



Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor
Bart Hansen · Ty Stober · Linda Glover
Laurie Lebowsky · Erik Paulsen · Sarah J. Fox

May 24, 2021 - Vancouver City Council Meeting Minutes

WORKSHOPS

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.

4:00-5:00 p.m. Vancouver Homelessness Plan: Mitigating Impacts of Unsheltered Homelessness

Jamie Spinelli, Homeless Response Coordinator, 360-487-8610

Summary

Staff provided Council with an overview of a proposed plan for addressing the impacts of unsheltered homelessness in Vancouver.

5:00-6:00 p.m. 2022-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Chris Malone, Public Works Finance and Asset Manager, 360-487-7711

Summary

Staff provided an overview of the proposed 2022-2027 Transportation Improvement Plan.

COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA 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 items and under the Community Forum were also facilitated via the GoToMeeting conference call.

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order and Roll Call

The Consent Agenda meeting of the Vancouver City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor McEnerny-Ogle. This 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; Brian Carlson, Deputy City Manager; Julie Hannon, Parks and Recreation Director; Rebecca Kennedy, Long Range Planning Manager; Carrie Lewellen, City Treasurer; Cara Rene, Communications Director; Bryan Snodgrass, Principal Planner; and members of the public.

Proclamation: Memorial Day

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read and presented a proclamation to Larry Smith, co-chair of the Community Military Appreciation Committee, recognizing May 31, 2021, as Memorial Day.

Community Communication (Items 1-4)

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

Consent Agenda (Items 1-4)

Council requested Item 2 be pulled for separate discussion.

Councilmember Fox stated she had spoken with staff about whether the bonds could be funded by a more local institution, but it sounds like there is not the legal criteria for such a selection of a purchaser, and she asked staff to further clarify this

issue for the Council.

Justin Monwai, bond agent through Piper Sandler, explained that they would send the term sheet to about 30-40 banks to solicit offers, and if there are any specific institutions the Council would like the term sheet sent to, they can do so.

Councilmember Fox stated that if the City can re-invest the money in the local economy, that would be preferred.

City Attorney Jonathan Young explained that there are ways the City can use its local purchasing power to support diversity, equity and inclusion issues; however, when it comes to local preference contracting, the state Attorney General's office has advised that providing a preference for local establishments in using the City's purchasing power is implicitly prohibited by state law. He added that any time the City wants to engage preferential treatment in using its purchasing power, it should establish a strong legislative record of the need tied to the end result. He noted he had spoken with the City's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Director, Alicia Sojourner, about how to bridge that gap and use the City's purchasing power in a more thoughtful way, and they would present that to the Council for consideration in future meetings. He stated for the purpose of this item, strictly looking at a local purchasing preference is not recommended.

Cynthia Weed, bond counsel, agreed with Mr. Young. She pointed out that developing a preference for a local bank can be an interesting process also because there are not many banking institutions that are still genuinely local versus just being local branches of larger corporations.

Councilmember Fox asked what the criteria for selection would be if more than one bank offered the same rates. Mr. Monwai stated they would look at other criteria, such as the call or redeem feature, and whatever would be most beneficial or preferred by the City. He stated the bank with the best bid is not always the one selected, depending on the other terms offered.

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

1. Acceptance of Public Art - "The Columbia"

Staff Report 074-21

Summary

The City of Vancouver was contacted by the Port of Portland regarding a donation of public art from Portland International Airport (PDX). In 2001, artist Larry Kirkland, who designed the water feature in Vancouver's Waterfront Park, did an art installation at PDX entitled "The Columbia". Included in the installation were four marble and granite pieces of art that served as decorative benches. The expansion plans for the terminal at PDX do not include reusing the benches and the Port of Portland has

offered them to the City. The pieces are in very good shape and include two fish made of Brazilian quartzite and a boat and bridge made of Indian granite and Italian marble. While these pieces are currently being used indoors, the artist has noted that with slight modifications, they could also be used outdoors. The Public Art Committee is considering locations for the placement of these pieces. At this time, the two fish benches we will installed at the Water Resource Education Center, the Bridge is going to find a home in City Hall and the boat will be on-loan to the Fort Vancouver Regional Library, for their Cascade Park location.

The proposed donation was review by the Public Art Committee and the pieces are being recommended for acceptance into the City's public art collection by the Culture, Arts and Heritage Commission. The City's Donation Acceptance Policy, No. 100-41, requires that donations of artwork that will be on permanent or long-term display be approved by the City Council. The pieces would be added to the City's Public Art Collection.

Request: On May 24, 2021, adopt a resolution accepting the donation of four pieces of artwork associated with "The Columbia" installation at Portland International Airport; and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement - Artwork Transfer with the Port of Portland.

Julie Hannon, Parks and Recreation Director, 360-487-8309

Motion approved the request.

2. 2021B Limited Tax General Obligation (LTGO) Refunding Bonds

Staff Report 075-21

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Vancouver, Washington, providing for the issuance and sale of an up to \$10,100,000 Limited Tax General Obligation refunding bond of the City and delegating authority to approve the final terms of said bond.

Summary

In 2003, the City issued \$18.5 million in Limited Tax General Obligation (LTGO) bonds at an interest rate of 4.43% for construction of the Firstenburg Community Center. The callable maturities of the 2003 bond issue totaling \$15.0 million were partially refunded in 2012. The 2012A bond issue had an interest rate of 3.26%. The City now has the opportunity to refinance the remaining \$9.8 million of the callable maturities of the 2012A Refunding bonds, which can be called in September 2021. Their final maturity date is 12/1/2029.

The new refunding bond issue will be named the 2021B LTGO Refunding bond. A total of up to \$10.1 million is anticipated to be issued to refund the \$9.8 million of the callable maturities of the 2012A LTGO Refunding bond issue. The bond ordinance allows flexibility to issue up to \$10.1 million in refunding bonds in case of market fluctuations. The cost of issuance, including agent's and bond counsel fees, is estimated to be approximately \$50,000.

The 2021B LTGO Refunding bond is anticipated to have an interest rate of approximately 1.35%. By refunding this bond issue the City will realize approximately \$980,000 in future debt service savings, estimated at approximately \$120,000 per year. Debt service payments are currently supported by revenue received by the Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) 1 fund 133.

The ordinance allows for the not-to-exceed amount to be greater than the actual amount estimated to be issued, simply to provide flexibility for the bond sale.

Request: On Monday, May 24, 2021, approve ordinance on first reading, setting date of second reading and public hearing for Monday, June 7, 2021.

Carrie Lewellen, City Treasurer, 360-487-8482

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

Motion approved the request.

3. Appointment to the City/County Telecommunications Commission

The City/County Telecommunications Commission (TCC) serves in an advisory capacity to the Vancouver City Council and the Clark County Council on matters related to telecommunications and cable television. The commission makes reports, monitors compliance with the city and county cable franchise agreements, and establishes rules and regulations regarding cable television and associated telecommunications issues.

Mayor McEnemy-Ogle recently interviewed three applicants for this mid-term position and recommends appointment of Denise Shephard; with a term beginning immediately and expiring December 31, 2022.

Request: Appoint Denise Shephard to the City/County Telecommunications Commission, term beginning immediately and expiring December 31, 2022.

Mayor McEnemy-Ogle

Motion approved the request.

4. Approval of Claim Vouchers

Request: Approve claim vouchers for May 24, 2021.

Motion approve claim vouchers for May 24, 2021, in the amount of \$4,403,517.39.

Community Forum

Mayor McEnemy-Ogle opened the Community Forum and received the following testimony:

- Don Steinke, Vancouver, urged the Council to consider supporting the state's goals for emissions reductions.
- Cathryn Chudy, Vancouver, thanked the residents and the Council for sitting through a long meeting on May 17 to provide testimony in support of the City's moratorium on large-scale fossil fuel facilities. She also urged the Council to consider adding a land acknowledgement statement to the beginning of Council meetings.
- Norm Yonemura, Vancouver, spoke in support of improvements to Columbia Street, stating it is an investment in the future and will positively impact residents' physical and social health.
- Glen Yung, Vancouver, urged the City to have a robust conversation with the neighborhoods regarding the City's proposed homelessness plan and work directly with the neighborhoods in selecting the most appropriate sites for the supportive camping program.

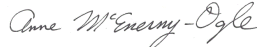
There being no further testimony, Mayor McEnemy-Ogle closed the Community Forum.

Mayor McEnemy-Ogle spoke regarding the passing of Vancouver resident and community activist Jane Jacobsen, and about Ms. Jacobsen's many accomplishments and impact on Southwest Washington.

Adjournment

7:00 p.m.

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Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor

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Natasha Ramras, City Clerk

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Delapena, Amanda

From: City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2021 9:11 AM
To: Delapena, Amanda
Subject: FW: Don Steinke's public testimony, May 24, 2021

Testimony for council meeting

Kerry

From: Don Steinke [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2021 9:03 AM
To: City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager <CMO@cityofvancouver.us>
Subject: Don Steinke's public testimony, May 24, 2021

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VCC May 24, 2021, Hello everyone, my name is Don Steinke,

We passed two major climate bills in Olympia this year. According to the tribes, the significance of one of those bills cannot be overstated.

The Climate Commitment Act is like a much-improved version of California's cap and trade program. It will raise at least \$500 million for pollution reduction programs each year.

Here's how it works. A permit to pollute is called an allowance. In our case, an allowance is a permit to emit 1000 tons of ghg. Polluting industries will be allowed to continue polluting up to a certain cap. The cap will be lowered over time.

Companies that want to continue polluting will be required to purchase allowances at auction and the number of allowances available will decline. Gas distribution companies are also covered with a more gradual approach.

In my mind, there still seems to be a cloud over those bills which may take a few months to clear. I'll let you know when I know. This brings me to **Topic 2**

On June 1 of 2017, Alona and I attended the Portland City Council meeting where they established the goal of having 100% renewable energy by 2050. They set the goal and told staff to work out the details.

Consider doing that in Vancouver. Set the goals and hand it over to staff. Consider matching the goal established by our legislature which is to reduce emissions 45% below 1990 levels by 2030 and 95% below 1990 levels by 2050.

I don't think you need to do time consuming outreach to publicly affirm you will get busy to support the state goals and I don't think you need lengthy outreach to lead by example within municipal operations.

The legislature has already told Clark PUD they need to be net zero by 2030, so your primary focus will be the electrification of buildings and transportation beginning with new construction.

To: Vancouver City Council and Staff
Citizen Forum/Public Comment/May 24, 2021/Cathryn Chudy

The agenda for the Council meeting last week was daunting, and I was amazed at the fortitude of those who waited patiently to speak at the hearings. There were 24 out of 26 of us who hung in there and adjusted our time down to 2 minutes while advocating in support of the extension of the bulk Fossil Fuel Moratorium along with the goal of having a strong protective ordinance for Vancouver by the end of the year.

I appreciate the fortitude and patience of our Council members as well, weathering such a lengthy meeting and remaining in active listening mode throughout. I realize that working full time jobs along with managing the expectations and time frames posed by your work as elected representatives of our community must be a challenging balancing act to navigate. I suspect you don't hear 'thank you' as often as you should, and so I am here tonight to offer just that.

I also want to acknowledge the challenges faced by city Staff as they do extensive work that steers the course of our city and informs you as Council members on crucial decisions you are faced with in serving the diverse needs of our community. My experience with city staff who are working on the issues I care most about has been positive, and any effort I have made to engage and communicate has been met with a thorough and positive response. I especially appreciate Aaron Lande for the Fossil Fuel Moratorium and Climate Strategy work that he is doing. I realize these are only a portion of what Aaron does, and that many other staff are also behind the scenes working on these initiatives. I want to recognize and appreciate city staff for the effort and hard work being done behind the scenes for Council and for our community.

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On a different note, back in October I sent an email to Council members after the October 12th Indigenous Peoples Day Proclamation, suggesting that our Vancouver City Council consider putting in place the practice that exists in many other municipalities of beginning Council meetings with a Land Acknowledgment to Indigenous Peoples statement for Vancouver. I heard back initially from Mayor Anne that there was discussion of this but have heard nothing since. I am hoping that discussion will lead to action, since I believe in expressing gratitude and appreciation to those whose territory we reside on and who have preceded us in stewardship of this land we now share.

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