



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

April 25, 2022

WORKSHOPS

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

Workshops were conducted in person in the Aspen Room of City Hall. 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, or www.facebook.com/VancouverUS.

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4:00 - 6:00 pm Transportation System Plan Update

Jennifer Campos, Principal Planner, 360-487-7728; Rebecca Kennedy, Deputy Community Development Director, 360-487-7896

Summary

Staff led Council through a discussion of the framework and goals during the Transportation System Plan Update overview.

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 McEnery-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 McEnery-Ogle

Absent: None

Councilmember Perez attended virtually.

Proclamation: Autism Acceptance Month

Mayor McEnery-Ogle read and presented a proclamation to John Krejcha, Programs Director and Co-Founder for Autism Empowerment, proclaiming April 2022 as Autism Acceptance Month.

Community Communication (1-3)

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

- Kimberlee Elbon, La Center, Washington, stated they will be performing an audit on the City.

There being no further testimony, Mayor McEnery-Ogle closed Community

Communication.

Consent Agenda (Items 1-3)

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

1. Block 18 Tieback Easement Agreement with Springs Vancouver Waterfront LLC

Staff Report: 058-22

The owners of Block 18 are currently working on final plans and specifications and hope to start construction of the building in mid-April. The Grantee in the agreement is: Springs Vancouver Waterfront LLC, a Delaware limited liability company operating out of McMinnville, Oregon.

City Staff and the developer have coordinated to propose mutually agreeable language on the agreement for City Council's consideration and formal adoption.

Request: Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the Block 18 Tieback Easement Agreement with Springs Vancouver Waterfront LLC for construction activities on Block 18 in the final negotiated agreement substantially similar to the form attached hereto.

Julie Hannon, Vancouver Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director, 360-487-8309

Motion approved the request.

2. Professional Services Agreement Amendment for Professional Planning Services for the Transportation System Plan Update

Staff Report: 059-22

The TSP update will provide a framework to guide transportation investments over the next 20 years in alignment with Council priorities and the community's vision and goals. It is being developed through a robust, equitable, and collaborative process with stakeholders and the community to help improve safety, mobility, and quality of life for City residents. It will include both short- and long-range strategies, and specific program, policy, and project recommendations to create an integrated multimodal transportation system that facilitates the safe and efficient movement of people and goods, accommodates anticipated growth, and is environmentally and fiscally sustainable.

Due to the unanticipated COVID-19 pandemic and its resulting impacts, the

project was delayed several months. Budget responses to COVID required a complete project pause for several months, and public health and safety protections that moved all engagement to virtual required an overhaul to the existing public outreach strategy as well as new resources to implement the strategy. In addition, staffing changes that occurred during this period of time required more consultant resources for engagement than previously anticipated.

Request: Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute a Professional Services Agreement amendment with Nelson/Nygaard for a contract increase of \$220,000 for professional planning services for the Transportation System Plan update.

Jennifer Campos, Principal Planner, 360-487-7728

Motion approved the request.

3. Approval of Claim Vouchers

Request: Approve claim vouchers for April 25, 2022.

Motion approved claim vouchers in the amount of \$9,030,709.76.

Community Forum

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

- Wynn Grcich, Vancouver, spoke about the dangers of fluoride, the sign up for the City Council meetings, and safety for drinking water.
- Laurel Pascual, Vancouver, spoke about weather modification, chemical trails from planes, and air pollution.
- Justin Forsman, Vancouver, spoke about dangers of vaccinations, COVID vaccinations being dangerous, and distrust in the government.
- Kimberlee Elbon, La Center, stated the City is a member of the ICLEI, that they support Russia, and would like a town hall in the City.
- Cathryn Chudy, Vancouver, thanked the Council for supporting the climate action plan and dangers of natural gas.
- Glen Yung, Vancouver, stated they would like the pre-registration requirement to reduce barriers to public participation and the importance of homeownership versus renting.

- Peter Fels, Vancouver, spoke about the record heats and unhealthy air due to wildfires and the importance of supporting climate action.

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

Adjournment

7:03 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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From: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: FW: 4/25 Public Comment to Mayor and City Council
Date: Monday, April 25, 2022 8:10:19 AM

Please see the below comments for tonight's council meeting.

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From: Jean M. Avery [REDACTED]
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Subject: 4/25 Public Comment to Mayor and City Council

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Thank you for supporting:

- the WA State Energy Code updates
- light rail as part of the I-5 Bridge replacement.

These efforts will move our City and Region forward in a positive direction.

Jean M. Avery
Vancouver resident

From: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: FW: Letter to City Council and Staff
Date: Monday, April 25, 2022 11:05:07 AM
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Respectfully,

Shannon Ripp | Support Specialist III



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April 25, 2022

Heidi Cody
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Vancouver WA 98664

Vancouver City Council and Staff

Re: Building Electrification Support

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Sincerely,

Heidi Cody

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Strategic Coordinator for SWWA | Stand Up to Oil Coalition

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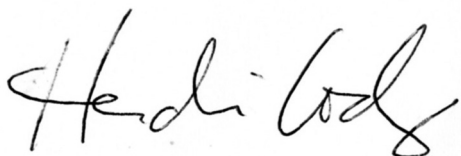
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heidi Cody". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Heidi" and last name "Cody" clearly distinguishable.

Heidi Cody

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See attached - thank you

Cathryn Chudy

To: Vancouver City Council and Staff
Community Forum/April 25, 2022/Cathryn Chudy

We have good news for Washington state. On Friday our WA State Building Code Council adopted a statewide energy code for new commercial and large multifamily buildings, that is being called the strongest in the nation for driving the transition to clean electricity for space and water heating. This is good news also for Vancouver as we enter the final phase of establishing the strongest possible Climate Action Plan for Vancouver.

Extensive public comments were submitted in support of these updated energy codes, including by our City Council and our Port Commission, which made a difference in demonstrating the concern our local elected representatives have over climate and public health impacts inherent in continuing fossil fuel dependence.

Last week Governor Inslee "...called natural gas a "dangerous product." The state has made progress regulating electricity, vehicle fuels and factory emissions and now needs an "intense" discussion about natural gas, he said.

Actually, the intense discussion has been going on for some time now, as the gas utility lobby has consistently opposed and derailed legislation to make our homes and buildings safer and healthier by transitioning us off of burning gas. That the business model for our local gas utility includes developing "renewable natural gas" is not a reason for continuing to allow gas in new buildings, since the evidence is clear that costs, availability and feasibility of renewable natural gas limits it to applications where electrification is not possible.

The 2021 WA State Energy Strategy determined that electrification, not gas, is the least-cost way to reduce harmful emissions in buildings. This updated commercial code is the next necessary step for doing so.

We have learned that health-harming emissions from burning gas in our homes and buildings, combined with climate impacts from increasing weather disasters like our recently experienced wildfire smoke and heat domes, is a significant factor driving poor air quality that, unless we transition as quickly as possible, will continue to exacerbate public health disparities in Vancouver, as reflected in the Washington Health Disparities Map.

Vancouver joins other cities in Washington that have demonstrated strong statewide support for strengthening energy codes to lower greenhouse gas emissions and other health-harming pollutants that will ultimately make our communities healthier, safer and more resilient.

I appreciate and thank our City Council for paying attention and supporting our state's direction to ensure that our community will have the best chance for a healthy and resilient future.

I also thank our mayor for supporting light rail for the Interstate Bridge Replacement since, as reported in the Columbian, light rail aligns with equity and climate change goals that Vancouver is committed to.