



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor

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

May 9, 2022

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3:00 - 6:00 pm 2023-24 Biennial Budget

Natasha Ramras, Chief Financial Officer, 360-487-8484

Summary

Staff led Council through a discussion of the 2023-24 Biennial Budget and timeline for approval.

COUNCIL DINNER/ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA MEETING

This meeting was conducted as a hybrid meeting with in person and remote viewing and participation over video conference utilizing a GoToMeeting platform. Members of the public were invited to view the meeting in person, via the live broadcast on www.cvtv.org and CVTV cable channels 23 or HD 323, or on the City's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/VancouverUS. Public access and testimony on Consent Agenda items and under the Community Forum were also facilitated in person and via the GoToMeeting conference call.

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Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order and Roll Call

The regular meeting of the Vancouver City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor McEnerny-Ogle. This meeting was conducted as a hybrid meeting, including both in person and remotely over video conference.

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

Absent: None

Proclamations: Poppy Days; Taiwanese American Heritage Week

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read and presented a proclamation to Gloria Cummings, American Legion Auxiliary President, proclaiming May 15-21, 2022, as Poppy Days.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read and presented a proclamation to Easton Lee, Vice President of Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce of North America, CT Fu, President of the Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce of OR and SW WA, Chien-Yu Chan, President of Formosa Association of Public Affairs of OR and SW WA Chapter, proclaiming May 8-14, 2022, Taiwanese American Heritage Week.

Community Communication (1-4)

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

- Glen Yung, Vancouver, spoke about the overview of the budget and funding

for more safety measures in the community.

- Kimberlee Elbon, La Center, Washington, stated it is wrong to pass any agenda items while under the ICLEI.

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

Consent Agenda (Items 1-4)

Council requested Item 3 be pulled for discussion.

Councilmember Fox discussed the code changes for the HQ Master Plan and Subdivision with Keith Jones, Senior Planner. A brief discussion was held between the Council and staff regarding the zoning and development. City Attorney, Jonathan Young, stated from a procedural standpoint that staff should add the changes from Title 20 to the ordinance and then bring the item back as a first reading at a future meeting. Council asked that parameters for building height and density be put in place. Item number 3 was sent back by the Council and removed from the consent agenda.

Council took a vote to approve Items 1, 2, and 4.

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

1. 2022 First Supplemental Budget

Staff Report: 062-22

AN ORDINANCE relating to the 2021-22 Biennial Budget and making various appropriations in various funds; declaring an emergency.

The recommended expenditure appropriation increases for the City's Operating and Capital funds included in the 2022 First Supplemental Budget totals \$138.4 million. An increase of \$45.9 million relates to recommended changes in the Operating budget, with the remaining appropriation increase of \$92.5 million representing changes in capital projects and supporting funding transfers. The Supplemental will result in utilizing \$14.3 million in City resources; of that amount, the General Fund's share is \$3.0 million.

Changes in the operating budget could be distilled to administrative in nature, grant funded and very minimal new initiatives. A significant amount of the operating budget appropriation change relates to a variety of normal administrative changes across all funds. The administrative changes include an update of the salaries budget for the cost of living adjustment for

all labor and non-union groups effective in 2022, annual true-up of the self-insurance charges for the liability, workers' compensation and property insurance costs and claims, annual true up to the indirect cost service plan, budget adjustments for the changing cost of fuel and faster than anticipated vehicle replacements across all affected City departments, including General, Street and Fire funds.

Appropriation increases for the operating budget changes in the General, Street and Fire funds total \$15.7 million. The majority of the increase relates to the administrative changes outlined above. The budget also includes grant funded appropriation increase due to a number of new grants in public safety, funding for City services related to the Interstate Bridge and appropriation of a small amount of ARPA grant funding, mostly for the outreach and initial design of the future projects. The single new largest item is budget to fund three Safe Stay villages, two have already opened, and two Safe Park locations, of which one is a new location to be determined later in the year. The Safe Stay villages are funded by a combination of the Affordable Housing property tax and the Affordable Housing sales tax dollars. Additional appropriation is being added to increase the Diversity and Inclusion efforts internally and externally.

The remaining appropriation increase relates to changes in other operating City funds. Major changes are summarized below:

- True up of the CDBG-CV 3 and CHIP grant awards for 2022 fiscal year of \$1.0 million;*
- Affordable Housing Property Tax and the Affordable Housing Sales Tax appropriation increases to fund the new Safe Stay Villages, \$2.9 million;*
- ARPA funding reimbursement for services provided out of the General Fund;*
- True up of the Tennis Center appropriation of \$2.0 million to reflect the most recent operating expenses and revenues of the Center. The Center is currently managed by the US Tennis Association, but the financial information must be reported in City financials;*
- Risk Fund budget adjustment of \$2.4 million to reflect the current cost of insurance and claims;*
- Updated appropriation of \$1.8 million due to an updated vehicle replacement schedule to account for higher use vehicles than originally anticipated and longer lead times in vehicle delivery;*
- Updated appropriation by \$7.1 million in the School Impact Fee fund to reflect the most current projection of fees collected in the fund to be transferred to the School Districts.*

The total net Capital Budget appropriation of \$92.5 million (including internal transfers) is included in the First Supplemental of 2022. Expenditures by project are outlined in Attachment C to the ordinance. Following are some of the changes to projects included in the

Supplemental:

- *Parks capital projects totaling \$3.0 million for:*
 - *Esther Short Park restroom re-build and new playground*
 - *Oakbrook Park*
 - *Vancouver Innovation Center (VIC) Park*
 - *Harpers Playground at Marshall Community Center*
- *General Capital/Asset Management projects totaling \$21.8 million for:*
 - *Operation Center redevelopment*
 - *Fourth Plain Commons construction*
 - *Heights Phase 1*
- *Water, Wastewater and Streets/Transportation totaling \$21.1 million for:*
 - *Main Street reconstruction*
 - *NW 32nd Commercial Corridor Right of Way (ROW)*
 - *Heights Roads, Right of Way (ROW) and infrastructure design*
 - *Devine Street pedestrian improvements*
- *Capital Funding Transfers Supporting the City's Capital projects Budget totaling \$46.5M*

Attachment B of the ordinance outlines changes to FTEs, with an overall new increase of 26.5 FTEs recommended in the 2022 First Supplemental. Major changes from the Attachment B are listed below:

- *Major position changes are outlined below:*
 - *Reclassification and reorganization of existing 7.0 FTE Police Service Technicians (PST) to:*
 - *One Police Officer, one Business Intelligence Analyst, one Records Specialist and one Strategic Communications Manager to remain in VPD.*
 - *Two positions in Information Technology and one in Human Resources to better support Police IT and HR needs.*
 - *Additional capacity in the newly created General Services Department:*
 - *Add 1.0 FTE Support Specialist II and 1.0 FTE Financial Analyst B;*
 - *Add 2.0 FTE Capital Project Managers to support capital building-related projects.*
 - *Additional capacity in the Economic Prosperity and Housing Department;*
 - *Reclassify two existing positions to better reflect the work needs of the department;*
 - *Add 0.5 FTE Support Specialist III and move 1.0 FTE added to help manage the Heights implementation from Facilities Department.*
 - *Public Works Construction Services increase in personnel in response to increasing capital programs;*

- *Add 2.0 FTE Senior Construction Inspectors, 1.0 Survey Specialist and 1.0 Civil Engineer.*
- *Positions to support grant and revenue-funded work:*
 - *Add 2.0 Limited-Term FTEs to conduct extensive outreach to residents and businesses in the Fourth Plain corridor and Businesses on Main Street. Positions are to be supported by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding;*
- *Other FTE changes to support the organization:*
 - *Add 3.0 Limited-Term through end of 2022 Fire Support Staff in anticipation of Proposition 2;*
 - *Add 2.0 FTE Building Inspector III's in Building Fund to support increased business activity;*
 - *Add 1.0 FTE Senior Park Developer for managing capital Parks and Trails;*
 - *Add 1.0 FTE Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Program Coordinator and 1.0 FTE Homelessness Program Coordinator in City Manager's Office;*
 - *Add 8.0 FTE Overhire, unfunded positions, to be utilized on a short term basis with authorization by the City Manager or their designee;*
 - *Add 1.0 FTE HR Assistant in Human Resources to support the HR Benefits team.*

Request: On Monday May 9, 2022, approve the ordinance on first reading, setting the date of second reading and public hearing for Monday May 16, 2022.

Natasha Ramras, Chief Financial Officer, 360-487-8484

Motion approved the request.

2. Bid Rejection - Construction of Rehabilitation of Industrial Pump Station

Staff Report: 063-22

The IPS was constructed in 1979 to service local food processing industries and reduce waste loading to the Westside treatment plant. The IPS pumps food-processing wastewater from two food-processing facilities to the industrial pretreatment lagoon. The IPS has been operating since 1979 with original structures, piping, and mechanical and electrical equipment. No major construction or replacements have occurred during its 40-plus years of operation. During the past 10 years, treatment plant maintenance staff have conducted short term repairs to pipes and mechanical equipment that have worn due to corrosion and have led to numerous leaks. The pipes are currently in a condition beyond repair and in need of replacement in order to ensure continuous service.

The project would replace the aging and outdated electrical system with

updated equipment that meets current electrical codes for safety and reliability; install new piping, mechanical equipment and structures that meets current construction standards and provides better maintenance access; and provide a protective coating for the wastewater collection well. The project would include temporary wastewater bypass pumping services that would keep the two food processing facilities in operation during construction. An interim bypass configuration will be constructed by Jacobs in June 2022 in case of a failure prior to completion of this project.

On April 5, 2022, bids were opened for this project (ITB 22-22). Bids were received from 3 firms:

SUMMARY OF BIDS	
BIDDER	AMOUNT
<i>Lee Contractors, LLC Battle Ground WA</i>	<i>\$1,345,400.00</i>
<i>Northbank Civil and Marine, Inc., Vancouver WA</i>	<i>\$1,654,625.00</i>
<i>Pease and Sons, Inc., Tacoma WA</i>	<i>Bid Withdrawn due to bidding error</i>
<i>Engineer's Estimate (as published)</i>	<i>\$400,000</i>
<i>Updated Construction Estimate</i>	<i>\$1,488,700</i>

The City's apprenticeship utilization requirement is based upon the engineer's estimate that was published at time of bidding. The engineer's estimate for this project was below the required threshold for apprenticeship utilization and therefore, no apprenticeship goals were included in the bids received for this project.

The engineer's estimate (as published) was a value provided in October 2020 during the preliminary engineering design phase of the IPS and errantly included in the bid package. Because bids received were substantially higher than the published engineer's estimate, staff requested an independent construction estimator to provide an updated construction estimate, which reflect current materials and labor economic conditions. The estimate is consistent with bids received, which were within 36% range of each other.

Request: On May 9, reject all bids and direct staff to re-bid the project to include apprenticeship utilization in accordance with the City's apprenticeship goals for public works construction projects.

Frank Dick, Wastewater Engineering Supervisor, 360-487-7179

Motion approved the request.

3. HQ Master Plan and Subdivision

Staff Report: 064-22

AN ORDINANCE approving the HQ Master Plan and Subdivision at Fisher's Quarry and associated VMC Title 20 text amendments; and providing for severability and an effective date.

In 2009, the City adopted the Riverview Gateway Subarea Plan that established goals and policies and an overall vision for redevelopment of two former rock quarries at the intersection of SR-14 and SE 192nd Avenue. The subject site is the 99-acre Fisher's Quarry that is located west of 192nd Avenue.^[1] The applicant has named the development the HQ Master Plan.

Following the completion of the Subarea Plan, the Riverview Gateway Plan district regulations were adopted into the development code (VMC 20.680). The Riverview Gateway Plan District requires that the applicant submit for and obtain approval of a master plan prior to the area being developed. Under the City's development code, the master plan is a Type IV process requiring a hearing before the Planning Commission who makes a recommendation to City Council for final action.

The applicant requests approval of a master plan to develop the 99-acre Fishers Quarry Site and subdivide the property into 41 lots. Development includes approximately 331,934 square feet of office/light industrial, 350,765 square feet of non-office commercial (includes 120-room hotel), 1,950 multi-family dwelling units and 12 single-family residential lots.

Staff requests that the City Council approve the project based on the findings contained in the staff report to the Planning Commission dated February 15, 2022 for the February 22, 2022 Planning Commission hearing with the staff proposed amended conditions contained in the attached memo to City Council dated April 20, 2022

[1] The WSDOT quarry is the second quarry area identified in the subarea plan and is located generally east of 192nd Avenue. In 2016, the City Council approved the Columbia Palisades master plan for the WSDOT quarry. Columbia Palisades is currently being built out and is not part of this proposal.

Request: On May 9, 2022, approve the ordinance on the first reading, setting the date of second reading and public hearing for May 16, 2022.

Keith Jones, Senior Planner, 360-487-7887

Council agreed to remove the item from the agenda to be brought back at a later date.

4. Approval of Claim Vouchers

Request: Approve claim vouchers for May 9, 2022.

Motion approved claim vouchers in the amount of \$8,533,162.73.

Community Forum

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

- Ashley Hughes, Vancouver, spoke about the economic and social failures relating to crime increases.
- Jim Karlock, Portland, Oregon, stated they do not want tolls and light rails when the new bridge is developed and does not want to see money wasted on this.
- Wynn Grcich, Clark County, Washington, spoke about the Council following the United Nations and their disappointment in the Mayor supporting Black Lives Matters.
- Kimberlee Elbon, La Center, Washington, stated they feel discriminated against by the City and that they would like the Council to hold a town hall.
- Cathryn Chudy, Vancouver, thanked the Council for their work on the climate action plan and provided information on the need to switch to electric vehicles.
- Justin Forsman, Vancouver, spoke about the importance of homeownership and the war in the Ukraine.
- Leah Black, Vancouver, spoke in opposition to the free fridge program and the risks of allowing them.
- Phillip Englund, Vancouver, spoke in support of the free fridge program and the benefits of allowing them.
- Michele Rudi, Vancouver, spoke in opposition to the free fridge program and the risks of allowing them.
- Paul Englund, Washougal, Washington, expressed thanks to the Council for their support on climate action and for pursuing more multifamily housing options.

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

Adjournment

8:07 p.m.

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Anne McEnerny-Ogle

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Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor

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Natasha Ramras

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Natasha Ramras, City Clerk

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Political gamesmanship is not what is needed to make Vancouver better.

I have lived in Vancouver since July of 1976. My first home for 6 years had electric ceiling heat. My second and present home had oil heat until gas was available in my neighborhood and then I converted.

I invested \$10,000 in the Clark PUD solar program knowing that solar was never going to be the solution here but it could augment. I worked for and retired from BPA, and know hydro will be increasingly scarce. Natural gas is going to be needed for decades as a bridge to whatever future solutions can be invented.

- All forms of renewable energy are needed in a balanced, low-carbon future. Using the natural gas infrastructure already in place, Vancouver can reach climate goals more affordably by delivering renewable natural gas and hydrogen.
- Families and businesses should have a choice of resilient and dependable energy options to meet their needs. Aside from the unnecessary expense, gas bans could discourage renewable energy innovation and force communities to exclusively depend on the electric grid for all energy needs. Homes and businesses with gas service can still have energy even when the electric power is out.
- The affordability and reliability of energy must remain priorities of our region's energy system. Reducing carbon emissions is important, and so is access to affordable energy and the security of a dependable regional energy system.

I believe the best way to realize the most promising low-carbon energy future, for all, is through a collaborative effort using a broad spectrum of solutions to reduce emissions and promote innovation. It's why I urge policy makers at all levels to recognize that a diversified energy system is fundamentally stronger, more affordable, and more reliable.

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I am in agreement with the NW Natural viewpoint on the draft climate plan under consideration. I want to add that energy cost factors will hurt those who can least afford it, low income residents. Please keep options open to consumers. John Romanowski

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Respectfully,

Shannon Ripp | Support Specialist III



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My Public Comments for the Community Forum for Monday, May 9th are attached

To: Vancouver City Council and Staff
Community Forum/May 9, 2022/Cathryn Chudy

The Climate Action work that our City Council is prioritizing is rooted in a commitment “to mitigate local contributions to climate change and develop adaptation and resilience strategies in preparation for intensifying climate impacts.” Vancouver is also committed to “equity and social justice playing an integral role in both the development and equitable implementation of its plan, particularly frontline communities that are disproportionately affected by climate change and young people who will inherit the legacy of our climate action.”

I urge our Mayor and City Council and city staff to connect with the [Just Crossing Alliance](#) “a coalition of Environmental Justice, Climate Justice, and Sustainable Transportation advocates who have endorsed a shared vision for the proposed replacement of the Interstate Bridge that connects Washington and Oregon across the Columbia River.”

Our SW WA Alliance for Community Engagement (ACE) endorses the Just Crossing Alliance’s [Values](#) - which are introduced with this statement:

The Just Crossing Alliance’s advocacy around the proposed Interstate Bridge crossing is driven by an urgent need to mitigate and adapt to climate change, by strong values of environmental justice, environmental protection and social justice and by the need to balance the fiscal needs of many different transportation and other infrastructure priorities in our region.

The research is clear: expansion of automobile infrastructure induces additional trips that increase greenhouse gas emissions and local pollution. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions and reduce the pollution burden on our communities and especially on frontline communities that tend to bear the heaviest burden, we need to reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) by actively managing travel demand, electrifying our vehicle fleets, and encouraging shifts to transit and other modes.

Four areas with the highest Environmental Health Disparities in Washington state are impacted by the IBR project, and for both climate and public health reasons we cannot afford to increase pollution including greenhouse gases from current levels.

Our Climate Action Plan that Vancouver will adopt this summer sets aggressive targets for reducing emissions, with a clear commitment to equitable implementation. If we are to meet these protective targets, for our community both now and in the future, our transportation decisions must ensure that we do not add to the greenhouse gas emissions and pollution burden by failing to actively and wisely manage travel demand.

Plans and decision making on the bridge replacement are in motion, and I encourage city staff and elected representatives to enlist the [Just Crossing Alliance](#) as a significant resource that brings a perspective on both climate and environmental justice considerations that will impact communities on both sides of the river for decades to come.

From: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
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This came in after the deadline. I am happy to respond to let her know that comments are not read aloud but are shared with Council and put in the record. Let me know if you would like me to do that.

Respectfully,

Shannon Ripp | Support Specialist III

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To whom this may concern,

I found out about this city council meeting at the deadline, is there any way this written comment will be read at the meeting?

“Vancouver Climate Action Plan

Hi- my name is Amelia Cole and I am the President of Clark Colleges Environmental Action Club. I am not able to be in person at this meeting, but on behalf of myself and our members, we wanted to give youth input on the proposed Vancouver Climate Action Plan. It is crucial that youth voices are being heard when debating on whether this plan should be instated. For those who do not believe in or are not educated about climate change and are fighting against this plan, I urge you to educate yourself before voicing your opinion against the implementation of VCA, for this plan, or lack thereof, will impact generations to come. Unfortunately, the effects of climate change will continue to effect Vancouver, and the cities preparation for such events like climate-induced natural disasters is the difference between life or death within our community. Because youth will be effected the most by climate change, I urge city council and our community to take youth voices into consideration. Thank you for your time.”

Sincerely,
Amelia Cole