilitate an open public forum to allow any community member to speak to the PERF representatives.
- Lou Allemann, Vancouver, expressed concerns about potential changes to the City's lease with the Vanco Golf Range and the impact that could have on that business.
- Carmen McKibben, Vancouver, representing SW WA Communities United for Change, spoke regarding the City's engagement with the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) to evaluate the police department's use of force, and requested that the City facilitate an open public forum to allow any community member to speak to the PERF representatives.
- Ted Pyle, Vancouver, expressed concerns regarding an ongoing code enforcement case against him.
- Chris Dickinsen, Vancouver, thanked the Council and City staff for holding the recent open houses regarding the Stronger Vancouver initiative and requested future public events be scheduled on weekends and later in the evening to allow more working people an opportunity to attend.

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

Adjournment

7:32 p.m.

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Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor

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Natasha Ramras

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Natasha Ramras, City Clerk

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