June 1, 2020 - Vancouver City Council Meeting Minutes

WORKSHOPS

Conducted remotely.

Workshops were conducted remotely over video conference utilizing a GoToMeeting platform. Members of the public were invited to view the meeting 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, or listen via the GoToMeeting conference call.

5:30-6:15 p.m. 2021-2026 Transportation Improvement Program

Chris Malone, Public Works Finance and Asset Manager, 487-7711

Summary
Staff provided an overview of the 2021-2026 Transportation Improvement Program, scheduled for Council adoption on June 15, 2020.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

This meeting was conducted remotely over video conference utilizing a GoToMeeting platform. Members of the public were invited to view the meeting 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 and Public Hearing items was also facilitated via the GoToMeeting conference call.

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. The meeting was conducted remotely over video conference.

Present:	Councilmembers Fox, Paulsen, Lebowsky, Glover, Stober, Hansen, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle
Absent:	None

Also present on the call were the following: Eric Holmes, City Manager; Jonathan Young, City Attorney; Amanda Delapena, Assistant to the City Council; Brent Boger, Assistant City Attorney; Teresa Brum, Economic Development Manager; Brian Carlson, Interim Deputy City Manager; Chad Eiken, Community and Economic Development Director; Patrick Gilbride, IT Manager; Eric Hahn, Senior Civil Engineer; Julie Hannon, Parks and Recreation Director and Incident Commander for the City's COVID-19 response; Rebecca Kennedy, Long Range Planning Manager; Chris Malone, Public Works Finance and Asset Manager; James McElvain, Police Chief; Jason Nortz, Development Review Manager; Natasha Ramras, Chief Financial Officer; Peggy Sheehan, Community Development Programs Manager; Bryan Snodgrass, Principal Planner; Dan Swensen, Interim Public Works Director; Lisa Takach, Human Resources Director; Greg Turner, Land Use Manager.

Members of the public registered to testify: Carmen Castro, representing the Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber; Steve Horenstein, Mark Stoker, and Tim Schauer representing the applicant for item 14; Don Steinke, Vancouver; Cathryn Chudy, Vancouver.

Citizen Communication (Items 1-11) - see general protocol above

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

Consent Agenda (Items 1-11)

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

1. NE 32nd Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements - Construction Acceptance

Staff Report 056-20

Summary
Advanced Excavating Specialists of Longview, Washington, has completed construction of the NE 32nd Street Sewer Connection Incentive Program

(SCIP) project. The project provided reliable sewer service to 16 parcels by installing 514 linear feet of 8-inch gravity sewer mains as well as 495 linear feet of pressure mains in NE 32nd Street in the Ogden Neighborhood.

A coordinated effort with Pavement Management on this project resulted in a road restoration beyond the limits of the utility trenches.

Work was also coordinated with Water Engineering to install over 1,000 linear feet of 8 inch zinc coated ductile iron water main to replace an existing 2.5 inch black iron main.

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

TOTAL CONTRACT COSTS	
Labor, Equipment and Material	*$323,247.57*
Sales Tax	*$22,295.99*
Total	*$345,543.56*
Retainage	*$13,271.42*

The original contract amount, including sales tax, was $296,599.80. The final project cost was $345,543.556, which was $45,943.76 (under 16%) more than the original contracted amount. The difference between original contract amount and final contract amount can be attributed to a change order issued to replace 75 feet of existing sewer that was discovered to be substandard during the construction process, as well as the typical variances in unit prices and/or quantities commonly encountered during construction.

The contract amount fell below the $500,000 threshold that requires apprenticeship utilization.

Request: Accept the facilities as constructed by Advanced Excavating Specialists of Longview, Washington, and authorize release of the retainage subject to receipt of all documentation required by law.

Sheryl Hale, Senior Engineering Supervisor, 487-7151

Motion approved the request.

2. **East Vancouver PH 1 Sanitary Sewer Improvements - Construction Acceptance**

Staff Report 057-20

Summary

Tapani Underground, Inc. of Battle Ground, Washington, has completed construction of the East Vancouver PH 1 Sewer Connection Incentive Program (SCIP) project. The project provided reliable sewer service to 51 parcels by installing 3,173 linear feet of 8-inch gravity sewer mains in NE 141st, NE 142nd, NE 143rd, NE 123rd and NE 63rd Avenues, NE 42nd Street and Morrow Rd in the Kevanna Park, North Image and Burnt Bridge Creek.

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

TOTAL CONTRACT COSTS

Labor, Equipment and Material	*$582,865.31*
Sales Tax	*$40,669.22*
Total	*$623,534.53*
Retainage	*$29,143.27*

The original contract amount, including sales tax, was $555,712.53. The final project cost was $623,534.53, which was $67,822.00 (approximately 12%) more than the original contracted amount. The difference between original contract amount and final contract amount can be attributed to additional street work that was determined to be needed after the sewer installation was completed, as well as the typical variances in unit prices and/or quantities commonly encountered during construction.

The contract amount was above the $500,000 which requires an apprenticeship utilization of 3%. Tapani did not utilize any apprentices on this project and was therefore assessed the apprenticeship penalty of $10 per hour not utilized for an amount of $1,397.93.

Request: Accept the facilities as constructed by Tapani Underground, Inc. of Battle Ground, Washington, and authorize release of the retainage subject to receipt of all documentation required by law.

Sheryl Hale, Senior Engineering Supervisor, 487-7151

Motion approved the request.

3. Second Amendment to Lease Agreement with Columbia River Insurance

Staff Report 058-20

Summary
Columbia River Insurance is a small insurance office that has been located in its current space since 2016. Their current lease expires June 30, 2021. The City purchased this building in 2018 in anticipation of the need for future expansion of the Public Works Operations Center as well as development of other facilities essential to core City Services.

The original anticipated date of potential expansion of the Operations Center was June 2021. As the City progressed with determining the needs of the new Operation Center, it was determined that the existing property would not be large enough to accommodate all of the essential services that our Operations Center would need to provide to the citizens of Vancouver. The City has since made the decision to re-locate the Operations Center to a different location. This has extended the timeline of when the current Operations Center would no longer be needed for City purposes. This is a Class C office building that is now scheduled to be demolished in 2023. With such a short life span remaining on the building it is difficult to find renters. Extending a current lease will work well with the City's timeline.

Staff proposes entering into a lease extension with Columbia River Insurance for an additional two-year (2 year) period.

Request: Ratify the Second Amendment to Lease Agreement between City of Vancouver and CRIDB, Inc. d/b/a Columbia River Insurance and authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the document.

Linda Carlson, Property Management Specialist, 487-8423

Motion approved the request.

4. **Lease Agreement with Dice Age Games**

Staff Report 059-20

Summary
Dice Age Games is a large gaming facility that has been located in its current space since 2016. Their current lease expired April 30, 2018, and they subsequently entered into a month-to-month agreement. The City purchased this building in March 2018 in anticipation of the need for future expansion of the Public Works Operations Center as well as development of other facilities essential to core City Services.

The original anticipated date of potential expansion of the Operations Center was June 2021. As the City progressed with determining the needs *the new Operation Center, it was determined that the existing property would not be large enough to accommodate all of the essential services that our Operations Center would need to provide to the citizens of Vancouver. The City has since made the decision to re-locate the Operations Center to a different location. This has extended the timeline of when the current Operations Center would no longer be needed for City purposes. This is a Class C office building that is now scheduled to be demolished in 2023. With such a short life span remaining on the building it is difficult to find renters. Entering into a long term lease will work well with the City's timeline.*

Staff proposes entering into a lease extension with Dice Age Games for an additional three-year (3 year) period.

Request: Ratify the Lease Agreement between City of Vancouver and Roy Starkweather d/b/a/ Dice Age Games and authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the document.

Linda Carlson, Property Management Specialist, 487-8423

Motion approved the request.

5. Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City Vancouver and Fire Command Officers Local 4378

Staff Report 060-20

Summary

The labor agreement between the City and the IAFF Local 4378 bargaining unit expired on December 31, 2019. The parties were able to work through a collaborative process and consensual decision making on many of the provisions for a new three-year agreement. The labor agreement is being brought to Council for approval.

Request: On June 1, 2020, authorize the City Manager or his designee to ratify the 2020-2022 Collective Bargaining Agreement with IAFF Local 4378by executing the same.

Lisa Takach, Human Resources Director, 487-8611

Motion approved the request.

6. Affordable Housing Fund - Administrative and Financial Plan Changes

Staff Report 061-20

A RESOLUTION relating to low-income housing; providing amendments to the Affordable Housing Financing Plan adopted in 2016 and amended in 2017 for the collection and use of monies authorized by RCW 84.52.105 to fund very low-income housing; providing for Severability; and an Effective Date.

Summary

The City of Vancouver 's Affordable Housing Fund is guided by an Administrative and Financial Plan (A & F Plan) adopted by Council in 2016 and amended in 2017. The A & F Plan describes eligible uses of funds and provides goals for funding allocations and the number of units or households assisted. Staff is proposing A & F Plan changes to add a per-unit award limit, provide clarifications regarding project eligibility, affordability requirements and financing terms, and support administrative costs. Proposed changes include the following. Note that City Council will still approve all awards made through the fund.

Add a per-unit award limit. *The proposed award limit is $75,000 for Housing Production and $40,000 for Housing Preservation. The current A & F Plan does not include an award limit, but uses the estimate of $50,000 per Housing Production unit and $25,000 per Housing Preservation unit to inform the program goals. Staff has learned from developers that $50,000/$25,000 is too low to provide meaningful support for many projects, particularly smaller projects that cannot access tax credits and other funding sources. There are no changes to the program goals for the number of units assisted in the Housing Production and Preservation categories. Staff anticipates meeting or exceeding all program goals for the seven-year period due to successful leveraging (see attached Projected Fund Performance chart).*

Clarify that low-income homeownership projects are an allowed use. *The current A & F plan states that Housing Preservation funds can be used for homeownership rehabilitation projects. While it does not list new homeownership projects as eligible for Housing Production funds, the City Attorney has determined this is an allowed use and Council has approved Production awards for Evergreen Habitat's homeownership projects in the past. The proposed A & F Plan language clarifies that both Housing Production and Preservation funds may be used for low-income homeownership projects. Staff still anticipates the majority of funding being used for rental projects.*

Add emergency overnight motel vouchers as allowed use. *Council approved an Affordable Housing Fund award for Council for the Homeless for emergency overnight motel vouchers during the 2019 Temporary Shelter award process. Following this approval, staff determined that motel vouchers should be added to the A & F Plan prior to contracting with*

Council for the Homeless. Vouchers have mainly been needed throughout the winter months, such as last winter when shelters were closed for renovations. Now, under COVID-19 conditions, the need for vouchers has increased as providers search for ways to provide shelter in a safe, socially distanced manner.

Provide clarifying details regarding project eligibility and financial policies. *During the first three years of the Affordable Housing Fund, staff has refined its policies and procedures for awards made through the fund. The proposed A & F Plan changes formalize these policies by providing clarifying details regarding financing terms, affordability period requirements, and eligibility of projects, households and units.*

Provide a modest increase in funding for staff and overhead costs. *For the 2020-2023 levy years, staff is proposing a small increase (1% of fund revenues) for the Implementation allocation, supported by a reduction of the same amount for the Housing Preservation allocation. The City did not hire additional staff for this program until the end of the fund's second year; unused 2017-2018 Implementation funds were used to support housing and shelter projects. As more projects are funded, the administrative time required to manage contracts and conduct monitoring continues to increase. Additionally, long-term project monitoring will continue 20 years past project completion (until at least 2043). The 1% increase for Implementation would support current and/or possibly future administrative costs for the fund. There is no change to the program goal for the number of units assisted in the Housing Preservation category. Staff anticipates meeting or exceeding all program goals for the seven-year period due to successful leveraging (see attached Projected Fund Performance chart).*

Request: Adopt a resolution adopting the amended Affordable Housing Fund Administrative and Financial Plan.

Peggy Sheehan, Community Development Programs Manager, 487-7952

Motion adopted Resolution M-4070 and approved the request.

7. Affordable Housing Fund Awards - Rental Assistance and Housing Production/Preservation

Staff Report 062-20

A RESOLUTION relating to low-income housing; providing for adoption of 2019 and 2020 funding awards for the Affordable Housing Fund and authorizing the City Manager to execute agreements on behalf of the City of

Vancouver consistent with Affordable Housing Fund 2019 and 2020 Council approved funding awards; providing for Severability and an Effective Date.

Summary

Council action is requested to approve proposed Affordable Housing Fund awards for two rental assistance and services projects and five housing production and preservation projects.

Proposed 2019-2020 Rental Assistance and Services Awards

The Affordable Housing Fund Administrative and Financial Plan includes an annual allocation of $1.5 million for rental assistance and services to prevent or address homelessness. The City released a request for applications in February 2020 for eligible projects. Combined 2019 and 2020 funding totaling $3 million is available for programs that provide rental and utility assistance over a 24-month period along with case management and services to help participants work toward self-sufficiency.

The City received two applications, from the Homeless Prevention Consortium and The Salvation Army. A review committee has recommended awards of $2.7 million for the Homeless Prevention Consortium and $300,000 for The Salvation Army. The two projects would serve an estimated 620 households during the period of July 2020 to June 2022.

Proposed 2019 Housing Production and Preservation Awards

Proposed awards totaling $2.695 million would support five housing production and preservation projects that were prioritized by the 2020 CDBG and HOME committee. The funding includes $995,000 to replace the recommended 2020 CDBG/HOME awards and $1.7 million in additional Affordable Housing Funds requested for two of the five projects.

The CDBG and HOME funding originally recommended for these projects has been redirected to address immediate rental assistance and business assistance needs related to COVID-19. Out of respect for the committee's prioritization process, and an understanding that the need for long-term affordable housing construction and preservation still remains, staff is recommending that the five projects be funded with available Affordable Housing Funds.

The $2.695 million to support these projects is available from 2019 and earlier levy years. It includes $2 million (2019 funds) reserved for eligible low-income housing tax credit projects (of the five proposed projects, WXV Senior Housing, Mercy-PeaceHealth Family Housing, and Central Park Place expect to receive tax credits). The remaining funding is available due

to the canceled Veterans Village project (2019 funds) and canceled City homeowner rehab program (2017 funds). Note: Council allocated the remainder of the 2019 housing production and preservation funds last year. Staff anticipates releasing a request for applications for 2020 funds this fall.

The projected outcome of the Affordable Housing Fund awards is 279 units (155 new, 124 preserved) serving households earning up to 50% AMI. Three of the projects (Good Shepherd Lutheran Development, Mercy-PeaceHealth Family Housing, and Central Park Place) previously received Affordable Housing Fund awards and require the additional funding to move forward. The City will place affordability covenants on additional 50% AMI units for projects that receive an increased award.

Request: Adopt a resolution approving the proposed 2019 and 2020 Affordable Housing Fund awards for rental assistance and services, housing production, and housing preservation and authorizing the City Manager to execute agreements on behalf of the City of Vancouver consistent with Affordable Housing Fund 2019 and 2020 Council approved funding awards.

Peggy Sheehan, Community Development Programs Manager, 487-7952

Motion adopted Resolution M-4071 and approved the request.

8. **Amendments to Vancouver Municipal Code, Section 17.39 "Historic Preservation" and Vancouver Municipal Code, Section 20.220.050 "Clark County Historic Preservation Commission"**

Staff Report 063-20

AN ORDINANCE revising VMC Section 17.39, "Historic Preservation" to make it consistent with current practices and with Clark County Code 40.250.030 and providing for severability and an effective date.

AN ORDINANCE revising VMC 20.220.050, "Land Use Decisions" relating to the authority, composition, terms and responsibilities of the Clark County Historic Preservation Commission and providing for an effective date.

Summary

Since 1981, the City of Vancouver and Clark County have jointly administered a Historic Preservation Program through an interlocal agreement. The preservation program includes a heritage register, education and outreach program and the Historic Preservation Commission. Clark County recently updated Clark County Code

40.250.030 "Historic Preservation and Historic Preservation Commission Rules and Procedures". The City is proposing to update Vancouver Municipal Code, 17.39, "Historic Preservation," to make it consistent with the changes in Clark County's code. This will make the combined preservation program easier for staff to administer and less confusing for the Historic Preservation Commission and the public than if they have to deal with two different sets of regulations for the same commission.

The substantive changes to the code include:

- *Increasing the number of Historic Preservation Commission members from the current "minimum of five members" to "seven members".*
- *Having two members of the Commission appointed by the City Council and five members of the Commission appointed by the County Council. Currently all the members of the Commission are appointed by the County Council and the City Council's role is to provide recommendations to the County Council.*
- *Providing clearer direction on how property owners can apply to have their property listed on the Clark County Heritage Register (CCHR) and more details on the process the Commission uses to make decisions.*
- *Requires the Commission to adhere to the requirements of the State's Open Public Meetings Act.*
- *Allows for staff review of some applications rather than all actions needing to be taken by the Commission.*
- *Requires photo documentation for any property listed on the Clark County Cultural Resources Inventory that is being demolished.*

VMC Title 20, Section 220 "Land Use Decisions," includes a section on the authority, composition, terms and responsibilities of Historic Preservation Commission that needs to be updated to be consistent with the revisions in 17.39.040.

Request: On Monday, June 1, 2020, approve ordinances on first reading, setting date of second readings and public hearing for Monday, June 15, 2020.

Jason Nortz, Development Review Manager, 487-7844

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read the titles of the ordinances into the record.

Motion approved the request.

9. Site-Specific Zoning Map Designation Change Requests

Staff Report 064-20

A. AN ORDINANCE relating to zoning for the City of Vancouver and Vancouver Municipal Code (VMC) Title 20; amending the Vancouver Zoning map designation for property at 15704 NE Fourth Plain Blvd, tax parcel # 159116000, providing for severability, and providing for an effective date.

B. AN ORDINANCE relating to zoning for the City of Vancouver and Vancouver Municipal Code (VMC) Title 20; amending the Vancouver Zoning map designation for tax parcel # 37916241, 37916237, 37916235, 37916243, 37916245, 37916249, 37916251, 37916281, 37916283, 37916239, and 37916247; and amending an associated Public Facilities Master Plan (PFMP) and a Development Agreement (DA) applying to these properties; providing for severability, and providing for an effective date.

C. AN ORDINANCE relating to Comprehensive Plan and Zoning for the City of Vancouver and Vancouver Municipal Code (VMC) Title 20; amending the Vancouver Comprehensive Plan and Zoning map designations for the rear, eastern 1.9 acres of the 4.7-acre East Wood Presbyterian Church property at 16210 NE 20th Street, tax parcel 164362000, providing for severability, and providing for an effective date.

Summary
Council is requested to review and make final determinations on the proposed map changes:

New Horizons Dental. *1.5 acres at 15704 NE Fourth Plain Boulevard alongside 156th Avenue are proposed to be changed from Neighborhood Commercial (CN) to Community Commercial (CC). The proposal is intended to allow future development of an approximately 7,600 square foot dental office and 900 square foot additional leasable space if the rezone is approved. The current CC zone limits any single use to no more than 5,000 square feet. No public testimony was provided at the hearing. More information is available in the Planning Commission staff report and minutes (page 6).*

Mercy Housing/Peacehealth SW. *2.3 acres in the southeast portion of the larger Peacehealth hospital campus on Mill Plain Boulevard is proposed to be changed from Office Campus Industrial (OCI) to High Density Residential (R-35) zoning, in order to allow a future application for a 70-unit affordable housing project by Mercy Housing. The proposal site consists of eleven former single family homesites owned by Peacehealth, with structures removed. Along with the rezone, associated changes to an adopted Public Facilities Master Plan (PFMP) and Development Agreement (DA) applying to the campus are also proposed to allow the envisioned housing. The PFMP change would reduce the current master plan boundary by removing the 2.3-acre rezone site, which the current* *master plan envisions to be developed with an unspecified building and a larger parking lot. The proposed DA change updates the DA text to recognize changes in right-of-way dedication and trip vesting provisions associated with removal of the proposal area from the master plan, and amends DA exhibits. Removal of the rezone site from the overall hospital Master Plan would eliminate 278 parking spaces, about 15% of the campus total, but the 2015 Master Plan showed a 304-space surplus based on City parking standards which have not been changed. One person testified against the proposal based on concerns that the proposed development would disrupt the neighborhood, decrease property values through increased congestion, increase demand for parking, and threaten pedestrian safety due to lack of sidewalks. More information is available in the Planning Commission staff report and minutes (page 5).*

Cascade North. *The rear 1.9 acres of the larger East Wood Presbyterian Church property at 16210 NE 20th Street on 162nd Avenue is proposed for a change in Comprehensive Plan and zoning designations from Commercial and CC to Urban High Density Residential and R-18. Applicant Ginn Development has proposed a 26-lot single family residential subdivision if the rezone is approved. The entire church property is currently located in Clark County but has requested annexation to the City of Vancouver, which formally initiated the annexation process at a November 4, 2019 City Council meeting. As required by law, the June 15 hearing to review the zoning change will be followed with a separate hearing to review annexation for this property on July 20, 2020.*

The applicant provided an economic analysis noting the property lacks commercial potential because of its size and location behind the church, and the presence of large scale, multi-tenant commercial activities directly south and southwest of the site encompassing approximately 14 acres in total. The primary issue discussed at the March 10 Planning Commission hearing and earlier February 12 workshop was whether a higher density multi-family designation would be more appropriate than the proposed R-18 zoning. Currently there is lack of apartments and a relatively limited number of rental opportunities of any kind near the site and in the upper portion of the 162nd Avenue corridor. A submittal from the church acknowledges that apartment developers have recently expressed interest in the site. Possible incompatibilities between potential multi-family development and surrounding residential development to the north and east are lessened by the fact that the nearby homes vary considerably in density and include both attached and detached structures, and except for one attached home to the north are all separated from the rezone site by roads and a parking strip.

Other considerations support the proposed R-18 zoning rather than a higher density designation. The East Woods Church opposes multi-family development at the site, and as owners of the property have established *terms of sale prohibiting such development. The small lot single family subdivision envisioned by the applicant under the proposed R-18 zone would at likely provide some workforce housing. For these reasons staff and the Planning Commission recommended approval. Eight people testified, all in favor of the proposal. Two of these cited concerns about existing truck parking on 20th Street abutting the site. More information is available in the Planning Commission staff report and minutes.*

Request: On June 1, 2020 approve ordinances for the three proposals on first reading, setting date of second readings and public hearings for June 15, 2020

Bryan Snodgrass, Principal Planner 487-7946

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read the titles of the ordinances into the record.

Motion approved the request.

10. Appointment to Parking Advisory Committee

The Parking Advisory Committee advises City Council on policy issues related to all city-owned on-street and off-street parking facilities, and makes recommendations on facilities and parking regulations.

Council Committee I recently interviewed four candidates, including one seeking reappointment, for two upcoming vacancies on the Parking Advisory Committee and recommends the reappointment of Garrett Ginter and the appointment of Douglas Varenas. Their appointments should begin immediately and expire April 18, 2024.

Request: Reappoint Garrett Ginter and appoint Douglas Varenas to the Parking Advisory Committee, terms beginning immediately and expiring April 18, 2024.

Council Committee 1 (Hansen, Glover, Fox)

Motion approved the request.

11. Approval of Claim Vouchers

Request: Approve claim vouchers for June 1, 2020.

Motion approved claim vouchers for June 1, 2020, in the amount of $10,562,737.17.

Public Hearings (Items 12-14)

Peggy Sheehan, Community Development Programs Manager, presented an overview of Items 12 and 13.

Councilmember Fox noted there had been some previous discussion about CDBG funds potentially being utilized for the parklets program or other COVID-related demonstration projects outside of the central business district.

Ms. Sheehan stated that CDBG funding is flexible so long as the City follows the federal rules pertaining to the funds, including engaging the community about which projects are to be funded. She stated if so directed by Council, a portion of the CDBG funding could be set aside for the parklets program and staff could conduct a citizen participation process for that project and return to Council for approval.

City Manager Eric Holmes clarified that there is funding already designated to fund a business assistance program, which would include grants, loans and technical assistance. He asked whether funding for the parklets program could come out of that designation. Ms. Sheehan confirmed that would be an appropriate use of that funding.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle asked if Council needed to take specific action to ensure a portion of that funding is dedicated to the parklet program. Ms. Sheehan stated it is not necessary to make a motion to that effect, as staff acknowledges Council's desire to explore use of the business assistance funding for that program.

Mr. Holmes offered to earmark, at the pleasure of the Council, $200,000 in business assistance funding for a project like the parklets. He asked this be reflected in the record so as staff begins to administer these funds, there is clear direction regarding the funding to be set aside for this purpose.

Councilmember Stober asked if funding for the parklets should be funded out of the City's CARES Act funding, rather than CDBG. Mr. Holmes stated the City had received some more information on the CARES funding and found it is more unlikely that source could be used for this program, but there is no question CDBG could be used for it.

Councilmember Glover stated she is in support of the parklets program and this funding for that program.

Councilmember Hansen stated he is in support of the parklets program and this funding for that program.

Councilmember Paulsen stated he is in support of the parklets program and this funding for that program.

Councilmember Lebowsky stated she is in support of the parklets program and this funding for that program.

12. **2020 CDBG/HOME Program Action Plan**

Staff Report 065-20

A RESOLUTION relating to the adoption of the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Annual Action Plan for the 2020 program year; authorizing the City Manager to execute agreements on behalf of the City of Vancouver consistent with the CDBG and HOME Investment Partnerships Annual Action Plan; providing for severability and an effective date.

Summary

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires an annual Action Plan that outlines how the City intends to allocate its CDBG and HOME resources. The proposed draft of the 2020 Action Plan is attached and available at www.cityofvancouver.us/cdbg.

CDBG and HOME awards made through the 2020 Action Plan process must be consistent with the goals and objectives included in the City's 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan related to Affordable Housing, Public Services, Economic Development, and Public Facilities and Infrastructure.

The City allocates the majority of its annual CDBG and HOME funding to community partners through a competitive application process as described in the 5-year Consolidated Plan. The following describes the 2020 Action Plan process and funding recommendations.

Responding to COVID-19

The revised recommendations focus on vulnerable community members and/or the broader economic downturn caused by the pandemic. For a description of how each project contributes to the COVID-19 response, see the attached project descriptions. The agencies have confirmed their ability to implement the projects under the public health emergency conditions and serve additional people or households where increased funding has been recommended.

Separate from the 2020 CDBG and HOME funds, the City has received an additional $769,471 in CDBG funds (CDBG-CV) from the first round allocated under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. See the "CDBG Coronavirus Response" staff report dated May 4, 2020 for the proposed use of CDBG-CV funds.

2020 Funds available

An estimated $1,483,862 in CDBG and $768,300 in HOME funds is available for the 2020 program year starting July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021. While 2020 entitlement amounts have been confirmed by HUD, available funds are subject to change based on program income and spending from previous years' project.

Application and prioritization process

The application process for 2020 CDBG and HOME funds began in November of 2019. The City received 21 proposals with requests totaling approximately $3 million. A 20-person volunteer committee composed of community representatives and City staff completed the prioritization process. The committee reviewed grant proposals, attended applicant presentations, scored and prioritized the projects, and suggested funding options. Following completion of this process, the COVID-19 crisis imposed significant impacts on the local economy. In response, City staff has recommended shifting proposed funding for housing projects to public service and small business assistance activities to assist with COVID-19 recovery efforts. The housing projects that were initially recommended for funding by the committee will now be funded through the Affordable Housing Fund.

2020 CDBG awards

Proposed funding awards for 2020 CDBG ($1,483,862) support the following priorities. A list of funding awards and project descriptions are attached.

- ***Public services ($325,000, 22%):*** *Case management for homeless and at-risk youth; homeless outreach; housing intake and diversion services; and financial literacy/first-time homebuyer education.*
- ***Business assistance ($666,257, 45%):*** *Technical assistance, grants and loans for small business owners. (Note: CDBG-CV funding will provide an additional $390,577)*
- ***Housing services ($181,000, 12%):*** *Case management to help households experiencing or at risk of homelessness find and maintain rental housing. Paired with HOME-funded rental assistance.*
- ***Administration and Implementation ($311,605, 21%):*** *Staff and administrative costs to carry out the CDBG program and projects. The amount of CDBG funds that may be used for administration is capped by federal guidelines.*
- ***Housing projects (moved to Affordable Housing Fund):*** *Acquisition and preservation of multifamily rental housing for veterans and other low-income households; development of homes providing affordable homeownership opportunities. These projects will now be funded through the Affordable Housing Fund.*

2020 HOME awards

Proposed funding awards for 2020 HOME ($768,300) support the following priorities. A list of funding awards and project descriptions are attached.

- ***Rental assistance ($500,000, 65%):*** *Assistance with security deposits, rent and utilities to help households experiencing or at risk of homelessness afford housing. Paired with CDBG-funded housing services.*
- ***City housing rehab program ($199,977, 26%):*** *Loans to low-income homeowners to assist with needed repairs that address health, safety and livability issues.*
- ***Administration ($68,323, 9%):*** *Staff and administrative costs to carry out the HOME program and projects. The amount of HOME funds that may be used for administration is capped by federal guidelines.*
- ***Housing projects (moved to Affordable Housing Fund):*** *Construction of multifamily housing for seniors and low-income families. These projects will now be funded through the Affordable Housing Fund.*

Request: Adopt a resolution approving and adopting the 2020 Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnerships Action Planand authorizing the City Manager to execute agreements on behalf of the City of Vancouver consistent with the CDBG and HOME Investment Partnerships Annual Action Plan.

Peggy Sheehan, Community Development Programs Manager, 487-7952

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

- Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read a portion of a written statement submitted by the Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber (attached). Carmen Castro, Executive Director of the Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber, stated that the COVID-19 pandemic has been very difficult for Latinos in both impacts to health and economically. She stated the Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber will continue to provide technical assistance to businesses, and she stated she appreciates the efforts of the City in helping the community.

- Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read written comments from Kristin Edmark, Vancouver:

  Please take the climate emergency seriously. I am thankful for the City of Vancouver efforts to move toward clean energy off fossil fuel.

Thank you.

Please do not approve additional natural gas hook-ups in this time when we should be transitioning to clean energy. Please make sure units can accommodate electric vehicle charging. As society transitions, clean energy will be made less expensive than gas to incentivize electricity use. Furnaces are expensive and last decades; it is wrong for citizens to be innocently saddled with the more expensive, environmentally destructive alternative. Gas is anything but natural. Gas is mostly composed of methane, the extremely potent greenhouse gas; gas is transported in pipelines which leak between 3 and 5%; pipelines are pressurized and explosive; large amounts of gas are lost to the atmosphere during fracking; fracking is associated with many negative effects including use of enormous amounts of fresh water, contamination of the water table, increased birth defects near fracking sites, etc.

I believe your efforts now make a profound difference on decades. Please be strong in the effort to help citizens and to lessen climate disaster.

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

Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, seconded by Councilmember Glover, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution M-4072 to approve the 2020 CDBG/HOME Action Plan.

13. **CDBG Coronavirus Response**

Staff Report 066-20

A RESOLUTION relating to the adoption of the City of Vancouver CARES ACT- Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 (CDBG-CV) funding allocation plan for inclusion in the 2019 Action Plan; providing for severability and an effective date.

Summary

Separate from the 2020 CDBG and HOME entitlement, the City has received an additional $769,471 in CDBG funds (CDBG-CV) from the first round of funding allocated under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The CDBG-CV funds must be used to prevent, prepare for, or respond to COVID-19 and its community impacts.

In addition, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has *issued regulatory waivers allowing the City additional flexibility and the ability to respond more quickly to the pandemic:*

- *The City can determine use of COVID-19 response money without a competitive application process; recipients and activities must still meet eligibility requirements*
- *The City can allow for a five-day public review period for COVID-19 response activities instead of the usual 30 days*
- *The City can exceed the usual 15% funding cap for public services, provided that the funded activities respond to COVID-19*

Proposed CDBG-CV funding priorities

Based on emerging community needs and feedback from City leadership and external stakeholders, staff is proposing to spend the $769,471 in CDBG-CV funds for public services and small business assistance as described in the chart below. Funds will be contracted to agencies through expedited RFI processes; staff will provide a copy of all CDBG-CV contracts to City Council. ***See attached list of recommended funding priorities for additional details on each.***

Use of funds	*Preliminary details*	*Amount*
Public services	*Activities must be in response to COVID-19 and its community impacts. Examples of eligible activities include services for people who are homeless, housing services, food distribution, and financial or legal technical assistance.*	*$225,000*
Business assistance	*Components include:* *· Grants or loans of $2,500 to $50,000 for small businesses that have been negatively affected by COVID-19. Business owners must be at/below 80% of area median income. Funds available for selected operating expenses and expenses related to adapting the business to COVID-19.* *· Technical assistance to small businesses negatively affected by COVID-19, including those receiving grants and loans. Example activities include*	*$390,577*

	guidance on business planning, marketing, operational changes, or applications for SBA loans or other funding.	
Administration	*If administration dollars are not needed, these funds will be moved into one of the other categories.*	*$153,894*
TOTAL		*$769,471*

Award process

Staff is currently preparing to advertise the proposed CDBG-CV funding priorities for the five-day public comment period. If approved by Council at the June 1, 2020 public hearing, the priorities will be added to the HUD-approved 2019 Action Plan through a plan amendment. This allows the City to begin spending the money immediately rather than waiting until the 2020 Action Plan is approved by HUD.

Funds will be contracted to agencies through expedited RFI processes. The public services component will be open to proposals that respond to COVID-19 and its community impacts. The scope of work for the microenterprise grants program and business technical assistance will be prescribed by the City. The Economic Development staff will assist in implementing the program.

Request: Adopt a resolution approving and adopting the 2019 Action Plan amendment to include the CDBG-CV funding priorities and authorizing the City Manager to execute agreements on behalf of the City of Vancouver consistent with the CDBG and HOME Investment Partnerships Annual 2019 Action Plan.

Peggy Sheehan, Community Development Programs Manager, 487-7952

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

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Paulsen, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution M-4073 approving the CDBG Coronavirus response priorities.

14. SE, Inc. Development Agreement Extension

Staff Report 067-20

A RESOLUTION relating to the amendment of a development agreement, pursuant to RCW Chapter 36.70B, to extend the term of the development agreement; and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute an amendment to a previously approved development agreement.

Summary

The 189-acre site currently contains approximately 690,000 square feet of building area. It is currently 50% leased and the new owner is planning to refresh and upgrade the building all while talking to potential future tenants. The remainder of the site is undeveloped.

The site was annexed into the City in 1996 and the City and Clark County agreed at the time that County staff would process the master plan application. The HP South Campus master plan was approved by the Clark County Hearings Examiner in 1997. The purpose of the master plan was to create a planning framework for the site which optimized campus development, preserved future flexibility and expedited regulatory approvals. It established a simple configuration of building, circulation, utility and landscape/recreation systems to accommodate a selective range of potential development. The plan was intentionally diagrammatic to clearly establish planning guidelines, yet retain the flexibility to respond to evolving needs. The master plan was to guide development on the campus for the next 20 years and the maximum build out was anticipated to be 2.6 million gross square feet of floor area.

A development agreement was approved by City Council in 2001. The development agreement allocated concurrency trips along the SE 164th and SE 192nd Avenue Corridors to allow future build out of the campus in accordance with the approved master plan. Additionally, the development agreement vests the development of the site to the 1996 Clark County Code and the 1997 Master Plan approval consistent with the East County annexation agreements between the City of Vancouver and Clark County.

In 2009, the site was purchased by the Shin Etsu Chemical Corporation (SE Inc.). At the time, SE Inc. was considering developing the site as a silicon based technology campus, including all of the uses that were permitted by and consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan and the Master Plan. SE, Inc. requested an extension of the development agreement and the City Council granted the extension to June 4, 2020. In 2015, SE, Inc. had filed a request with the City for a much longer extension period but then decided to withdraw the request.

This site represents the largest parcel of contiguous single ownership urban employment land in the Vancouver Urban Growth Area. In the last 40 years, it has had two owners: Hewlett Packard and Shin Etsu Chemical. While full development of the site would require a significant effort, the property

represents significant economic development capacity beyond its current state. The property is in the process of being purchased by New Blueprint Partners which had initially requested a five-year extension and has since revised the request a two-year extension of the DA. As outlined in the extension request, the new owners will be seeking a comprehensive plan amendment and zone change to a mixed use designation for the site. Additionally, a mixed use master plan will be submitted along with an amended and restated development agreement to memorialize higher intensity economic investment in the site and to ensure the on-site development will conform to the approved master plan. This comprehensive plan amendment will ultimately be reviewed by the Planning Commission and come before City Council for consideration within the next two years.

With regard to trip vesting, the developer was granted vesting of 30,000 total daily trips, including 4,200 AM peak hour trips and 3,590 PM peak hour trips as part of the original Development Agreement. These trips are reserved on the transportation system for the use by the developer. Generally, this means that the developer meets concurrency requirements and is allowed to generate that number of trips before they would be subject to additional mitigation measures over and above those already required in the existing terms of the DA.

Concurrency is maintained for each concurrency corridor, and is measured by average PM peak-hour travel speed through the entire length of each corridor. (It should be noted that delays caused by specific vehicle movements at individual intersections only impact concurrency if such delays cause the average travel speed of the entire corridor to fall below the adopted level-of-service standard.) There are only two concurrency corridors that will be directly impacted by this development; 164th / 162nd Avenue, and 192nd Avenue. The Adopted LOS Standard Average PM Peak Speed for both these corridors is 10 MPH. Speed measurements taken by the RTC in late 2019 indicate that both corridors are currently operating above 26 MPH, therefore both corridors are operating well above level-of-service standards and are anticipated to continue doing so even as surrounding undeveloped areas are developed over time. The extension of the current DA at this site will create no disproportionate burden on other properties or developments.

Request: On June 1, 2020, subject to public hearing, adopt a resolution extending the SE, Inc. Development Agreement and authorize the City Manager to sign the addendum to the Development Agreement.

Greg Turner, Land Use Manager, 487-7883

Greg Turner, Land Use Manager, provided an overview of the proposed amendment to this development agreement (DA). Eric Hahn, Senior Civil Engineer, provided information pertaining to the vesting of trips pertaining to the existing development agreement.

Mr. Turner stated that the applicant, BluePrint Partners, had submitted a recommended update to the language of the DA amendment before Council as follows: Notwithstanding anything else contained within the development agreement dated June 4th, 2001, or the first amendment dated November 16th, 2009, the parties to the second amendment to the development agreement acknowledge and agree that the development code, standards and procedures in effect on the date that a new application is filed shall apply.

Mr. Turner explained that, essentially, when the applicant applies for the master plan for this site, they would go under the current City code rather than the 1996 Clark County code.

Steve Horenstein, representing the applicant, stated his client is excited to move this project forward, and he noted that the project and site has sat for many years undeveloped. Mr. Horenstein provided some background information on BluePrint Partners and the company's experience developing industrial real estate in North America. Mr. Horenstein stated the applicant is proposing to take the site from light industrial to an employment center of mixed use zoning to produce about 5,000 new jobs, some residential development, and a new middle school for Evergreen School District. He stated the site could not be developed without the trip reservations. He noted if the City's multi-family tax exemption program is extended to the east side of Vancouver, a portion of the residential units would be set aside for affordable housing. Mr. Horenstein explained the developer is already making investments into the planning of this site.

Councilmember Glover stated this is an exciting project and it is exciting to see outside investors come in and recognize the potential and plan a mixed use neighborhood in that area. She stated that with the change to the extension being reduced for the original five-year extension to the currently proposed two year extension, and with the change proposed by the applicant to bring the project in under City code she would support the amendment.

Mark Stoker, representing SE, Inc., echoed the comments by Mr. Horenstein, and stated his client is the seller of the property and fully supports the project planned by the purchaser of the property. He noted SE Inc. is not a developer but has been a steward of the site since 2009. He stated the initial intent was to bring a solar plant to the site but global markets ultimately made that unfeasible. He stated the extension of the development agreement is key to development of the property. He noted that the property owner would also have the obligation under the current agreement to install traffic signals at access points to the site when the development occurs and the traffic warrants are met.

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

- Don Steinke, Vancouver, asked whether the updated master plan for this site would be consistent with state law that calls for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. He expressed concerns that development of the site without a provision in the development agreement that discourages vehicle traffic will make emissions worse, and urged the Council to develop an emissions reduction plan that is at least consistent with state law.

- Cathryn Chudy, Vancouver, requested that energy standards consistent with state law be applied when the master plan for this development is approved to prevent the increase of greenhouse gas emissions related to increased traffic as a result of the development.

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

Councilmember Paulsen stated the purpose of this action is to give the new property owner time to develop a master plan for the site. He stated he is excited for what is possible for this underutilized site in creating jobs and potentially increasing the supply of affordable housing. He stated it could be a game changing project and this amendment is a very modest extension, and as such he would be supporting the amendment.

Motion by Councilmember Glover, seconded by Councilmember Paulsen, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution M-4074 extending the SE, Inc. Development agreement and authorizing the City Manager to sign the addendum to the Development Agreement as amended to include the language: *Notwithstanding anything else contained within the Development Agreement dated June 4, 2001 or the First Amendment thereto dated November 16, 2009, the parties to this Second Amendment to Development Agreement acknowledge and agree that the development codes, standards and procedures in effect on the date that a new application for master plan approval is filed shall apply.*

Old Business

15. Vancouver COVID-19 Emergency Response and Presentation of Emergency Order

A RESOLUTION ratifying and confirming Emergency Order 2020-14 as issued by the Vancouver City Manager.

Request: Adopt a resolution ratifying Emergency Order 2020-14.

Eric Holmes, City Manager

City Manager Eric Holmes provided an update on the City's pandemic response, including an update on State orders and Clark County's efforts moving toward Phase 2 of the Safe Start plan, and updates to the City's operations including changes to public meetings.

Mr. Holmes provided any update on the parklets program, explaining it is designed to be an expedited and no-fee method for businesses to establish additional outdoor seating that would allow them to comply with the physical distancing requirements of business operations and still regain some capacity that might help make their bottom line. He stated the parklet program is intended to be a pilot so it can be started now and determined whether there may be value in converting it into a permanent deployment recognizing that there is always going to be tension between the activity it brings out on the street and the demand for parking which currently is very low.

He noted the Emergency Order 2020-14 is clear about the process for allowing parklets to occur downtown, but the parklets program is intended to be a citywide option. He stated there is a process that would make the program feasible for restaurants in private developments where the parking is privately owned and operated to access the same ease of permitting and no fee.

City Attorney Jonathan Young explained that emergency order 2020-14 is structured in a way that capitalizes on the current Street Eats program and uses the same area as would be used for extension of restaurants to the sidewalk abutting the restaurant and also parking spaces that are immediately adjacent to the restaurants. He stated that in conversation with the Community Economic Development director, if the City were to broaden this out to the east side, staff could recommend using the temporary use permit process and waiving the application fee for applicants who want to use an on-premises location, like a parking lot space, to capitalize on the parklet program. He stated that would be done in a way where it would not obligate a landowner to have their tenant use the space for a parklet; that would be between the landowner and a commercial tenant to work out.

Councilmember Lebowsky noted that one option of the parklet program is to expand onto the the sidewalk in front of a restaurant. She asked whether the program will ensure ADA accessibility for these instances. Mr. Young confirmed the program contemplates a business owner ensuring ADA compliance is still met, and would not allow expansion of the restaurant into ADA parking spaces.

Councilmember Stober stated that logistically it will take a business some time to be up and running in utilizing this program, but the expiration date of the emergency order currently is the end of July, which may make it difficult for a business to justify utilizing the program when there may not be much opportunity for a financial return in that amount of time. He stated the program should be allowed at least through September. Mr. Holmes stated extending the time of the program would not be a problem.

Councilmember Glover agreed with Councilmember Stober and stated the program should not be a short term option. She stated the program could potentially be used year-round.

Councilmember Lebowsky asked whether some sort of roof or covering could be added to the parklet seating structures, recognizing bad weather is possible any time during the year, and noting that the pandemic will likely still be impacting businesses and the community into next year.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle noted that the City is not charging a fee for businesses to utilize this option, and adding roofing to the structures would get into another level of permitting.

Councilmember Hansen suggested a less permanent structure than a roof might be an option.

Councilmember Fox cautioned about making the parklet program a permanent solution without a formal code change process. She stated if the Council wants to make it a more permanent option past the state of emergency, then the proper public procedures should be followed in the fall.

Council spoke at length regarding potential design options for covering the parklet structures.

Mr. Holmes continued his briefing with an update on homeless services during the pandemic, as well as an update on the status of the City's re-opening plan.

Julie Hannon, Parks and Recreation Director and incident commander for the COVID-19 emergency, provided an update on parks and recreation services that may begin to reopen up and those services that will continue to be suspended.

Mr. Holmes provided an update on the City's communications efforts during the pandemic, and an overview of which City emergency orders have expired without extension.

Mr. Young explained why the emergency orders pertaining to defense from eviction of small businesses were not extended, stating the local City orders were originally put into place to fill gaps in the Governor's eviction protection orders, which originally did not include protections for commercial tenants. The governor's orders were since updated to include protections for commercial tenants, and those orders are scheduled to expire on June 4. However, there is indication the Governor is considering extending those orders and/or modifying them but what the orders might contain if they are extended is unknown.

Mr. Holmes stated the Council could direct the City Manager to extend the City's emergency orders that include these protections, or wait to see what the

Governor might do over the next few days to see what would be most appropriate in regards to local orders.

Councilmember Stober stated he ideally would want the protections to stand as they are, but recognized the Governor's staff is deep into these considerations and aware of the many nuances. He stated his biggest concern is that the Governor's protections expire and there is nothing in place.

Mr. Holmes stated if the City waits until June 4th to see what the Governor does, it will provide more clarity on what local protections may be needed, if any.

Mr. Young provided an update on the status of the courts in relation to evictions, stating that a lapse in the regulation could allow for filing of new cases, but that does not mean that there would not be an opportunity for the Council to act prior to a judge taking action on those cases. He stated that the civil courts are yielding to all of the criminal cases in the pipeline right now because of the dynamic of the slow judicial process during the pandemic and one of the most viable ways of regulating residential landlord tenant act cases is not through an outright ban on filing of those cases, but providing a new defense for the tenant. An option that exists is to wait and see what the Governor does or does not do, understanding the governor may not take any action for protection for tenants. In such a case, staff could return to Council at its next regularly scheduled meeting with an emergency order to provide some sort of affirmative defense for tenants. It would still allow the court doors to open for filing of new cases but provide for defenses that the tenants could assert.

Councilmember Stober asked for clarification on whether evictions can move forward right now if there is a threat to life or property. Mr. Young confirmed that is the case, as there is an exception that allows landlords to move forward with eviction proceedings if there are those specified conditions involved.

Mr. Holmes continued his briefing with an overview of the update crime statistics from the Vancouver Police Department (VPD).

Councilmember Stober asked Chief James McElvain to talk through why so many resources are being deployed to Lower River Road where not many people live, understanding that is where a lot of drag racing activity has been occurring lately. Chief McElvain explained a lot of drag racers from Portland have moved over to Vancouver and are congregating downtown, along the waterfront and Lower River Road. He stated as such that is where many of the resources have been focused, stating it would be much worse without those efforts deployed there.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle asked for an update in VPD's grant with the International Association of Chiefs of Police. Chief McElvain explained the grant period had ended, but as part of VPD's commitment for the domestic violence and sexual assault training that was received was that VPD would update its policies and procedures and put into a place better practices than what may have existed earlier.

Chief McElvain provided an overview of the Chief's Diversity Advisory Team.

Councilmember Lebowsky noted that there is an active white supremacist community in Southwest Washington, and she asked what the VPD does as far as monitoring those groups and their activities, including coordination with the FBI or other organizations.

Chief McElvain explained VPD has a special investigations unit that serves as not only the crime analysis members, but there are also two sworn members who serve as an intelligence body that monitors activity that is occurring not only in the City of Vancouver, but the surrounding area. He stated they are connected closely with other law enforcement agencies that have similar units in place. He stated VPD does communicate with the FBI as well as the various agencies throughout the region.

Chief McElvain added that the City Manager had asked him to speak to the recent demonstrations and activity that has been occurring in response to the tragic death of George Floyd while in the custody of Minneapolis police officers. He stated in his 34-year career in law enforcement, he has never seen citizen mobilization to this extent. He stated VPD has taken a team over to Portland to assist them. He stated locally there have been a couple of events that have remained peaceful and under control. He stated VPD had received word of a potential demonstration at the Vancouver Mall, but VPD worked with Public Works and the mall's security team to assist in preventing people from making their way to the mall.

Mr. Holmes provided an update on the City's approach to enforcement of public health orders during the pandemic, emphasizing education, awareness and expectations of behaviors. Mr. Holmes also provided a brief financial update related to the City's CARES Act funding and additional guidance provided by the federal government.

Communications

A. From the Council

B. From the Mayor

C. From the City Manager

Adjournment

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