



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

April 20, 2020 - City Council Meeting Minutes

COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

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 conference call.

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, Jan Bader, Program and Policy Development Manager/Cultural Services Manager, Carol Bua, Communications Director, Teresa Brum, Economic Development Division Manager, Brian Carlson, Interim Deputy City Manager, Chad Eiken, Community and Economic Development Director, Julie Hannon, Parks and Recreation Director and Incident Commander for the City's COVID-19 response, Rebecca Kennedy, Long Range Planning Manager, James McElvain, Police Chief, Joe Molina, Fire Chief, 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, Jordan Boldt, Executive Director for the Vancouver Farmers Market, Glen Yung (registered to testify), and members of the public .

Approval of Minutes

Minutes - April 6, 2020

Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, seconded by Councilmember Lebowsky, and carried unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of April 6, 2020.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle noted a staff request to amend the Consent Agenda to add a walk-on item for adoption of a resolution authorizing a grant application to the Washington State Historical Society for the Grant House roof replacement.

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Fox, and carried unanimously to amend the agenda to add the walk-on item (as described above) to the Consent Agenda.

Citizen Communication (Items 1-8) - see general protocol outlined above

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened Citizen Communication to those members of the public who had pre-registered to testify and received the following testimony:

- Glen Yung, Vancouver, spoke regarding Items 7 and 8. In regards to Item 7, he spoke in favor for not extending the Evergreen-grand development moratorium at this time due to the current economic uncertainty. He also urged the City to consider impacts to individual property owners in the future when considering similar moratoria. Regarding Item 8, Mr. Yung urged the City to carefully consider which programs and projects should be moving forward at this time due to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Consent Agenda (Items 1-8)

Councilmember Glover asked whether she should recuse herself from discussion or action on the walk-on item, as she sits on the Board of Directors for the Historic Trust. Mr. Young explained that because this item only gives staff the authority to apply for a grant, she does not need to recuse herself. If an agreement comes to Council for this grant in the future, she may need to recuse herself depending on the specifics of that agreement.

Council requested Items 3-7 be pulled for separate discussion, as summarized below.

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Glover, and carried unanimously to approve Items 1-6, 8, and the walk-on item.

1. Approval of an Extension and Increase to an Existing Contract with Gordon Truck Centers 01513

Staff Report 043-20

Summary

The City uses State of Washington contract #01513 with Gordon Truck

Centers doing business as Freightliner Northwest for purchase of heavy duty truck chassis, parts, and accessories for various replacements.

Equipment Services would like authorization to extend the contract term by an additional year beyond the current expiration date of 6/13/2020 and to increase the not-to-exceed threshold of the contract by \$300,000.

The City will only make high priority purchases under this contract, in light of the current budget situation.

Request: Authorize a one year extension of the contract and an increase to the maximum authorized amount under the Washington State Contract #01513 with Gordon Truck Centers doing business as Freightliner Northwest of Pacific, Washington.

Dan Zenger, Equipment Services Manager, 487-8205

Motion approved the request.

2. Professional services agreements (PSAs) for on-call professional construction management and inspection.

Staff Report 044-20

Summary

Since 1999, the City of Vancouver's Public Works Department has had contracts with various companies for the provision of professional construction management and inspection services using "on-call" procedures. On-call procedures allow for a master contract establishing rates and scope to be executed, but no work done or costs incurred until a project specific "task order" is issued. There are no costs or budgetary impacts until there is a task order for an active project. Since 1999, the City has had five different competitive processes to establish rosters of the most qualified companies to provide the needed services.

Most recently, in 2015, City Council authorized the establishment of five "on-call" contracts for professional construction management and inspection. These contracts were designed to provide the Construction Services Division of Public Works with maximum flexibility in staffing projects with professionals competent in the fields of construction management and inspection. These contracts were very successful in providing the City of Vancouver with flexibility in staffing projects during times of peak workload. All of these contracts will expire in July 2020.

In December of 2019, proposals were requested for similar contracts for 2020 through 2022 with extensions through 2024 possible. Proposal

responses were received from 10 companies. After a review of all proposals, six companies have been selected for proposed professional service contracts. The six companies are: OTAK of Vancouver, Harper Houf Peterson Righellis of Vancouver, MacKay and Sposito of Vancouver, Wallis Engineering of Vancouver, JD Joice and Associates of Battle Ground, and Exeltech of Lacey.

- Request:
1. Authorize the City Manager to enter into professional services agreements with OTAK of Vancouver, Harper Houf Peterson Righellis of Vancouver, MacKay and Sposito of Vancouver, Wallis Engineering of Vancouver, JD Joice and Associates of Battle Ground, and Exeltech of Lacey for the provision of specialized project inspection and/or administration on an as-needed basis for three years in an amount not to exceed \$950,000 for the life of each contract. Authorize the City Manager to extend the duration of such contracts for up to two additional years by separate written amendment and authorize the City Manager to approve any legal action necessary to enforce the terms of such contracts.
 2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to activate services to be provided under these contracts with a series of specific task orders. The task order proposal provides for timely “as-needed” service provision, but within the framework, scope, and limitations of the overall master contract.

Charles Fell, Senior Civil Engineer, 487-7790

Motion approved the request.

3. Air Encroachment Agreement for Block 20

Staff Report 045-20

Summary

The owners of Block 20 are currently working on pouring the foundation and parking lot slab and will soon need to proceed with the upper floors. The grantees in the agreement are: TC Waterfront LLC, CG Waterfront LLC and JSP Waterfront LLC.

Parks and Recreation Department staff has agreed to the terms of the agreement and have worked with the City's Legal staff and the grantees on the agreement.

- Request: Authorize the City Manager to execute the Air Rights

Easement Agreement with Waterfront LLCs and authorize any subsequent legal action necessary to enforce the terms of the same.

Julie Hannon, Parks and Recreation Director, 487-8309

Councilmember Stober asked for clarification on the timing of this item, noting that the project has already started and asking why the City would be negotiating the air space now.

Ms. Hannon explained City staff has been negotiating this agreement with the developers for some time now, and the developers have been aware that there would be charges related to the air encroachment. She stated the delay has been partly due to staff capacity to bring the agreement forward to Council.

Motion approved the request.

4. 2020-2022 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the Vancouver Police Officers Guild

Staff Report 046-20

Summary

The labor agreement between the City and the Vancouver Police Officer's Guild 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 April 20, 2020, authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute and ratify the 2020-2022 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Vancouver Police Officer's Guild.

Lisa Takach, Human Resources Director, 487-8611

Councilmember Stober stated he is extremely excited to have this contract come before Council for the City's police officers, and noted there has been a total positive transformation in the relationship between the City and the union. He stated the staff report for this item notes the City will pay 100 percent of officers' insurance premiums, with employees paying 10 percent of costs for dependents. He asked where in the contract the 100 percent coverage is outlined, as he could not find this provision explicitly stated in the contract language.

Ms. Takach stated the City has been paying the full premium for officers for some time now, and 90 percent of costs for dependents. She stated the contract language could be tightened up perhaps under the next contract

cycle, but confirmed this has been the insurance programs officers have been receiving for a number of contract cycles and the practice and interpretation of the contract language has been consistent over the years.

Motion approved the request

5. Affordable Housing Fund Contract Amendment - Vancouver Housing Authority Valley Homestead Shelter Rehabilitation

Staff Report 047-20

Summary

The City of Vancouver awarded \$252,533 in 2017 Affordable Housing Funds to the Vancouver Housing Authority (VHA) for the Valley Homestead Shelter Rehabilitation project in 2018. Valley Homestead is a 50-bed shelter owned by the VHA and operated by Share that serves families with children and single women.

The Affordable Housing Fund contract for Valley Homestead was executed in October 2018. The scope of work, as amended, includes kitchen, restroom, common space, accessibility, HVAC, plumbing, heating, insulation, and parking lot improvements; a new play structure and basketball court; and an increase in rooms to provide space for 12 additional beds.

The City also awarded \$219,104 in 2017 Affordable Housing Funds to the VHA for the SafeChoice Rehabilitation Project via a contract executed in October 2018. The VHA has requested to cancel this contract and move the full amount to the Valley Homestead contract. The VHA will use its own funding to complete the SafeChoice project. SafeChoice is owned by the VHA and managed by the YWCA. It provides 34 beds for victims of domestic violence. The planned shelter improvements include an interior hall extension to a new exterior door, expanded exterior hard-surface patios, an accessible route to amenities and playground equipment, and perimeter security privacy fencing.

The change would increase the Valley Homestead contract amount to \$471,637. The Affordable Housing Fund contract for SafeChoice would be canceled. These changes reduce the accounting and monitoring burden for both parties, while allowing SafeChoice and Valley Homestead projects to be completed as planned. The VHA anticipates completing both projects in summer 2020.

Request: Authorize the City Manager to: execute a notice of termination with SafeChoice; sign an amendment to the contract between the City and Vancouver Housing Authority for the Valley Homestead shelter improvement project to increase the

amount of the Affordable Housing Fund award from \$252,533 to \$471,637; and authorize any legal action necessary to enforce the terms of the foregoing documents.

Peggy Sheehan, Community Development Programs Manager, 487-7952

Councilmember Stober asked for clarification as to why the City is recommending the change to this Affordable Housing Fund contract and what the benefits are.

Ms. Sheehan explained the City awarded the Vancouver Housing Authority (VHA) funds for both the SafeChoice and Homestead projects, and to simplify the contracts, the City is proposing to provide most of the funding for the Homestead project through the Affordable Housing Fund and VHA could use rehabilitation money for the SafeChoice project. Ms. Sheehan explained this benefits the City because staff will only have to monitor one project, including the prevailing wage requirements and the ongoing monitoring through the affordable housing funds.

Councilmember Lebowsky asked whether VHA just encountered this issue after the fact and decided to put it into one contract to move the money. Ms. Sheehan explained that when the VHA got to construction with the SafeChoice project, they discovered they needed more money to make that project work, and acquired that funding through other sources. The funding from the City for Homestead will be available in the next few months, whereas the funding for SafeChoice will take quite a bit longer.

Motion approved the request.

6. Seventh Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement No. 80989 (Now 88635) with American Medical Response (AMR) for Ambulance Services

Staff Report 048-20

Summary

On November 10, 2014, the City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a five year Agreement with an additional five-year possible extension. The Contract became effective January 1, 2015. On December 17, 2018, the City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a five-year extension to the Agreement.

On March 31, 2020, AMR requested temporary modifications to AMR's obligations under the Agreement because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The City and AMR agree these modifications are needed only until such time as the pandemic is declared over, though one modification (a relaxation of

mileage and age limits for three AMR ambulances) is extended until the end of 2020 to account for manufacturing delays in light of the pandemic. The purpose behind the modifications is due to the reduction of volume in terms of transports, but an increase in responses due to people seeking medical attention but wanting to avoid hospitals.

The modifications are set forth in the attached Seventh Amendment to the Ambulance Services Agreement. Each modification is focused on permitting Basic Life Service response for lower priority calls. The Sixth Amendment to the Agreement requires that all subsequent amendments be presented to Council for approval.

Request: Authorize the City Manager to execute the attached Seventh Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement No. 80989 (Now 88635) with AMR for Ambulance Services.

Joe Molina, Vancouver Fire Chief, 487-7201

Councilmember Stober asked staff to provide a brief overview of why this contract amendment is coming forward.

Chief Molina stated the updated provisions were put into practice early on in the pandemic response at AMR's request in order to allow additional life support resources, not knowing what the pandemic response would need to be locally in the short term and also related to the uncertainty of the supply chain for replacement units in the long term.

Councilmember Stober noted that one of the stated purposes for the modification is related to the reduction in transport volume but an increase in responses to people needing medical attention but who want to avoid the hospital. He asked whether that is something first responders have been seeing in the community. Chief Molina stated that over the last month, AMR anticipated about one thousand transports that did not happen. He said staff had expected that might happen but was surprised to the degree at which it did happen. He explained ambulances are still being dispatched to calls, and the medical program director in conjunction with Clark County Public Health has created protocol by which responders can talk with the patient and review symptoms with the hospital or the patient's primary care provider, if necessary, to determine whether that person should be transported to the hospital. He explained that both call volumes and transports have decreased, but the transports have drastically decreased.

Motion approved the request.

- 7. Potential expiration of previously scheduled six-month extension of a temporary moratorium on acceptance and processing of**

applications for permits for new or expanded developments, or subdivisions, generally located on Evergreen Boulevard from V Street to Grove Street, and Grand Boulevard from Evergreen to Mill Plain

Staff Report 049A-20

AN ORDINANCE continuing a temporary moratorium for the duration of six additional months upon the acceptance and processing of applications for permits for the development of new structures; the expansion of existing structures; or subdivisions in the Evergreen and Grand Commercial Corridors as defined herein; establishing six months as the tentative effective period of this ordinance; and establishing an immediate effective date.

Summary

The current moratorium prohibits the acceptance and processing of new applications for permits for new development or expansion of structures through May 4, 2020. The potential ordinance attached would provide an additional six months to develop recommendations for appropriate land uses, building orientation, and other related streetfront, parking, and access considerations, and to continue ongoing public and stakeholder engagement through additional virtual and on-line community input opportunities to evaluate and refine options and recommendations.

Request: On April 20, 2020, direct staff to not bring forward an ordinance extending the moratorium.

Bryan Snodgrass, Principal Planner, 487-7946; Rebecca Kennedy, Long Term Planning Manager, 487-7896

Mr. Holmes explained that when the agenda and supporting materials for this item were first published, the recommendation from staff was to extend this moratorium for six months; however, in the following days after receiving further information the recommendation was updated to request Council let the moratorium expire but allow the planning work to continue.

Ms. Kennedy provided background information on the commercial corridors strategy and the public engagement to date for this particular corridor. She stated staff received very productive feedback, but the environment has changed significantly since the planning effort began, and the appropriate response at this time is to allow the moratorium to expire and provide property owners the most flexibility possible in regards to their property given the economic uncertainty of the coming months.

Councilmember Fox supported allowing the moratorium to expire, as businesses need the ability to respond to the economic situation. She also stated she does not have confidence the planning effort could efficiently move forward in the next six month due to uncertainties related to City staff capacity

and City resources.

Councilmember Stober asked how housing affordability in the Hudson's Bay area plays into this planning effort, if at all. Ms. Kennedy stated this initiative is really focused on the commercial corridor. There could be some housing involved, but it would be mostly commercial. She noted the focus has not been on affordability but enhancing the neighborhood district and fitting commercial projects within the unique character of the community. She stated the current zoning could allow some low-income multifamily housing above commercial projects, thereby increasing affordable housing options in the area.

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Lebowsky, and carried unanimously to not extend the moratorium.

8. Approval of Claim Vouchers

Request: Approve claim vouchers for April 20, 2020.

Motion approved claim vouchers for April 20, 2020, in the amount of \$10,244,117.94.

WALK-ON ITEM - Washington State Historical Society Grant for Grant House roof

A RESOLUTION authorizing the City of Vancouver to apply for a Heritage Capital Projects grant from the Washington State Historical Society to fund the replacement of the Grant House roof on Officers Row; providing for severability and an effective date.

Request: Adopt a resolution supporting the City applying for a 2021-2023 Heritage Capital Projects grant from Washington State Historical Society for replacement of the roof on the Grant House.

Ms. Bader provided an overview of the changed application process for this grant, which now requires a Council resolution approving of the application be included at the time the City submits its letter of intent to apply.

Motion adopted Resolution M-4064 and approved the request.

Public Hearings (Item 9) - see general protocol outlined above

9. Suspension of base business fee and business license surcharge from April 1, 2020, through March 31, 2021
Staff Report 041-20

AN ORDINANCE regarding the Business License Fee (VMC 5.04.090) and Business License Fee Surcharge (VMC 5.04.095) suspending the business license fee and business license fee surcharge for renewals during the twelve (12) calendar months beginning on April 1, 2020; providing for implementation of such suspension; and providing for an effective date.

Summary

The City of Vancouver requires businesses located in the incorporated city limits to obtain a business license and pay a fee of \$200 per location plus a \$90 per full time employee business license fee surcharge annually. On an annual basis, this revenue source generates approximately \$5.5 million for the City. The fees fund police staffing, increased over the last four years, and transportation programs.

Businesses renew their licenses once annually. Those that have already renewed for 2020 would see their paid fees covering year 2021.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has put a strain on Vancouver businesses, and many business have ceased operations to comply with Governor Inslee's orders.

The City would like to provide financial help to the negatively impacted businesses by suspending the business license fee and surcharge for a 12-month period beginning on April 1, 2020.

Vancouver Police Department has staff vacancies due to the normal attrition and will likely generate some savings during the remainder of the year to offset the forgone revenue resulting from suspension of the fees. Transportation will delay projects that were anticipated to be funded by the business license fee surcharge until 2021.

Request: On Monday, April 20, 2020, subject to second reading and public hearing, approve the ordinance.

Natasha Ramras, Chief Financial Officer, 487-8484

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

Mr. Holmes explained approval of this ordinance would memorialize the suspension of the business license fee and business license surcharge that was ratified in emergency order by the Council at its last meeting. He stated it is intended to provide local economic relief for businesses impacted by the pandemic at a total of about \$5 million in relief.

Ms. Ramras provided an overview of the proposed fee suspension.

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

Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, seconded by Councilmember Glover, and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance M-4293.

Old Business:

11. **Vancouver COVID-19 Emergency Response and Presentation of Emergency Orders**

A RESOLUTION ratifying and confirming Emergency Orders 2020-09, 2020-10, and 2020-11, as issued by the Vancouver City Manager.

Request: Adopt a resolution ratifying Emergency Orders 2020-09, 2020-10, and 2020-11.

Eric Holmes, City Manager

Mr. Holmes summarized the City's response to the COVID-19 pandemic since the last Council meeting, as outlined in his April 16 memorandum.

Related to the opening up of some limited facilities maintenance, Councilmember Stober asked if that pertains only to local governments or if it applies to any other entities, such as homeowners associations that maintain public spaces for their members. Mr. Holmes clarified that what is referenced only pertains to the City's determination of how to interpret such guidelines for City facilities.

Related to the opening up of some limited construction activity, Councilmember Hansen asked what kinds of technological innovation the City could utilize related to inspections so projects that are close to being permitted could move forward as expediently as possible.

Mr. Eiken explained the City can allow for video inspections of more routine types of work, but the projects still need to be considered essential construction under the Governor's orders, and the City has protocol in place to allow anyone to certify how their project is considered essential under those guidelines. He stated that if the City's inspection was the last step in a process, and the work could be done virtually, the City would probably not hold up that project, especially if it was a residential project.

Mr. Holmes then provided an overview of each of the new emergency orders before the Council for ratification.

Related to Emergency Order 2020-11 and the prohibition of public events being extended through July 31, Councilmember Fox stated she had raised the question during an EOC meeting as to whether some events could move forward if they incorporated modifications to the structure and flow of the event, similar to what the Farmers Market has proposed, in order to facilitate necessary physical distancing. She stated it would be helpful for the rest of the Council to hear the complexities involved with planning these events.

Mr. Holmes stated that staff took into account a lot of the logistical elements required in putting on these events, and weighed that with providing some level of certainty to event organizers about when they can plan on events opening up. He stated there is a lack of certainty as to whether the City will have staff available to support these events. He stated he also had consulted and confirmed Clark County Public Health about the reasonableness of time frames surrounding when groups of 250 or more would be allowed and safe.

Ms. Hannon stated this is one of the most challenging times for the business of Parks and Recreation she has ever seen in her career. She stated she is in contact with Clark County Public Health and CRESA several times a week, and she understands it is not realistic to think things will go back to normal in the next six to twelve months. For public events, the business model is based on moving volumes of people through their events and facilities, and even if up to 250 people were allowed to attend an event at one time, it would not pencil financially for event organizers or the vendors who support these events. She stated event organizers have been working closely with Parks staff, and most have been willing to work with the City to postpone events. She stated the other concern is the City is not seeing people observe the social distancing requirements at park as is expected even now, and she said public safety and health are the highest priorities driving these decisions right now.

Councilmember Paulsen thanked Councilmember Fox for serving on the EOC. In regards to public events, he stated there is the community aspect of people who do not like to be told they cannot go to events because a lot can happen between now and the end of July, but what is often lost is event organizers need to be planning for these events now and having a date certain can help them in their decision making. He stated he is supportive of this order.

Councilmember Lebowsky asked why the City would not just cancel all events through the end of summer. Ms. Hannon stated the July 31 event is an attempt to balance interests and give some certainty to event organizers. She stated the City was hopeful it could possibly permit some mid or late August concerts if the sponsors are interested.

Mr. Holmes added that part of what staff is balancing in their decision making is the recognition of the rapidly changing environment. He said there have been some indications at the state level of a slow opening of some activities, but the public health data just does not exist yet to make those decisions.

Councilmember Glover thanked Ms. Hannon for the explanation and care with which staff is making these decisions. She stated it might be helpful for the community to hear this thinking process.

Councilmember Stober asked whether the City has received notification of event cancellations. Ms. Hannon stated at least four June and July major events are wavering. Staff is still in discussions with event organizers with events scheduled in August and September, and most are waiting to see if

there is any change in the public health data to help with those decisions.

Councilmember Hansen asked whether staff has had any discussions with the Hilton as to whether event cancellations are impacting their financial expectations. Mr. Holmes explained the Hilton Hotel and Convention Center has an extraordinarily complex financial structure, and he would need to follow up with Council with further information.

Related to the extension of the revised Council schedule through the end of May, Councilmember Stober asked whether video conferencing could be utilized for Council meetings. Mr. Holmes stated staff would be testing video conferencing options with a target of using that platform for the May 4 meeting.

Regarding the Vancouver Farmers Market updated operations plan, Mr. Boldt explained the Market staff continues to refine its operations plan based on updated guidance from Clark County Public Health and the feedback provided by the Council.

Councilmember Stober stated that food security is especially critical right now, and decisions made in Clark County over a decade ago have resulted in a significant loss of local growing capacity, and the Farmers Market helps facilitate independent farmers' ability to sell directly to consumers without having to interact with larger grocers. But he stated he does want to acknowledge the concerns of residents related to the potential reopening of the Market, and noted a clear distinction needs to be made that a reopened market during the pandemic is not the same kind of public event many people think of the Farmers Market as being.

Councilmember Glover stated she is happy to see the precautions and concern related to the Market, and agreed about the importance of farmers being able to continue business.

Councilmember Lebowsky asked whether the Market staff has had much contact with residents who live adjacent to the Market. Mr. Boldt stated they have encountered some challenges, as they have to work through property management companies, but they are working to keep the residents updated.

Councilmember Fox stated she finds the Market has been making deliberate and great choices in responding to questions from Council and the community.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle asked whether people would be able to purchase vegetable starts from the Market. Mr. Boldt stated the Market was originally asked not to include those vendors in the modified plan, but they do work with vendors who can provide that.

Related to the extension of the suspension of on-street parking enforcement, Councilmember Hansen asked if an equity consideration would be given to on-street parking permit holders who pay for monthly parking permits but have been unable to use them either because they have been working from home

or because businesses are closed.

Mr. Eiken explained most people pay for on-street permits on a monthly basis, though some pay in advance for longer periods of time. Most permit holders do not pay for a dedicated parking spot. He stated the City is currently not issuing refunds for parking permits, but permit holders can cancel the next month's payment if they want. Their permit would not be held, though.

Mr. Holmes stated the original rationale behind the suspension of the on-street parking enforcement was related to providing relief to patrons of businesses in the downtown area, not as a relief to the businesses. He stated a permit holder could cancel their May permit, but there would be a risk of a permit not being available when that permit holder comes back to apply for a permit at a later date.

Councilmember Hansen asked whether the City could reserve their permit. Mr. Eiken stated staff had not evaluated that option yet. Mr. Holmes asked Council whether they would like staff to look into this option further.

Councilmember Stober stated the City should always be mindful of equity, but he stated if he was a permit holder he thinks he would take the risk and just cancel the next month's permit.

Councilmember Glover stated she had been contacted by quite a few employees who have not been able to use their permits, so she would like staff to investigate further.

Regarding the date to reopen City-managed community gardens, Councilmember Glover asked for clarification as to why they could not be opened until after July, as provided for in Emergency Order 2020-11. Mr. Holmes explained that was an error in the emergency order, and the intent was to open them up after May 31. He stated a new emergency order would be issued making that change.

Ms. Hannon explained that the community gardens on City property take significant staff resources to prep, and use of the gardens does not allow for a lot of social distancing. She stated staff is exploring a rotating schedule for gardeners to help with that or relocation of some plots to distance them out better. She stated the extra month gives staff time to prepare the ground and to come up with the best strategies for use.

Councilmember Lebowsky stated she supports staff exploring options for parking permit holders, as well as the reopening of community gardens after May 31.

Councilmember Paulsen agreed regarding the equity questions surrounding parking permit holders and would support exploration of some relief options. Related to the community gardens, he stated he supports finding a way to reopen them as soon as possible for people to utilize, as this also gets to the point of food security as well.

Councilmember Fox agreed regarding exploring relief for parking permit holders, and also stated she is encouraged the community gardens would be reopened prior to July 31.

Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, seconded by Councilmember Fox, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution M-4065 ratifying Emergency Orders 2020-09, 2020-10, and 2020-11.

Mr. Holmes then provided Council with an update on the City's financial response and the measures being taking to mitigate the forecasted loss of revenues, as outlined in his April 16 memorandum. He noted the City's lost revenue could equate to a General Fund impact of up to \$60 million. In response, the City is implementing a fiscal response framework to include: minimization of the negative impact to the community, economy and employees; maximization of access to external resources to absorb the fiscal shock; maximization of the preservation of talent; maintenance of appropriate reserves for the next wave; and spreading the impact over 3-5 years. As part of this effort, the City is targeting a \$45 million expenditure reduction by deferring funding of internal service funds to accomplish \$17 million savings; reducing direct spending by \$13 million; and using \$15 million in cash savings.

Councilmember Paulsen stated he appreciates the proactive approach the City Manager and staff are taking, especially in having a contingency plan moving forward.

Councilmember Lebowsky thanked Mr. Holmes for the update and the work he and staff have done in being prudent with the management of the budget in past years.

Councilmember Stober stated he would love for the Council to receive an update from Regional Economist Scott Bailey in the near future.

Councilmember Hansen thanked the City Manager and staff and asked for frequent budget updates. He stated he is the only member of Council who was seated during the Great Recession, and taking a look at the reserves and measures being taken this time around, he stated it sounds like the City is in good hands.

Mr. Holmes thanked the Council, stating that if Council had not taken actions over the years to be fiscally responsible, many options the City can rely on now would not have been available.

Communications

A. From the Council

B. From the Mayor

C. From the City Manager

Adjournment

9:18 p.m.

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