



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor

Bart Hansen • Ty Stober • Erik Paulsen • Sarah J. Fox • Diana H. Perez • Kim D. Harless

July 17, 2023

WORKSHOPS

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

Workshops were conducted in person in the Council Chambers 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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4:00-5:00 p.m. Main Street Promise Streetscape Project

Teresa Brum, Deputy Economic Development Director, 360-487-7949

Summary

Staff led Council through a discussion of the Main Street Promise Streetscape Project.

5:00-6:00 p.m. Evergreen and Grand Commercial Corridors Strategy Implementation Update

Becky Coutinho, Associate Planner, 360-487-7899

Summary

Staff led Council through a discussion of the Evergreen and Grand Commercial Corridors Strategy Implementation Update.

COUNCIL DINNER/ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

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 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 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 McEnerny-Ogle. This meeting was conducted as a hybrid meeting, including both in person and remotely over video conference.

Present: Councilmembers Harless, Perez, Fox, Paulsen, Stober, Hansen and Mayor McEnerny-Ogle

Absent: None

Approval of Minutes

Minutes - June 26, 2023

Motion by Councilmember Hansen, seconded by Councilmember Stober, and carried unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of June 26, 2023.

Community Communications

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened Community Communication. There being no testimony, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle closed Community Communication.

Consent Agenda (Items 1-8)

Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, seconded by Councilmember Fox, and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

1. **Award of contract for the purchase of City Apparel RFP 11-23**

Staff Report: 140-23

On May 3, 2023, the City received 4 proposals for evaluation. After an evaluation of the proposals by a team made up of representatives from across the City, it was determined that Esix Sportswear was the highest scoring firm.

The contract duration will be for five (5) years. It is anticipated that over the next 5 years, the City will spend more than \$300,000 for department apparel needs, which is above the threshold requiring Council approval.

Request: Authorize the City Manager, or their designee, to award the apparel contract and approve purchases by City departments to the most responsive bidder, Esix Sportswear. Contract will be for all schedules, A – D.

Anna Vogel, Procurement Manager, 360-487-8429

Motion approved the request.

2. **Professional services agreement for Interstate Bridge Replacement (IBR) Program consultant support**

Staff Report: 141-23

The Environmental phase of the IBR Program consists of technical analysis and further development of design options for elements included in the Modified Locally Preferred Alternative adopted in July 2022. Due to the complex and quick-moving nature of the IBR Program, City staff seeks consultant support to assist with ensuring that IBR Program design options meet the City's needs and desired outcomes. Areas of proposed consultant support include:

- *Downtown Transit District and multimodal considerations*
- *development of an urban design framework*
- *placemaking and open space planning*
- *defining redevelopment opportunities and strategies*
- *community engagement.*

After a competitive procurement process, the project evaluation committee selected Nelson\Nygaard's proposal as the best suited to address the overall nature and complexity of this work.

Request: Award a consulting services contract with Nelson\Nygaard to provide professional planning support services for the City of Vancouver related to the Interstate Bridge Replacement Program in the amount of \$665,440 and authorize the City Manager or designee to negotiate and execute a contract for the same.

Katherine Kelly, Senior Policy Advisor, 360-644-4446

Motion approved the request.

3. Award of professional services agreement to the Fourth Plain Forward non-profit as the Fourth Plain Commons Operator, per RFP 8-23

Staff Report: 142-23

In 2015, the City of Vancouver worked with the community to develop the Fourth Plain Forward Action Plan, a framework for equitable development on the Fourth Plain corridor as new investment came into the community, including a significant bus rapid transit (BRT) investment called the Vine that is now complete. Broadly, the Action Plan focuses on supporting small businesses, building community capacity, addressing pedestrian safety issues, and increasing access to economic opportunity and affordable housing near transit.

In alignment with the 2015 Action Plan, the City of Vancouver and Vancouver Housing Authority partnered to make a catalytic investment in the Fourth Plain community that will provide family-sized affordable housing, up-stream services for both businesses and residents, and much needed community spaces all near schools and other community services and on a high-capacity transit line (The Vine BRT).

The Vancouver Housing Authority will own and operate 106 affordable housing units, and the City of Vancouver will own the ground floor commercial space that will include the following components:

- *A commercial kitchen incubator to launch and support emerging food-based businesses.*

- *A shared office space to co-locate upstream services to make it easier for residents and businesses to access resources on the corridor.*
- *A community event space that can be rented for festivals, birthdays, trainings, and other events.*
- *A public plaza with infrastructure to support a Vancouver Farmer's Market satellite market and other community-serving events.*
- *A play area and activity lawn to provide outdoor recreation opportunities for the Commons and surrounding community.*

On January 13, 2023, a Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued to select an operator to manage the City-owned spaces listed above on behalf of and in coordination with the City of Vancouver. General requirements of an operator include:

- *General Operations: property management; tenant/rental coordination for the shared office space, commissary kitchen, community event space and outdoor plaza; data management*
- *Program Management: coordinate programs and services; develop inclusive and collaborative space planning; develop and maintain partnerships; community engagement*
- *Reporting: annual financial and programmatic reporting; program evaluation; Section 108 Loan reporting*
- *Regular coordination with City staff*

On February 8, 2023, the City received one proposal for the operations of the office space, commissary kitchen, event space, and outdoor plaza and play area. This proposal, from Fourth Plain Forward, was very detailed and more than met the expectations and requirements in the RFP.

Request: Award a professional services agreement for the operation of the Fourth Plain Commons City-owned commercial spaces to Fourth Plain Forward of Vancouver, WA, in the amount of \$475,433.40, and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the same.

Shannon Williams, Senior Planner, 360-487-7898

Motion approved the request.

4. Commercial Lease Agreement between City of Vancouver and Fourth Plain Forward

Staff Report: 143-23

The City of Vancouver has implemented a multi-year initiative to improve the portion of the Fourth Plain Corridor known as Vancouver's International Business District which is home to the City's most diverse and lowest income neighborhoods. The City of Vancouver and Vancouver Housing Authority have collaborated on a new project – Fourth Plain Community Commons – a mixed use project located on Fourth Plain Boulevard that

includes affordable housing on the upper floors and a flexible community-serving space on the ground floor. The ground floor community spaces (commercial kitchen incubator, shared office space, community event space and public plaza) are envisioned as flexible areas where the Fourth Plain community can gather, hold events and access services.

Fourth Plain Forward is a non-profit corporation whose platform is to support the success of area residents, promote the unique identity of the International District and work to improve the physical environment of the district within the Fourth Plain corridor. The district consists of 5 neighborhoods with over 10 different languages spoken, 150+ local businesses and 23,000+ local residents. As the chosen partner to manage the Fourth Plain Community Commons flexible community-serving space (Commons), the ability for Fourth Plain Forward to also have an office environment within the district will allow them to provide a more accessible meeting space where staff from partner organizations, like the Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber and Workforce Southwest Washington can meet with clients, closer to where they live and do business, allow their board to work closely with the management staff for the Commons space, and provide local access space for those in the community that are interested in additional resources outside of the platform that the Commons provides.

It is proposed to enter into a Commercial Lease Agreement with Fourth Plain Forward for approximately 980 square feet for a Five-year (5-yr) term.

Request: Ratify the attached Commercial Lease Agreement between City of Vancouver and Fourth Plain Forward and authorize the City Manager, or their designee, to execute the document.

Linda Carlson, Property Management Specialist, 360-487-8423

Motion approved the request.

5. Commercial Lease Agreement between City of Vancouver and Mirna Echavarria d/b/a/ Amazing Hair by Mirna

Staff Report: 144-23

The Zhen building, located at 5107 E. Fourth Plain Boulevard, was purchased by the City in 2018 as part of the Operations Center property consolidation efforts. Upon further research and consideration of the needs for our Operation Center, it was determined that this location would not serve the needs of our services on a long-term basis and a new location has been purchased to accommodate our future Operations Center needs.

This building is a Class C office/retail space that is anticipated to be part of the overall re-development of this area upon completion of a new Operations Center complex. It is our goal to maintain tenancy in this

building until re-development occurs. Amazing Hair by Mima is a minority woman owned hair salon currently utilizing one of the suites within the building. In order to continue the City's initiative to provide services to the Fourth Plain International District, which is home to the City's most diverse and lowest income neighborhoods, staff is recommending that a new 5-year lease agreement be entered into with Amazing Hair by Mima.

It is proposed to enter into a Commercial Lease Agreement with Mima Echavarria d/b/a Amazing Hair By Mima for approximately 1,400 square feet for a Five-year (5-yr) term.

Request: Ratify the attached Commercial Lease Agreement between City of Vancouver and Mima Echavarria d/b/a/ Amazing Hair By Mima and authorize the City Manager, or their designee, to execute the document.

Linda Carlson, Property Management Specialist, 360-487-8423

Motion approved the request.

6. Marine Program Private/Public Partnership Cash Donations – United Grain

Staff Report: 145-23

A RESOLUTION accepting donations from United Grain for 2022 and 2023 to support Vancouver Fire's Marine Response Program.

Prior to the award of the federal 2009 Port Security grant in 2012, Vancouver Fire hired an outside consultant to solicit interest in establishing and maintaining an ongoing marine response program and acquiring a new vessel to serve as a platform for the program.

As part of the consultation, stakeholders were asked if they would be interested in providing initial funding via pledges to help kickstart expanding the program. United Grain was one of the commercial stakeholders pledging ongoing support over the first ten years of the program, rounding out their commitment with donations of \$30,000 in 2022 and \$40,000 in 2023.

During 2022 year-end grant administration of an unrelated donation, the ordinance requirement for Council acceptance came to light in this instance.

Request: Adopt a resolution to accept \$70,000 United Grain marine program donations.

Tom O'Connor, Fire Division Chief, 360-487-7206

Motion adopted Resolution M-4240 to approve the request.

7. Development Impact Fee Waiver- Laurel Manor restricted income housing

Staff Report: 146-23

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Vancouver Washington approving a partial exemption of the collection of Traffic Impact fees in the amount of 38,527.44 and Park Impact Fees in the amount of \$168,920.00 for the Laurel Manor low-income, senior housing development.

The subject development is a four story 82-unit senior housing project located on 66th Avenue immediately West of the SR-500 and Andresen Road intersection. The project is being developed by the Vancouver Housing Authority. The applicant is requesting a partial 80% exemption of Transportation and Park impact fees for the development.

In 2016 Council approved Ordinance M-4154 allowing a partial exemption or full waiver of transportation and parks impact fees to support affordable housing projects.

For residential developments of four or more units the City may, by resolution of the Council, partially exempt up to 80% of the impact fees or fully waive 100% of the impact fees. If Council only partially exempts the development up to 80% of the impact fee then there is no requirement to pay the exempted portion of the fee from public funds. If Council fully waives the development from impact fees, the remaining 20% of the waived fee must be paid from public funds other than impact fee accounts. Impact fee rates may not be increased to recapture impact fees lost through the exemption/waiver process.

Request: Adopt the resolution granting an 80% exemption to Park and Transportation impact fees for the Laurel Manor senior housing development.

Bryan Monroe, Associate Housing Project Coordinator, 360-487-7958

Motion adopted Resolution M-4241 to approve the request.

8. Approval of Claim Vouchers

Request: Approve claim vouchers for July 17, 2023.

Motion approved claim vouchers in the amount of \$2,513,727.03.

Communications

A. From the Council

B. From the Mayor

C. From the City Manager

Pedestrian Access Construction Standard

Ryan Lopossa, Transportation Division Manager, discussed the Pedestrian Access Construction Standard.

Zoning Code Text Changes - Allowances for Commercial Dog Kennels

Bryan Snodgrass, Principal Planner, discussed the Zoning Code Text Changes - Allowances for Commercial Dog Kennels.

Climate Brief - Major Efforts

Rebecca Small, Senior Policy Analyst, discussed the Climate Brief - Major Efforts.

Adjournment

7:38 p.m.

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Anne McEnerny-Ogle
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Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor

Attest:

DocuSigned by:
Natasha Ramras
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Natasha Ramras, City Clerk

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From: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: FW: Transportation System Plan
Date: Monday, July 10, 2023 1:44:11 PM

FYI

-Kristin

From: Jan V [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2023 12:08 PM
To: City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager <CMO@cityofvancouver.us>
Subject: Transportation System Plan

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Hi all,

Wish I could be there, but our club's annual event is this month and I'm in a meeting for it.

I looked at the maps for BSM. My comments:

- Please connect BSM segments.
- Please keep BSM routes direct.
- Please don't use Sharrows or say "Bike Lane Ends" because there's a pedestrian crossing island narrowing the street. It never fails that a driver will STILL try to pass me at those pinch points even though I'm taking the center position in the lane. They also pass me on streets with blind curves (upper McLoughlin) and speed on straight-aways between speed bumps (Columbia Way). EXCEPTION: The Sharrows for the downhill on Devine with the signage work really well because cyclists can at the speed posted for drivers.
- Please use protected BSM lanes whenever possible. They are much safer and give people confidence.
- Neighborhood Greenways are fantastic for casual riding and newbies. Very low stress. Please don't use them in lieu of more direct routes. Use them in addition.

If anyone wants to ride a particular segment with me -- I'M AVAILABLE!!!

Thanks,

Jan

From: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: FW: Main St
Date: Monday, July 17, 2023 11:07:06 AM

FYI - for tonight's council meeting.

-Kristin

From: Jan V [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 11:02 AM
To: City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager <CMO@cityofvancouver.us>
Subject: Main St

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Hi all,

I wish I could be at tonight's meeting for the re-design of Main Street.

Sharrows -

They don't work like the video showed them which should have shown riders closely tailed by drivers.

Riders don't know to travel centered directly over them or aren't comfortable doing so. When riders travel to the side, drivers see an invitation to pass; it's too narrow to do so safely.

We could litter Main Street with signage: Bikes may use full lane. Perhaps better than nothing. Maybe.

If parking on Main Street is continuous, I'll be riding right down the center of the lane 100% of the time. I have nowhere else.

A driver could be traveling behind me at my 10mph pace for many blocks waiting for head-on traffic to subside long enough to pass me. Ugh.

A city employee once told me that by my traveling on the sharrowed street, I would be the traffic-calming device needed to slow cars. OMG.

Yes, I could travel on Columbia, but if my business is on Main Street, I need to travel on Main Street.

Parking - bikes and cars

I love bike corrals because they can accommodate several bikes at once.

I love even more seeing my bike while it is parked. That requires frequent bike staples, not just one or two per block.

My husband is in a wheelchair, but we don't expect to park right outside a business. Why would anyone else? We have half a million people here.

Restaurants -

I love sitting and look out the window or outside while I'm enjoying a meal or drink. With SUV's parked right outside the business? Goodbye ambience.

Eating and drinking with loud, smelly vehicles speeding on Main St (current conditions frequently) - no thanks.

Plazas -

That's really what we're talking about when we discuss car removal. They're popular and work well for people and business worldwide.

Climate -

Our pie chart for Vancouver shows that transportation answers are key to reaching climate goals.

We have tremendous growth of ebikers. They are part of our answer. We need infrastructure solutions that encourage them.

Timing -

What are we waiting for? All business owners to jump on board?

Too late for the climate.

Too late for the ebikers.

Will this be another decade or more like Columbia? We saw how well waiting worked for that street.

We can do better.

Jan

From: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: FW: HP in Section 30, PRJ-165336/LUP-83336
Date: Friday, July 14, 2023 8:08:41 AM

Hello,

We received this message in the CMO inbox.

Thank you!
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-----Original Message-----

From: Sharon Okeefe <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 6:57 PM
To: City CDD Planning <cddplanning@cityofvancouver.us>; City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager <CMO@cityofvancouver.us>
Subject: HP in Section 30, PRJ-165336/LUP-83336

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Dear Mr Person and Vancouver City Council

This email is about HP's site plan application for its development in Section 30. It's my opinion that the materials submitted do not provide enough information to assess the environmental impacts of the project on the English Farm and Winery. The Winery is an important part of our community. The English Farm has historical value that SEPA and the City Code require the City to protect. When Section 30 became part of the City, the City Council was very careful to protect the English Farm and its Winery. It identified them as a key property that was to be protected, because it was an important part of the City's goals and vision for Section 30.

I wholeheartedly agree. I have been visiting English Farm for many years, and enjoy stepping back in time and appreciating the old buildings, mature trees, and vineyards. As the surrounding area develops, this place becomes more and more important to me. My favorite parts are _____.

It would be a terrible shame if the City allowed the heat from acres and acres of parking lots to destroy the vineyards. I know HP's application says the buildings will not cause any harm and will not block views, but HP did not provide any studies or data or proof of those statements. We are excited for the jobs that HP will bring to our community. We simply want to ensure that we don't lose the Winery in the process. This is not an "either or" decision.

Thank you for caring about the history of our community.

Sharon Lavier O'Keefe

[REDACTED]
Vancouver, WA 98685

Sharon Lavier O'Keefe

"In order to see, we must forget the name of the thing we're looking at." Claude Monet

From: [Wynn Grcich](#)
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#); [Rebecca Messinger](#)
Subject: Covid jabs
Date: Sunday, July 16, 2023 8:19:21 PM

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<https://usawatchdog.com/cv19-vax-ongoing-global-criminal-experimentation-karen-kingston/>
send to council members and MELNECK. Put on public record and confirm that you did. Thanks from Wynn

From: [Wynn Grcich](#)
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#); [Rebecca Messinger](#)
Subject: Side effects of covid jabs
Date: Sunday, July 16, 2023 8:15:39 PM

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<https://www.clarkcountytoday.com/news/health-emergency-erupts-when-possible-covid-side-effect-runs-wild/> send to council members and MELNECK. Put on public record and please confirm that you did. Thanks from Wynn

From: [Wynn Grcich](#)
To: [Rebecca Messinger](#); [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: Watch "SHOCKING VAX STUDY BURIED BY MSM! Massive Death Toll Climbs As Next Phase Of Tyranny Is PLANNED!" on YouTube
Date: Friday, July 14, 2023 10:46:05 PM

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<https://youtu.be/CxlK91YHVCA>. Please to council members and MELNECK. Put on public record and confirm you did thank you. Wynn