



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 5, 2019

WORKSHOPS

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

**4:30-5:30 p.m. Day Center Program at the Navigation Center:
Follow-Up to Six-Month Report**

*Presenters: Chad Eiken, Community and Economic Development
Director, 487-7882; James McElvain, Vancouver Police Chief, 487-7201*

Summary

City staff updated Council on the Day Center, provided updates on the six-month check-in, and received feedback from Council.

COUNCIL DINNER/ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES (5:30 PM)

COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order and Roll Call

The regular meeting of the Vancouver City Council was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Mayor McEnery-Ogle in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 415 W. 6th Street, Vancouver, Washington.

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

Absent: None

Approval of Minutes

Minutes - July 8, 2019

Motion by Councilmember Glover, seconded by Councilmember Turlay, and carried unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of July 8, 2019.

Minutes - July 15, 2019

Motion by Councilmember Hansen, seconded by Councilmember Turlay, and carried unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of July 15, 2019.

Citizen Communication (Items 1-6)

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

Consent Agenda (Items 1-6)

Council requested Item 3 be pulled for discussion (summarized below).

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

1. Interlocal with County for Corrections Offender Work Crew

Staff Report 108-19

Summary

The City of Vancouver (Public Works/Operations) has contracted with Clark County Corrections for offender labor maintenance services for more than twenty years. This alternative workforce has provided the City with an additional resource to complete non-skilled maintenance tasks at an affordable price.

The attached Interlocal Agreement provides five crews that can be used for up to 1,976 crew days over the term of the agreement. Activities include, but are not limited to, general litter removal, landscape maintenance and weeding, road right-of-way and median maintenance, general park and recreation area maintenance for four full-time crews. A fifth crew will be assigned to the Greenway Sensitive Land's program for removal of non-native plant species, assistance in plantings, and general shrub bed maintenance generally within the Burnt Bridge Creek Greenway and at other sensitive lands within the City of Vancouver.

Request: Authorize the City Manager or his designee to sign an Interlocal Agreement with Clark County Correction Services

for offender crew labor/maintenance services.

Brian Potter, Operations Superintendent, 487-8323

Motion approved the request.

2. **Interlocal Agreement with Fire District 6 to Lease Zodiac Rescue Boat**

Staff Report 109-19

Summary

The Zodiac was initially acquired to serve as a deployable small craft on the City's 52-foot fire boat, but the larger vessel has proven able to operate in all areas of the City's responsibility on the Columbia and Willamette Rivers under the terms of the federal grant that enabled its purchase. Clark County Fire District No. 6 serves as a partner in the City's regional Technical Rescue Team program that includes coverage of a significant amount of Columbia River shoreline downriver from Vancouver Fire's normal operating area.

According to the federal government, the City cannot transfer the inflatable boat to Fire District No. 6 as it was acquired through a federal grant. However, the City may lease it to the District at no cost to either jurisdiction.

Request: Authorize the City Manager and/or designee to execute the attached Interlocal Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding allowing for the no cost lease of the Zodiac Emergency Rescue Vessel to Clark County Fire District No. 6.

*Tom O'Connor, VFD Division Chief of Special Operations,
487-7206*

Motion approved the request.

3. **Donation of the Columbia River Water Feature in Vancouver Waterfront Park**

Staff Report 105-19

A RESOLUTION accepting a donation of the Columbia River Water Feature, from Water Feature L.L.C. to be used for public use and education in the Waterfront Park.

Summary

In 2015, the City and Columbia Waterfront, LLC entered into a second amendment to the original Development Agreement (approved in 2009)

outlining the development of both the private development and the 7-acre public park and pier. The D.A. clearly specified that design, funding and constructing for the water feature would not be the City's responsibility. Instead several private LLC's acted to construct the water feature and private funds were raised to cover the costs of the water feature.

The Columbia River Water Feature is now completed and once all necessary staff training has been completed on the operation and maintenance of the asset and all supplies needed are on-site the water feature can be open to the public.

In order to facilitate this transfer, according to RCW 35.21.100 and per City policy, the City Council needs to accept the donation of the asset.

Request: On August 5, 2019, adopt a resolution accepting the donation of the Columbia River Water Feature from Water Feature, LLC.

Julie Hannon, Parks and Recreation Director, 487-8309

Councilmember Stober requested a timeline on when the fencing would be removed and the water feature would be turned on.

Julie Hannon, Parks and Recreation Director, explained they were going to remove the fencing on Tuesday or Wednesday. After the fencing was removed they would fill a 5,000 gallon tank, chlorinate the water and then the water feature would be ready for the public.

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Hansen, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution M-4029 accepting a donation of the Columbia River Water Feature, from Water Feature L.L.C. to be used for public use and education in the Waterfront Park.

4. **Parking Advisory Committee board member removal and recommendation for mid-term appointment**

Request: Authorize the Mayor to remove Christopher Sjothun from the Parking Advisory Committee, and appoint Garrett Ginter to the Parking Advisory Committee for a mid-term appointment beginning immediately and expiring April 18, 2020.

Council Committee 2 (Turlay, Stober, Lebowsky)

Motion approved the request.

5. **Appointment of Acting City Attorney**

Request: Appoint Jonathan Young as the Acting City Attorney.

Eric Holmes, City Manager, 487-8600

Motion approved the request.

6. Approval of Claim Vouchers

Request: Approve claim vouchers for August 5, 2019.

(Copy available upon request.)

Motion approved claim vouchers for August 5, 2019, in the amount of \$17,791,813.71.

Public Hearings (Item 7)

7. *Public Hearing – A Resolution Opposing I-976. Initiative Measure No. 976 concerns motor vehicle taxes and fees.

Staff Report 110-19

A RESOLUTION expressing the City Council's opposition to Initiative No. 976 which, in part, would remove the City's Transportation Benefit District's authority to impose motor vehicle license fees.

Summary

On October 12, 2015, the Streets Funding Commission forwarded recommendations to City Council on how to fund construction and maintenance of Vancouver's transportation system. The recommendations included several new revenue sources and several key outcomes to be achieved with the new money. One of the recommendations for new revenue was to create a Vancouver TBD and implement a vehicle license renewal fee. On November 2, 2015, City Council created the Vancouver TBD based on recommendations from the Street Funding Commission. On December 18, 2017, the Vancouver TBD enacted a vehicle license renewal fee of \$40, which is estimated to generate \$4.8 million dollars annually. \$4.8 million is approximately half of the revenues generated by SFS sources.

The TBD has been allocating these revenues to the City of Vancouver in an

effort to fulfill the key outcomes recommended by the Streets Funding Commission. These outcomes include improving pavement conditions; asset replacement for signals and lights; expand mobility and safety (including the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program); and completing arterial street improvements on a more consistent basis.

I-976 proposes, among other things, to remove the TBD's authority to impose a vehicle license fee. If I-976 passes the Vancouver TBD would lose approximately \$4.8 million annually. Without the \$4.8 million annually the City would not be able to fulfill the key outcomes recommended by the Streets Funding Commission.

Request: On August 5, 2019, following a public hearing, adopt a resolution opposing State Initiative 976.

**Members of the public will be afforded equal opportunity for the expression of their views on the matter.*

Ryan Lopossa, Streets and Transportation Manager, 487-7706; Jonathan Young, Chief Assistant City Attorney, 487-8500

Mr. Lopossa provided an overview of Initiative No. 976.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened the public hearing and, receiving no testimony, closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Hansen, seconded by Councilmember Lebowsky, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution M-4030 expressing the City Council's opposition to Initiative No. 976.

Communications

A. From the Council

B. From the Mayor

C. From the City Manager

Executive Session re: City Manager Performance Evaluation (1 hour)

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle announced the Council would be entering into executive session from 7:18 to 8:18 p.m. for the purpose of conducting the City Manager's performance evaluation. No action would be taken

At 8:18 p.m., Mayor McEnerny-Ogle announced in public session that Council would be extending the executive session for another hour.

Council re-entered public session at 9:36 p.m. and took no further action.

Adjournment

9:36 p.m.

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Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor

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Natasha Ramras, City Clerk

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