



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor

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

June 24, 2019

WORKSHOPS

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

Councilmember Paulsen was absent from workshops.

4:00-6:00 p.m. A Stronger Vancouver: Capital Projects Work Session

This workshop was held in the Aspen Room at City Hall.

Summary

Council discussed details and preferences related to the capital projects included in the Stronger Vancouver Executive Sponsors Council recommendation. Staff provided Council with an overview of a proposed community engagement process to be initiated during the summer.

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

Mayor McEnery-Ogle announced the Council would be entering into executive session from 6:00-6:30 p.m. to discuss 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 Lebowsky, Glover, Stober, Turlay, Hansen, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle

Absent: Councilmember Paulsen

Motion by Councilmember Lebowsky, seconded by Councilmember Glover, and carried unanimously to excuse Councilmember Paulsen.

Citizen Communication (Items 1-9)

Consent Agenda (Items 1-9)

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

1. Country Club Village Stormwater Retrofit Phase 1 - construction acceptance

Staff Report 076-19

Summary

Halme Excavating, Inc of Battle Ground, Washington, has completed construction of the Country Club Village Stormwater Retrofit Phase 1 project. The project provided treatment of stormwater runoff by installing one water quality vault and 1,200 linear feet of storm sewer mains conveying stormwater to the vault.

The work was completed satisfactorily in accordance with the plans and specifications. Contract costs are summarized below:

TOTAL CONTRACT COSTS

<i>Total Labor, Equipment and Material</i>	<i>\$344,073.82</i>
<i>Retainage</i>	<i>\$17,203.69</i>

The original contract amount was \$361,622.50. The final project cost was \$344,073.82, which was \$17,548.68 (approximately 5%) less than the original contracted amount. The difference between original contract amount and final contract amount can be attributed to the typical variances in unit prices and/or quantities commonly encountered during construction. As the original bid amount was less than \$500,000, per City policy, there were no apprenticeship utilization requirements included in this contract.

Request: On June 24, 2019, accept the facilities as constructed by Halme Excavating Inc, of Battle Ground, Washington, and authorize release of retainage subject to receipt of all documentation required by law.

Kris Olinger, Senior Civil Engineer, 487-7188

Motion approved the request.

2. Bid Award for Sodium Fluoride, per Bid # 19-5

Staff Report 077-19

Summary

On March 25, 2019, the City received four (4) bids for the subject project. The bids ranged between \$384,000.00 and \$470,000.00. The low bidder submitted a letter asking the City to accept withdrawal of their bid based on the shipping costs they neglected to add into their pricing. Upon receiving the required justification for the withdrawal, the next responsive lowest bidder, Newco Inc dba Columbia Distribution Co. has been accepted.

The bid prices are based on an estimated usage quantity of 300 tons of sodium fluoride over a potential five-year period covered by the proposed contract. While the contract is for an initial period of one year it provides for an option to extend for up to four more years for a total of five years. The base bid quantities are based on a five-year contract. Columbia Distribution Company's bid was \$410,400 (\$1,368 per ton) or approximately \$82,000 per year. The cost per ton of \$1,368 is for the first full year of the contract and it may be adjusted in subsequent years in accordance with provisions outlined in the contract. The actual usage quantity (and costs) over the life of the contract may be more or less than the estimated usage quantity of 300 tons over the five-year period.

Fluoridation of the public water supply in the City of Vancouver's water systems dates back to a City Council ordinance that was adopted into code (VMC 14.04.150) in late 1961. A citizens' referendum vote in early 1962 supported that Council decision. In 2011, the Washington Supreme Court held that city council decisions on fluoridation are an administrative decision, and not subject to local referendum or initiative. Community water fluoridation is strongly supported by our local health department, the State of Washington Department of Health, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to promote dental health.

Vancouver's water is fluoridated with sodium fluoride – not fluoride byproducts from other processes – to about 0.6 to 0.8 milligrams per liter in compliance with federal and state regulations and guidelines including those by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of

Health and Human Services and Washington Department of Health.

Request: Award a contract for the purchase of sodium fluoride to Newco Inc dba Columbia Distribution Co, Seattle, Washington. The cost over the maximum five years of the contract is anticipated to not exceed \$500,000, which takes into consideration the fluctuation of usage and in the unit cost as allowed for under the contract.

Brian E. Wilson, Operations Superintendent - Water, 360-487-8275

Motion approved the request.

3. Acceptance of Federal Aviation Administration Grant for Pearson Field

Staff Report 078-19

A RESOLUTION authorizing the City of Vancouver to accept a Federal Aviation Administration Grant for Pearson Field Airport to fund rehabilitation of the runway, and authorizing the City Manager to accept the grant on behalf of the City of Vancouver.

Summary

The City of Vancouver is receiving a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to fund rehabilitation of the runway pavement at Pearson Field Airport in 2019. The project includes grinding off the old runway asphalt, repaving the runway, re-striping, new runway signage and replacement of a pilot electronic landing guidance system. Total cost of the project, including contract administration and inspection, is estimated to be \$950,000. The FAA grant will pay for 90% of the project. An additional WSDOT Aviation Division Airport Aid grant can be used as a 5% match for the project. The City, through the Pearson Field budget, would be responsible for the remaining 5%. The FAA requires a resolution indicating the City Council's authorization to accept the grant.

Request: On June 24, 2019, adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration for 90% of the project's \$950,000 estimated costs for the removal and replacement of runway pavement, new runway striping, replacement runway guidance signing, and replacement of a pilot electronic landing guidance system, at Pearson Field Airport.

Dan Swensen, Engineering & Construction Services

Manager, 487-7750

Motion adopted Resolution M-4010 to approve the request.

4. **Second Amendment to Lease Agreement with NAMI Southwest Washington**

Staff Report 079-19

Summary

NAMI is currently renting space in the Town Plaza, located at 5411 East Mill Plain Blvd. The City purchased the Town Plaza and assumed NAMI's Lease Agreement on June 28, 2017. The lease has a termination date of June 30, 2020.

NAMI was aware of the City's plans to redevelop the Town Plaza property and actively searched for a new location for its non-profit business. It has found a new location and moved into the new space, and wishes to end the Lease Agreement, retroactively to May 15, 2019. In light of the City's future plans to redevelop the Town Plaza property, as well as the costs associated with maintaining the current buildings, the City also has an interest in early termination of the lease. City staff would like to amend the lease term by executing the Second Amendment to Lease Agreement, setting the lease termination to midnight on May 15, 2019.

Request: Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the Second Amendment to Lease Agreement between City of Vancouver and NAMI Southwest Washington.

*Linda Carlson, Property Management Specialist, 487-8423;
Sara Baynard-Cooke, Assistant City Attorney, 487-8500*

Motion approved the request.

5. **Adoption of Comcast Biennial Report**

Staff Report 080-19

A RESOLUTION adopting the City/County Telecommunications Commission ("Commission") Biennial Report regarding cable television franchise compliance by the cable operator Comcast of Washington V, LLC ("Comcast").

Summary

The City/County Telecommunications Commission ("Commission") has

prepared progress reports regarding franchise compliance by the cable television operator beginning with completion of the first year of the franchise term, January 1983. This is the third Biennial Report since a 10-year franchise agreement with Comcast was adopted in July 2013. The reports have been forwarded to the legislative bodies of the Vancouver City Council and the Clark County Council.

As noted in the attached Resolution, the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 (the "Act"), which was amended in 1992 and currently in effect, requires that franchising authorities provide written notice of any franchise deficiencies and that the cable operators be given the opportunity to correct any violations, if such factors are to be considered during the franchise renewal process.

The Progress Reports prepared by the Commission clearly meet and exceed the requirements of the Act. Legal counsel advises staff, however, that the legislative bodies of the franchising authorities should take affirmative action in adopting the reports for the reviews to be binding on the cable operator at the time of renewal.

As of the date of the Biennial Progress Report, the Commission finds Comcast in full compliance with the terms and conditions of the franchise. The number of customer complaints received by the City/County Cable TV Office regarding Comcast's service, including but not limited to the company's high-speed Internet service, decreased by 54% when compared to 2015-16. The 2017-18 complaints involved a number of issues, including rates, customer service and technical services.

Request: On June 24, 2019, adopt a resolution approving, ratifying, and affirming the biennial report of the Telecommunications Commission (January 2017 – December 2018).

Jim Demmon, Video Services Manager, 487-8706

Motion adopted resolution M-4011 to approve the request.

Motion adopted resolution M-4011 to approve the request.

6. **Designation of TV ETC and CVTV respectively as the education and government access providers on the Comcast and CenturyLink cable systems**

Staff Report 081-19

A RESOLUTION relating to cable television and to the designation of The Vancouver Educational Telecommunications Consortium (“TV ETC”) as the educational access provider on the Comcast and CenturyLink cable systems for Vancouver and Clark County.

A RESOLUTION relating to cable television and to the designation of Clark Vancouver Television (“CVTV”) as the government access provider on the Comcast and CenturyLink cable systems for Vancouver and Clark County.

Summary

The City and County have a cable television franchise agreement with Comcast of Washington, V LLC, that was effective on July 1, 2013, and a cable franchise agreement with Qwest Broadband Services, Inc. dba CenturyLink, that was effective on January 22, 2016. Under the terms of those agreements, Comcast and CenturyLink provide channels for Public, Education and Government (PEG) programming and it is the responsibility of the City and County to designate authorized entities to provide programming on those channels.

Organizations that are designated as access providers have authorization to broadcast programs over assigned channels on the Comcast and CenturyLink cable systems. They are also able to apply for annual PEG grants, administered by the City, for equipment and other capital expenses associated with producing and broadcasting programming.

TV ETC is a consortium of K-20 educational institutions operated by Educational Service District 112 and is the current educational access provider for Vancouver and Clark County. CVTV, operated by the City/County Cable Television Office, is the current government access provider for Vancouver and Clark County.

The City/County Telecommunications Commission (“Commission”) recommends organizations to serve as access providers to the City Council, per VMC 5.19.320(7). The Commission met on June 5, 2019, to review designation applications and annual reports and to receive presentations from the applicants. Based on their review, the Commission is recommending re-designation of TV ETC and CVTV, respectively, as the education and government access providers for Vancouver and Clark County.

Request: On June 24, 2019, adopt resolutions approving The Vancouver Educational Telecommunications Consortium (TV ETC) as the designated educational access provider and Clark Vancouver Television (CVTV) as the designated government access provider for Vancouver and Clark County on the Comcast and CenturyLink cable systems.

Jeanette (Jan) Bader, Program & Policy Development

Manager, 487-8606

Motion adopted Resolution M-4012 (TV ETC) and Resolution M-4013 (CVTV) to approve the request.

7. Creation of Culture, Arts & Heritage Commission as a Public Development Authority

Staff Report 082-19

AN ORDINANCE rescinding and replacing VMC 2.88; establishing the Culture, Arts and Heritage Commission as a Public Development Authority, granting a Charter to the Commission, approving Bylaws for such Commission and providing for an effective date.

Summary

On April 16, 2018, the City Council adopted a new Culture, Art & Heritage Plan, the City's first in 25 years. The plan includes hiring a full-time Cultural Services Manager, appointing a new Culture, Arts & Heritage Commission, restoring the Cultural Grant program, developing a public art program and actualizing the existing downtown Arts District.

In the 2019-2020 biennial budget, the Council adopted \$400,000 per year to support the implementation of the plan including appointment of the new Culture, Arts & Heritage Commission. This funding is limited term for the duration of the current biennium. The Council appropriated these funds on a limited term basis in anticipation of establishing permanent, ongoing dedicated funding for the program as part of the larger Stronger Vancouver initiative, which is currently under consideration.

At their March 1 retreat this year, the City Council directed creation of the Culture, Arts & Heritage Commission as a Public Development Authority (PDA) similar to the City Center Redevelopment Authority (CCRA) and charge them with the responsibility for implementing the Culture, Art & Heritage Plan. Through programs, ownership and management of physical assets including buildings and public art and through community partnership, the Commission will facilitate development of a strong culture, arts and heritage environment. The Commission may acquire and manage real property; secure financing; undertake the development or redevelopment, construction and maintenance of structures and facilities, including public amenities; and enter into agreements with cultural, public and other not-for-profit entities or with private developers proposing to develop public facilities or retail for the purposes of promoting art, culture and/or heritage.

Request: On Monday, June 24, 2019, approve ordinance on first

reading, setting date of second reading and public hearing for Monday, July 1, 2019.

Jeanette (Jan) Bader, Program & Policy Development Manager, 487-8606

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

Motion approved the request.

8. 2019 First Supplemental Budget

Staff Report 083-19

AN ORDINANCE relating to the 2019-2020 Biennial Budget and making various appropriations in various funds; declaring an emergency.

Summary

Each year, budget adjustments must be made to reflect changes in revenues and expenses that occur after the budget is adopted by City Council. These adjustments can generally be categorized into the following areas:

- Corrections or administrative updates to the adopted 2019-2020 Biennial Budget.*
- Activities and expenditures associated with new external revenues.*
- Carry forward of projects not completed in the prior year.*
- New items funded with unobligated and undesignated funds.*

Budget amendments are recommended for the City's various funds as detailed in Attachment A of the Ordinance. The recommended expenditure appropriation adjustments for the City's Operating and Capital funds included in the 2019 First Supplemental Budget total \$63.0 million. Of the \$63.0 million expenditure increase, \$25.6 million is related to the Operating budget, and \$37.4 million relates to changes in the Capital budget and supporting transfers. The net impact on all City resources is a decrease of \$40.0 million to fund balances; the net impact on the General Fund is a \$2.1 million decrease to the fund balance.

The total Operating budget appropriation change in the General, Street and Fire (GSF) funds represents an increase of \$4.4 million. The remaining \$21.2 million increase relates to changes in other funds.

Appropriation adjustments in the City's GSF funds total increase of \$4.4 million include the following major items:

- *New initiative requests of \$2.6 million include:*
 - *Appropriation of \$1.8 million related to new FTE requests or reclassifications of FTEs (detailed in Attachment B section below).*
 - *Appropriation of \$0.2 million for DECU computer and building upgrades.*
 - *A combined increased appropriation of \$0.1 million set aside for a community engagement strategy and a performing arts feasibility study.*
 - *A combined increase in Streets of \$0.1 million supporting vehicle reserve shortages.*
- *Cost neutral requests totaling \$0.7 million and funded by \$0.6 million in new external revenues:*
 - *A contribution from Share of \$0.2 million supporting the Navigation Center's services to provide homelessness services.*
 - *Numerous grants in Police totaling \$0.1 million and in Fire for \$0.4 million.*
- *Carry forwards and administrative adjustments totaling \$1.1 million include:*
 - *Numerous carry forward projects in CED totaling \$0.4 million for the downtown entry way projects, transportation system safety and plan updates, and other planning and strategy projects.*
 - *Streets carry forward of \$0.2 million for the salt storage building being used for winter weather events that has had various delays.*

A total of \$21.2 million in appropriation increase relates to other operating City funds. Some of the major changes are summarized below:

- *Budget true-up of \$3.9 million in the Streets Initiative Operating fund to increase the pavement management budget.*
- *Carry forward of \$8.9 million mainly related to \$4.7 million in the sewer operating fund for wastewater treatment and collection professional service contracts and other carry forward items.*
- *Carry forward of \$2.3 million in the affordable housing fund.*
- *Cost neutral requests of \$4.0 million, offset by revenue from a \$1.7 million pavement management grant, and in facilities for \$2.2 million for contract increases for janitorial and security services to reflect a different way of accounting for the contract costs.*
- *Adjustment in the Risk Management Fund of \$0.8 million to cover higher than originally anticipated actuarial costs and claims activity.*
- *Equipment services adjustments in 504 and 505 funds of \$0.7 million to extend 2.0 FTE limited term mechanic positions through 2020.*

The total Capital Budget appropriation of \$37.4 million (including internal transfers) is included in the First Supplemental of 2019. Specific amendments by project are outlined in Attachment C to the ordinance. Following are some major projects included by functional area:

- *General/Facilities major capital projects totaling \$1.2 million include the following:*
 - *Carry forward/true-up projects totaling \$0.9 million.*
 - *Small new projects totaling \$0.3 million.*
- *Parks capital of \$6.5 million for:*
 - *Carry forward/true-up projects totaling \$0.7 million.*
 - *New projects totaling \$5.8 million including \$5.2 million for Fenton Community Park, \$0.5 million for a neighborhood park in PIF district C, and \$0.2 million for Esther Short Park master planning for the playground upgrade and restroom replacement.*
- *Transportation project totaling \$13.7 million include:*
 - *Carry forward projects totaling \$5.0 million.*
 - *New projects totaling \$8.7 million mainly for SE 1st St – 164th to 192nd enhancements of \$7.8 million and \$0.9 million for Devine pedestrian improvements.*
- *Utility carry forwards and adjustments totaling \$7.7 million in Water, Sewer and Storm Water projects.*

Attachment B of the ordinance outlines changes to FTEs. Due to the implementation of a new ERP system at the City, Workday, a need exists to true up position classification names in the budget documents to the actual job profiles in Workday. Those changes are captured in Attachment B. An increase of 14.4 FTEs is recommended in the First Supplemental of 2019 and are summarized below:

- *2.0 new FTEs to support Communications in the City Manager's Office.*
- *1.0 new FTE Economic Development Director*
- *1.0 new limited term Principal Planner for a three-year period to advise and advocate on regional transportation issues affecting Vancouver in Community and Economic Development (CED) department.*
- *1.0 new FTE Senior Policy Advisor to support intergovernmental affairs and resiliency planning, reporting to the Assistant City Manager.*
- *1.0 FTE to extend an Associate Planner in CED to support Transportation Demand Management programs through 2020.*
- *2.0 new FTEs in Public Safety, each in Police and Fire respectively for Assistant Chief positions.*

- *0.4 FTE increase to a current position in the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), funded by the grant, bringing the FTE up to 1.0.*
- *1.0 FTE to extend a limited term Customer Service Representative in the Building Fund through 2020.*
- *2.0 FTEs to extend limited term mechanic positions in Equipment Services through 2020.*
- *2.0 FTEs in in Human Resources for limited term positions through 2020.*
- *Conversion of an existing 1.0 limited term Payroll FTE ending in 2019 into a permanent position of Accountant A in Financial and Management Services.*

Request: On June 24, 2019, approve ordinance on first reading, setting date of second reading and public hearing for Monday, July 1, 2019.

Natasha Ramras, Chief Financial Officer, 487-8484

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

Motion approved the request.

9. **Approval of Claim Vouchers**

Request: Approval claim vouchers for June 24, 2019.

(Copy available upon request.)

Motion approved claim vouchers for June 24, 2019, in the amount of \$4,806,978.73.

Public Hearings (Item 10)

10. **2019 Charter Review Committee Recommendations**

Staff Report 084-19

A RESOLUTION to submit to the voters of the City of Vancouver a proposal to amend Article II, Section 2.18 of the City Charter regarding the composition and function of the Citizens' Commission on Mayor/City Council Salaries.

A RESOLUTION to submit to the voters of the City of Vancouver a proposal

to amend Article II, Section 2.02 of the City Charter clarifying that Councilmembers who are either elected by the voters or appointed to a vacant council seat must be a resident of the city for a continuous period of two years and that Councilmembers may not hold another “elected” public office while serving on City Council.

A RESOLUTION to submit to the voters of the City of Vancouver a proposal to amend Article II, Section 2.08 of the City Charter to require the City Council to adopt rules and procedures for filling vacancies on the Council including provisions for public notice of vacancies and public interviews of applicants.

A RESOLUTION to submit to the voters of the City of Vancouver a proposal to amend Article II, Section 2.05 of the City Charter regarding the process by which payroll, bills, invoices and other claims are approved by the City Council.

A RESOLUTION to submit to the voters of the City of Vancouver a proposal to amend Article XI, Section 11.05 of the City Charter regarding the City Council authority to approve contracts for a period of more than five years.

A RESOLUTION to submit to the voters of the City of Vancouver a proposal to amend Article II, Section 2.12 of the City Charter allowing the city to revise or amend only a subsection of an ordinance provided the context and effect of the amendment can be discerned solely by reference to the subsection.

A RESOLUTION to submit to the voters of the City of Vancouver a proposal to amend Article X, Section 10.07; Article VII, Section 7.03; and Article XI, Sections 11.03 and 11.04 of the City Charter to remove inconsistencies and inapplicable language.

Summary

The City of Vancouver’s charter requires that a committee of 15 residents be appointed every five years to review the charter and make recommendations to the City Council on potential changes. The 2019 Charter Review Committee was appointed by the City Council on December 3, 2018. The Committee held eight meetings between January 24 and June 6, 2019, and is recommending seven amendments to the charter for consideration by the City Council.

The proposed amendments, in priority order, include:

- 1. Increasing the number of Salary Review Commission members from five to seven. Capping salary increases for Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Councilmembers at the lesser of an annual rate of 4% or the Consumer Price Index for the West Region (CPI-W). Proposed salary increases higher than 4% or CPI-W would require a public vote. The Commission would also have the ability to decrease salaries or keep them at the current amount.*
- 2. Clarifying councilmember qualifications including that two years of*

continuous residency applies to both election and appointment to City Council. Clarify that when the charter prohibits a councilmember from simultaneously holding another public office, it means “elected” public office.

- 3. Requires the City Council to adopt specific rules and procedures for filling vacancies on council including provisions for public notice of such vacancies and that the interviews of applicants for the position be done in public.*
- 4. Authorizing the City Council to review and approve all bills, invoices or claims at their next regularly scheduled public meeting rather than in advance of payment. This is consistent with state law and current city practice.*
- 5. Clarifying that the City may enter into contracts for longer than five years if approved by the City Council through ordinance.*
- 6. Allowing the City to print or publish only the subsection of an ordinance that is being revised so long as the entire context of the amendment can be understood by reference to the subsection. This will save on printing costs and make it easier for readers to more quickly identify which sections of the ordinance are being revised.*
- 7. Amending the charter to confirm that the time frame for council action on an ordinance proposed through initiative petition is thirty days, rather than sixty days. Remove the term “police judge” which is no longer in use. Amend Section 11.04 to replace the phrase “either of them” with “the city council”. The prior language was confusing.*

Request: On June 24, 2019, following a public hearing, adopt resolutions placing proposed amendments to the City of Vancouver’s charter on the November 5, 2019, general election ballot.

Jeanette (Jan) Bader, Program and Policy Manager, 487-8606; Brent Boger, Assistant City Attorney, 487-8500

Jeanette (Jan) Bader, Program and Policy Development Manager, and Brent Boger, Assistant City Attorney, provided staff comments.

City Manager Eric Holmes reported to Council that two hours of workshop time has been reserved on August 5 for the Council to receive an in-depth review of the election by district recommendation that the Council had previously decided not to consider for the 2019 election.

Ms. Bader provided Council with a summary of the seven Charter Review recommendations that had been moved forward for Council to consider putting on the 2019 ballot and the Council's options related to these recommendations at this point.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened the public hearing and received the following testimony:

- Esther Schrader, Charter Review Committee member, thanked the Council for scheduling the August workshop on the election by district issue, noting that the Columbian had recently written an editorial on the matter and recommended the Council put the issue on the ballot for an advisory vote.
- Marjorie Ledell, Charter Review Committee member, spoke in support of all of the Charter Review Committee's recommendations, but suggested that if the Council limits the number of items it puts on the ballot in 2019 it should definitely put forward the issues related to the paying of bills and invoices to bring the charter into compliance with the state and with current practice, and the matter of allowing ordinance subsections to be amended without publishing the entire ordinance in order to better serve the public. She stated she would be disappointed if voters did not have a chance to weigh in on the election by district issue.
- Barry Hemphill, Charter Review Committee member, stated he agrees with the Committee's recommendations. Regarding the Salary Review Commission matter, he explained that the cap of 4 percent or CPI-W was a compromise the committee reached in order to give the Salary Review Commission options, and he noted that the recommendation to increase the membership of the commission was a result of the contentious nature of the 2016 process where three people were in a majority position. He urged the Council to put this proposed amendment on the ballot.
- Susan Courtney, Charter Review Committee member, thanked the Council for selecting a very diverse committee, which resulted in robust deliberations, and she thanked Ms. Schrader for representing the committee in presenting the recommendations to the Council at the June 17 workshop. She stated she was disappointed with how some of the recommendations were received by the Council, and noted that the committee's 15 members represent a good cross-section of the community and the Council should listen to their feedback rather than pursuing a citizen outreach campaign.
- Frank L'Amie, Charter Review Committee member, noted that election by district would be a big change for Vancouver and stated he understood the desire for more input and was glad the Council would be holding a workshop on the matter in August. He spoke in support of the Salary Review recommendation, stating that while the process for overturning a Salary Review Commission salary increase works, it is extremely cumbersome and can become emotional and contentious. He noted the recommendation is an attempt to alleviate some of that and increasing the membership is a way to involve more citizens in that process. He noted that the timeline for the Charter Review Committee to complete its work was tight and recommended the process be started earlier for the next cycle to allow the committee more time.

- Ed Hamilton, Vancouver, representing the Southwest Washington League of United Latin American Citizens, spoke in support of election by district and stated the Council does not need to wait to hear from disenfranchised citizens before taking action to improve their representation on the Council.
- Adam Aguilera, Vancouver, urged the Council to trust the Charter Review Committee's work and deliberations regarding the election by district issue and place the matter on the 2019 ballot.
- David Olson, Charter Review Committee member, stated he was speaking on behalf of himself and not the committee. He noted that the committee originally ranked the Salary Review Commission issue as its highest priority, but after months of deliberations, concluded that the election by district was its highest priority. He expressed concerns that Councilmembers had made comments during their workshop implying that the recommendations came as a surprise and that there had not been public engagement as part of the committee's process, noting that the committee members themselves are members of the public and they had heard from other members of the public during their process, and in some cases the comments from those people resulted in the committee making changes to their recommendations. He urged the Council to consider placing both matters on the ballot in some form in 2019.

There being no further testimony, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle closed the public hearing.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle noted that Councilmember Paulsen had submitted comments regarding the Salary Review Commission recommendation, knowing he would be absent from this discussion. He had stated that the intent behind the recommended caps on the salaries seem to indicate that Councilmember salaries should generally reflect cost of living changes during any salary review cycle. He stated that CPI reflects cost of living changes, and recommended that be the sole metric used to cap salaries rather than also including the 4 percent cap option.

Councilmember Lebowsky requested that the August 5 workshop also include options for changing the Mayor's term to eliminate the resign to run rule for sitting Councilmembers who wish to run for mayor in the middle of their Council term. Councilmembers Hansen and Turlay expressed support for this request.

Councilmember Lebowsky stated she agrees with Councilmember Paulsen's recommendation regarding the Salary Review Commission. Councilmember Glover also agreed.

Councilmember Stober asked what was the purpose of also including the 4 percent cap. Mr. Boger stated the Charter Review Committee was concerned about potential years of hyper-inflation, or years when the City might have a budget shortfall that would not warrant increasing salaries by the amount of that

year's CPI increase. Councilmember Stober stated he would prefer to support the committee's intent and would not support amending the resolution.

Motion by Councilmember Glover, seconded by Councilmember Lebowsky, and carried 5-1, with Councilmember Stober voting NO, to maintain the tie to the CPI-W index but remove the option of a 4 percent cap on increases to Mayor and Councilmember salaries from the proposed Salary Review Commission charter amendment.

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Lebowsky, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution M-4014, as amended above, related to the proposed Salary Review Commission amendment to Article II, Section 2.18 of the City Charter.

Councilmember Glover noted that Council had expressed some concern about voter fatigue if all seven ballot measures were put forward in 2019, but noted that many of the recommendations are fairly simple and did not think that would be the case.

Councilmember Lebowsky stated she recommended all of the remaining recommendations up for Council consideration at this public hearing be put on the ballot if the language were written simply.

Councilmember Stober stated his only hesitation is that the City has to recruit committees to write pro and con statements for each of the ballot measures, but otherwise he did not have any concerns putting all seven recommendations on the ballot.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle asked what would happen if no one volunteers for the pro and con statement committees. Mr. Boger explained that the Clark County Auditor's office would attempt to recruit citizens for those committees and if that was unsuccessful, there just would not be a statement in the voters' guide for whichever committee lacked volunteers.

Motion by Councilmember Glover, seconded by Councilmember Lebowsky, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution M-4015 related to the proposed amendment to Article II, Section 2.02 of the City Charter to clarify Councilmember qualifications.

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Lebowsky, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution M-4016 related to the proposed amendment to Article II, Section 2.08 of the City Charter updating the process for filling Council vacancies.

Motion by Councilmember Hansen, seconded by Councilmember Stober, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution M-4017 related to the proposed amendment to Article II, Section 2.05 of the City Charter updating the process to approve payment of payroll, bills, invoices and other claims.

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Hansen,

and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution M-4018 related to the proposed amendment to Article XI, Section 11.05 of the City Charter regarding approve of contracts for a period of more than five years.

Motion by Councilmember Lebowsky, seconded by Councilmember Glover, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution M-4019 related to the proposed amendment to Article II, Section 2.12 of the City Charter allowing revision or amendment to subsections of an ordinance.

Motion by Councilmember Hansen, seconded by Councilmember Glover, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution M-4020 related to the proposed amendments to Article X, Section 10.07; Article VII, Section 7.03; Article XI, Sections 11.03 and 11.04 of the City Charter to remove inconsistencies and inapplicable language.

Councilmember Glover stated she wanted to clarify what she had said during the June 17 workshop related to some of the issues brought forward by the Charter Review Committee not being a priority. She stated she was not referring to the value of the issues and seeking input on them, but rather she was talking in terms of time as there is so much going on in the city right now and Council is burdening staff with a lot of work. She stated Council has to be mindful that the work load is not so much that staff cannot return quality work. She also stated that the city is going through a lot of changes, which is difficult, but if we can get there, we will be a better and healthier community by talking through solutions. She said she was disappointed to see Charter Review Committee members attacking Councilmembers on social media after the June 17 workshop, stating that is not a good way to reach resolutions.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle stated the Council appreciates the work and recommendations of the Charter Review Committee, and while the districting issue may not be moving forward to the November ballot, the Council will have further discussions about it, starting with the August workshop, and it may be put on a future ballot.

Citizen Forum

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

- James Dougherty, Vancouver, expressed concerns that improvements to Waterworks Park were not included in the recommendations for the Stronger Vancouver capital projects. He also expressed concerns about public outreach to neighborhood associations, noting that several are inactive and urging the City to ensure residents of those neighborhoods are included in outreach activities through alternative methods.
- Carolyn Crain, Vancouver, expressed concerns about the Stronger Vancouver initiative and potential taxes hitting the same people multiple times. She urged

the City to get feedback from voters on what is included in the package.

- Glen Yung, Vancouver, expressed concerns about Council engagement and awareness of the Stronger Vancouver initiative, stating he has not heard any real discussion yet about how the initiative could impact citizens.
- Susan Courtney, Vancouver, urged the City to discontinue any outreach or planning for the Westside Bike Mobility project and cancel the project altogether.

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

Adjournment

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