



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

January 3, 2022

NO WORKSHOPS

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 were also facilitated via the GoToMeeting conference call.

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Mayor and Council Oaths of Office

City Attorney Jonathan Young administered the oaths of office to Mayor Anne McEnery-Ogle and Councilmember Erik Paulsen for their new terms of office.

Clark County Superior Court Judge Camara L.J. Banfield administered the oaths of office to Councilmembers Diana Perez and Kim Harless for their new terms of office.

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 remotely over video conference.

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

Absent: None

Approval of Minutes

Minutes - December 6, 2021

Motion by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Stober, and carried unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of December 6, 2021.

Minutes - December 13, 2021

Motion by Councilmember Hansen, seconded by Councilmember Fox, and carried unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of December 13, 2021.

Minutes - December 20, 2021

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Fox, and carried unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of December 20, 2021.

Community Communication (Item 1)

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

- Kimberlee Elbon, La Center, Washington, stated she questions all items considered by the Council if the City is a member of the ICLEI.

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

Consent Agenda (Item 1)

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

1. Approval of Claim Vouchers

Request: Approve claim vouchers for January 3, 2022.

Motion approved claim vouchers for January 3, 2022, in the amount of \$13,814,863.40.

Public Hearings (Item 2)

2. Amendments to VMC 2.40.020 City Holidays

Staff Report 204-21

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Vancouver relating to legal holidays; requiring observance of certain holidays and closure of city offices for the same; amending Section 2.40.020 of the Vancouver Municipal Code; providing for severability; and setting an immediate effective date.

First-class cities, such as Vancouver, have the power to establish the days and hours when they will be open for business. This power includes the ability to establish legal holidays if passed by ordinance.

The holidays recognized by the City of Vancouver are set forth in Section 2.40.020 of the Vancouver Municipal Code. VMC 2.40.020 was enacted by Ordinance M-2851 on December 5, 1989. Since its passage, the Washington Legislature has recognized additional legal holidays. Most recently, the State Legislature amended the status of Juneteenth from a non-legal holiday to a fully observed legal holiday.

In researching possible amendments to the Vancouver Municipal Code, City staff observed that two other holidays designated for observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Native American Heritage, have been observed, but not formally codified in City code.

Adoption of the proposed ordinance would formally codify three holidays: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Juneteenth; and Native American Heritage Day. If adopted, the legal observance of Juneteenth would fall on Monday, June 20, 2022 (because June 19th is a Sunday). As a result, an amended City Council calendar would be published following formal passage of the ordinance.

Request: On Monday, January 3, 2022, subject to second reading and public hearing, approve ordinance.

*Lisa Takach, Human Resources Director, 360-487-8611;
Alicia Sojourner, Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion,
360-487-8618*

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

Lisa Takach, Human Resources Director, provided an overview of the proposed code amendments.

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

- Kimberlee Elbon, La Center, Washington, spoke in opposition to the addition of Juneteenth as a holiday.
- Jasmine Tolbert, President of the NAACP Vancouver Chapter, spoke in support of the proposed amendments.
- Diane Manden, Vancouver, spoke in support of the proposed amendments.
- Donna Martinez, Vancouver, spoke in support of the proposed amendments.
- Glen Yung, Vancouver, spoke in support of the proposed amendments.
- Sam Robinson, Vice Chair of the Chinook Indian Nation, spoke in support of the proposed amendments.
- Anna Schmasow, Vancouver, spoke in support of the proposed amendments.

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

Councilmember Stober thanked the community members for their comments. He stated he recognizes the call that just declaring a day a holiday is not sufficient, and the City needs to take part in educating and providing programming around that recognition of Juneteenth and why the City is recognizing it. He urged the City and fellow Councilmembers to also consider formally recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day and implementing a land acknowledgment.

Motion by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Perez, and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance M-4361.

Communications

A. From the Council

B. From the Mayor

a. Election of Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle asked the City Attorney to walk through the ground rules of the nomination and voting process for selecting the Mayor Pro Tem.

City Attorney Jonathan Young explained the selection of Mayor Pro Tem is governed by the City Charter, which requires the Council to select a Mayor Pro Tem from among its members at the first meeting of the year after an election cycle, and Council Policy 100-32 that provides for the process to follow Robert's Rules of Order. He stated nominees for the position do not need to abstain from voting. Mr. Young explained one nominee must receive a majority of the votes cast in total to be successful. If a Councilmember desires to abstain from a vote, they must specify one of three reasons - absence from the previous Council meeting, a conflict of interest, or an appearance of fairness issue. If none of these reasons applies, an abstention counts toward the majority vote.

Mr. Young recommended voting be conducted by roll call, and stated he has a recommendation for electronic voting if the Council is interested in such a process should there not be a decisive result.

Motion by Councilmember Stober to switch to email voting if a majority candidate is not determined after the first round of voting. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened up nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Hansen nominated Councilmember Fox.

Councilmember Perez nominated Councilmember Paulsen.

Councilmember Harless nominated Councilmember Stober.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle closed the nominations.

Each nominee then provided a brief statement.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle then called for a roll call vote on the nominations.

Roll call vote on nominations of Councilmember Fox, Paulsen and Stober resulted as follows, with no majority reached:

- Councilmember Harless - Stober
- Councilmember Perez - Paulsen
- Councilmember Fox - Fox
- Councilmember Paulsen - Paulsen
- Councilmember Stober - Stober
- Councilmember Hansen - Fox
- Mayor McEnerny-Ogle - Paulsen

Councilmember Perez stated she would like to reconsider the electronic voting method. Mr. Young explained the Council could provide their votes over email. A call for the vote would be sent from the Council Assistant, with all of Council blind copied. Each member of the Council would then reply to the Council Assistant with the name of the nominee they are voting for in the body of the email. The votes would then be tabulated and read out.

Motion by Councilmember Perez, seconded by Councilmember Stober, and carried 6-1 to proceed with the electronic voting method as outlined. Councilmember Fox voted no.

A call for the vote was sent out via email to the full Council. Responses to the call are attached to these minutes.

Upon conclusion of voting, Council Assistant Amanda Delapena read the votes as follows:

- **Councilmember Fox - zero votes**
- **Councilmember Stober - four votes**
- **Councilmember Paulsen - three votes**

Councilmember Stober was elected as Mayor Pro Tem for 2022 and 2023.

b. 2022-2023 Council Board and Committee Assignments

Mayor McEnery-Ogle stated she would postpone Council committee assignments to January 10, as some changes would be necessary following the election of Mayor Pro Tem.

c. Future Meetings Format

Mayor McEnery-Ogle suggested the Council invite Clark County Public Health Director Dr. Alan Melnick to provide Council with an update on the pandemic and the local situation as the Council considers how it wishes to conduct future Council meetings.

Councilmember Fox recommended the Council put forward a goal or a metric that would provide clarity to the community as to when Council meetings could transition back to being held in-person.

Mayor McEnery-Ogle stated the Council would reach out to Dr. Melnick, and she requested staff also research and collect information regarding how other jurisdictions are currently conducting business.

C. From the City Manager

Adjournment

7:45 p.m.

DocuSigned by:
Anne McEnerny-Ogle
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Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor

Attest:

DocuSigned by:
Natasha Ramras
BCF0734E40E94AE...
Natasha Ramras, City Clerk

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Councilmember Stober

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