



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor

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

July 8, 2019

WORKSHOPS

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

5:00-6:00 p.m. Downtown Parking Update

Presenters: Chad Eiken, Community and Economic Development Director, 487-7882; Steve Kaspan, Parking Manager, 487-8658

Summary

Staff provided Council with an overview of downtown parking pressures, ongoing City and private parking initiatives to address some of these challenges, and next steps related to the downtown parking strategy.

COUNCIL DINNER/ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES (6 PM)

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 1-6)

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

- Jack Harroun, representing the Building Industry Association (BIA), spoke regarding some of the proposed amendments to the Urban Forestry Commission code under Item 5 and expressed concerns that some of the changes to definitions would provide the commission broader authority, and he expressed concerns the commission would have regulatory power over personal property or levying fines.

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

Consent Agenda (Items 1-6)

Council requested items 4 and 5 be pulled for discussion, as summarized below.

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

1. Modification of the Interlocal Agreement concerning the Arthur D. Curtis Children's Justice Center (CJC)

Staff Report 095-19

Summary

The City of Vancouver and Vancouver Police Department have been active participants and parties to the Interlocal Agreement involving the Arthur. D. Curtis Children's Justice Center (CJC) formerly known as the Child Abuse Intervention Center (CAIC) for more than 25 years. This agreement was last updated on September 18, 2017. For many years, the Vancouver Police Department has provided a police sergeant to manage case referrals and investigations and supervise detectives assigned to the CJC. Three Vancouver Police Department detectives assigned to the CJC investigate felony crimes against children in consultation and coordination with social services and Clark County Prosecuting Attorney's staff. During the last update, the CJC Executive Board amended the Agreement to have the CJC Executive Director supervised by the County Manager with Executive Board consultation. The Board has concluded that the proposed change, which is identified in the modified interlocal agreement, will provide more effective communication and supervision for the CJC Executive Director.

Request: Authorize the City Manager or his designee to sign the modified Interlocal Agreement concerning the Arthur D. Curtis Children's Justice Center (CJC).

James McElvain, Vancouver Police Chief, 487-7473

Motion approved the request.

2. Affordable Housing Fund contract for Housing Initiative LLC - The Pacific

Staff Report 096-19

Summary

In February 2019, Vancouver City Council awarded \$600,000 in 2018/2019 Affordable Housing Funds to the Housing Initiative LLC for development of The Pacific apartments. Funding awards were the result of a formal project solicitation and committee review process.

The project will create 18 units of multifamily housing in two buildings located at 3209 NE 78th Avenue and 7818 NE 32nd Street in Vancouver. This housing will serve individuals exiting homelessness who have behavioral health conditions. Share is providing case management and services for a portion of the units.

Seventeen units at The Pacific will be subject to an Affordable Housing Fund covenant requiring that they remain affordable to households earning up to 50% of area median income for 20 years. Project construction is expected to be completed by the end of 2019, with lease-up completed in early 2020.

The current funding award will be used for project soft costs and construction. The project also received 2017 Affordable Housing Funds from the City totaling \$250,000 for site acquisition. Other funders are Clark County and PeaceHealth.

Request: Approve a contract between the City of Vancouver and Housing Initiative LLC providing \$600,000 in Affordable Housing Funds for The Pacific project.

Peggy Sheehan, Community Development Programs Manager, 487-7952

Motion approved the request.

3. Approval of boundary line adjustment and deed for Christensen Boatyard

Staff Report 097-19

Summary

Christensen Yachts is encroaching on a strip of land (30'X190') owned by the City. A boundary line adjustment and quit claim deed will transfer ownership of this strip to Christensen in exchange for payment of the FMV of \$34,758.00. The property is owned by the City's utility which is not in need of the strip.

Request: Approve the boundary line adjustment and quit claim deed with Christensen Yachts and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the same.

*Chad Eiken, Community and Economic Development
Director, 487-7882; Bronson Potter, City Attorney, 487-8521*

Motion approved the request.

4. **Approval of Notice of Intent to impose sales tax for affordable housing**

Staff Report 098-19

A RESOLUTION declaring the City's intent to authorize a sales and use tax for affordable and supportive housing in accordance with Substitute House Bill 1406.

Summary

SHB 1406 provides authority for cities and counties to impose a sales tax of .0146 percent that is credited against the state's share of the sales tax. The revenue can be used for the acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of affordable housing or facilities providing supportive housing, and for the operations and maintenance costs of affordable or supportive housing. Because it is credited against the state's share of the sales tax, the imposition of this tax will not result in any increase in the sales tax the consumer pays. In order to impose the sales tax, the City must adopt a notice of intent to impose the sales tax and, subsequently, adopt an ordinance imposing the sales tax. The sooner the City adopts the ordinance, the sooner it will begin receiving this revenue.

Request: Adopt a resolution declaring the City's intent to impose the affordable housing sales tax.

*Natasha Ramras, Chief Financial Officer, 487-8484;
Bronson Potter, City Attorney, 487-8521*

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle requested staff provide more information regarding the sales tax referenced in the action requested.

Natasha Ramras, Chief Financial Officer, explained the state passed legislation that would allow a city to impose 0.0146 percentage of the sales tax that is to be credited to the state for the purpose of acquiring, rehabilitating or constructing affordable housing. The action before Council at this meeting is a resolution stating the City's intent to impose the sales tax, which is the first step in the process. A separate action would come before Council at a later date to establish that tax. Ms. Ramras noted this is not a new sales tax, but rather a portion of what is already collected on sales within the city of Vancouver but which currently goes to the state. The City would be able to retain this portion for affordable housing purposes and it would be a source of new revenue to the City. The total sales tax percentage collected in the city would not change.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle asked whether this revenue could be used for shelters. Ms. Ramras explained that staff would need to look at the legislation more closely. City Attorney Bronson Potter explained that the legislation does not provide a definition for "affordable housing" but references that the funding is for people who are at or below 60 percent of median income for the city, and before staff brings an ordinance before Council they would do more research and provide a specific answer.

Motion adopted Resolution M-4026 and approved the request.

5. Revisions to VMC 12.02 Urban Forestry Commission

Staff Report 099-19

AN ORDINANCE amending Vancouver Municipal Code (VMC) Chapter 12.02 "Urban Forestry Commission" relating to the urban forestry commission establishment, definitions and Commission structure and providing for savings and an effective date.

Summary

The current Urban Forestry Commission Ordinance (VMC 12.02) was originally adopted in 1987 and has remained unchanged since that time. The code is now outdated and does not reflect current scope and structure. Over the years, the scope of the Urban Forestry Commission has changed slightly from program development to overseeing program implementation and project, policy, and code review. The current code also requires at least one member be a Parks and Recreation Advisory Commissioner (PRAC). PRAC has had difficulty appointing a PRAC member to serve on both commissions. As a result, the Urban Forestry Commission (UFC) has been operating with only six members. The UFC now meets monthly or at least 10 times a year to qualify Vancouver as a Tree City USA, is active in the

community and is staffed by the City Forester. Vancouver now has an Urban Forestry Management Plan to help guide the program. The Urban Forestry Program is now part of Vancouver Public Works' Environmental Resource Division, though it maintains close ties to Vancouver Parks and Recreation Department.

Request: On July 8, 2019, approve ordinance on first reading, setting date of second reading and public hearing for Monday, July 15, 2019.

Charles Ray, Urban Forester, 487-8328

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

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle asked staff to address the concerns raised under Citizen Communication.

Charles Ray, Urban Forester, explained that several definitions were proposed to be struck from the Urban Forestry Commission code, as they are not mentioned elsewhere in that section, or they were being updated to be consistent with the City's Street Tree code in section 12.04. He explained that for property owners, regulation of private trees is governed by a different code section. The section of code being proposed for amendment pertains only to the Urban Forestry Commission. Mr. Ray also clarified that the Urban Forestry Commission does not assess or recommend fines.

Motion approved the request.

6. Approval of Claim Vouchers

Request: Approve claim vouchers for June 8, 2019.

Copy available upon request.

Motion approved claim vouchers for July 8, 2019, in the amount of \$6,771,111.58.

Citizen Forum

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

- Dale Chambers, Vancouver, expressed concerns regarding C-TRAN

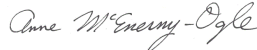
weekend bus routes.

- Laura Lindeman, Vancouver, expressed concerns regarding the conditions surrounding the Navigation Center and recommended establishing a number of smaller day centers around the city.
- Steve Lindeman, Vancouver, expressed concerns regarding public health and safety issues resulting from the activity at the Navigation Center.
- James Dougherty, Vancouver, expressed concerns regarding impacts of the Navigation Center he and his family have personally experienced.
- Rachel Weber, Vancouver, expressed concerns regarding criminal activity and neighborhood impacts resulting from activity at the Navigation Center.
- Peter Bracchi, Vancouver, expressed concerns regarding the neighborhood police officer assigned to his neighborhood and requested a rotation of the neighborhood police officers.
- Mike Ellison, Vancouver, spoke in support of the Charter Review Committee recommendation regarding the establishment of voting for Councilmembers by district.
- Carol Liberato, Vancouver, expressed concerns regarding a concentration of new affordable housing in the Ogden Neighborhood.
- Aaron Townsend, Vancouver, expressed concerns regarding the quality of street improvements and installation of manhole covers throughout the city.

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

Adjournment

7:17 p.m.

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Natasha Ramras, City Clerk

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