

July 6, 2020 - Vancouver City Council Meeting Minutes

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 on Consent Agenda items was also facilitated via the GoToMeeting conference call.

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. The meeting was conducted remotely over video conference.

Present: Councilmembers Fox, Paulsen, Lebowsky, Glover, Stober, Hansen, Mayor McEnery-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 and Incident Commander for the City's COVID-19 response; Bryan Monroe, Associate Planner; members of the public.

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Glover, and carried unanimously to amend the agenda order to address Items 6 (New Business) and 7 (Old Business) prior to Citizen Communication.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes - June 8, 2020

Motion by Councilmember Glover, seconded by Councilmember Lebowsky, and carried unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of June 8, 2020.

June 8, 2020.

Minutes - June 15, 2020

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Fox, and carried unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of June 15, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

Draft City Council Statement Regarding Racial Justice

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle introduced the draft Council statement and opened Council discussion.

Councilmember Stober acknowledged the time and effort some members of the community have been putting in for years, speaking to the Council and the City regarding the challenges they face in Vancouver. He noted there has been a tremendous outpouring of support in recent months. He stated he sees this Council statement as a beginning point and an acknowledgement of the work that still lies ahead. He thanked the Mayor for coordinating with the Councilmembers in order to bring the statement forward.

Councilmember Lebowsky echoed Councilmember Stober's comments and stated it is a step forward and just a first step. She also noted that the COVID-19 pandemic is disproportionately affecting people of color and has exacerbated and shown the persistent inequities between the historically marginalized communities and those impacted due to structural racism and other forms of systemic oppression.

Councilmember Paulsen stated this is an important statement for the Council to come together and make. He stated he has learned through the recent conversations with community members that his role as a white person as a product of white privilege, and as a beneficiary of the systems that are a part of systemic racism, is to understand other points of view. He stated he is committed to being better at that. He stated he believes the Council's call to action goes beyond what is written in the statement, but starts with seeking perspectives and understanding those perspectives in the context of being thoughtful policy makers. He stated it is important to acknowledge that the Council is a policy-making board of all white people, and it is important that the Council also understand that it is a policy-making body that oversees one of those systems, local government, and the Council should not lose sight of the fact that every decision it makes and the legacy of the decisions made prior to those currently serving are all a part of that system.

Councilmember Glover echoed the comments of the other Councilmembers. She stated she believes we are at a transformational point in the country and in our community. She states it is important to her as a Councilmember to do

more than just shudder away from what is on television and do more to reach out to community partners and identify the needs and changes and work collaboratively to build pathways to equity and justice. She stated it will take years of determination, and she looks forward to what she can learn to be part of the solutions.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle summarized the content of the statement. She stated it is the first step to a lot of work ahead of the Council, and she is confident the Council can work with the community to move forward in tackling these issues.

Motion by Councilmember Lebowsky, seconded by Councilmember Paulsen, and carried unanimously to accept the statement (attached).

OLD BUSINESS

Ratification of Emergency Order 2020-15

A RESOLUTION ratifying and confirming Emergency Order 2020-15 as issued by the Vancouver City Manager.

City Manager Eric Holmes summarized the emergency order, noting it is a modification of a previous order and addresses the re-opening of playgrounds within the Vancouver park system. He stated as the weather continues to improve, it has been very difficult for City staff to keep up with taping off playgrounds and taking other measures necessary to keep the playgrounds effectively closed. He stated this emergency order reflects a pivot to a much stronger emphasis on signage and raising awareness of personal responsibility at the parks for people to take personal precautions, sanitize and wash hands while using the facilities.

Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, seconded by Councilmember Glover, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution M-4079 to ratify Emergency Order 2020-15.

Citizen Communication (Items 1-5)

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle welcomed members of the public who had registered in advance to testify remotely under Citizen Communication and reminded speakers Council would only be accepting testimony regarding the Consent Agenda items (1-5) at this meeting.

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

- Ostan Crider, spoke in support of Item 3, Presbytery of the Cascades annexation, and also wished to speak about a matter not on the Consent

Agenda.

- Cindy Krane, Vancouver, wished to speak about a matter not on the Consent Agenda.
- Ciara Sasse, Vancouver, wished to speak about a matter not on the Consent Agenda
- Glen Yung, Vancouver, spoke regarding Item 2, improvements to Dubois Park, stating he is not opposed to the development of new or existing parks, but recommended this project be put on hold beyond some improvements to the play structure to provide for further discussion. He stated it is worth additional review of large projects to ensure equity in the community.
- Chelsea Bredemeier, Pilot Rock, Oregon, wished to speak about a matter not on the Consent Agenda.
- Bekah Hill, Cle Elum, Washington, wished to speak about a matter not on the Consent Agenda.
- CJ Mishevski, Boring, Oregon, spoke regarding Item 2, improvements to Dubois Park, and requested as many trees be kept in the tree as possible, and also wished to speak about a matter not on the Consent Agenda.
- Evan Plumlee, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, wished to speak about a matter not on the Consent Agenda.

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

Consent Agenda (Items 1-5)

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

1. Professional Services Agreement for water meter reading services

Staff Report 074-20

Summary

Since July 2005, the City has been using a contractor to read nearly all water meters within the City's water utility service area. Currently there are approximately 445,446 residential meter reads and 17,450 commercial meter reads per year. Contracting for meter reads has resulted in cost savings to the water utility while continuing to provide for high quality and timely reads. The existing contract expires July 1, 2020. The City requested

new proposals for meter reading services. Three proposals were received and reviewed as shown below.

	<i>Residential</i>		<i>Commercial</i>		
<i>Current</i>	<i>Each</i>	<i>Approximately 445,446 reads per year</i>	<i>Each</i>	<i>Approximately 17,450 reads per year</i>	<i>Total Estimated Cost Per Year</i>
<i>Current Contract</i>	<i>\$0.55</i>	<i>\$250,000</i>	<i>\$1.14</i>	<i>\$20,000</i>	<i>\$270,000</i>
<i>Metereaders LLC</i>	<i>\$0.55</i>	<i>\$244,995</i>	<i>\$1.14</i>	<i>\$19,893</i>	<i>\$264,888</i>
<i>Olameter</i>	<i>\$.715</i>	<i>\$318,494</i>	<i>\$.927</i>	<i>\$16,176</i>	<i>\$334,670</i>
<i>Bermex</i>	<i>\$0.89</i>	<i>\$396,447</i>	<i>\$0.89</i>	<i>\$15,531</i>	<i>\$411,978</i>

It is proposed that the City enter into a new contract with Metereaders LLC of Lake Oswego, Oregon. Metereaders is the current contractor.

With the implementation of the new contract, the City will pay \$.55 per residential read and \$1.14 for a commercial read during the first year of the contract. The proposed contract is for a maximum of five years with anniversary dates of July 1st every year. The contractor may request compensation adjustments based on the average percentage adjustment found in the most recent four (4) quarters of the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue CPI-U.

Request: Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute a multiple year professional services agreement with Metereaders LLC of Portland, Oregon; allow for annual contract adjustments based on the average percentage adjustment for the most recent four (4) quarters of the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue CPI-U; and authorize any future legal action necessary to enforce the terms of the same.

Amy Sorenson, Utilities Administration Manager, 487-8289

Motion approved the request.

2. Bid Award for Construction of Dubois Neighborhood Park

Staff Report 075-20

Summary

This contract provides for re-development of Dubois Park located at Palo Alto Dr. & California Way in the Dubois Park Neighborhood Association. The project generated much neighborhood interest and the Department

held several neighborhood meetings to review and discuss design options. Additionally, there was a large neighborhood turn out at the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) to discuss the pros and cons of the park features. After a robust discussion, the master plan was approved by PRAC on November 20, 2019. The project consists of grading, new concrete sidewalks, play equipment, shade trellis structure, half-court basketball, picnic tables, benches, bike racks, new seeded lawns and irrigation. The work is anticipated to be complete by end of year 2020.

A Request for Bids (ITB 20-07) was issued on May 8, 2020. Bids were publicly opened on June 2, 2020. The City received four bids. The results are the base bid and the 2 alternates as listed below:

<i>VENDOR</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>
<i>Lee Contractors, LLC, Battle Ground WA</i>	<i>\$467,917.54</i>
<i>NW Construction, Battle Ground WA</i>	<i>\$532,381.87</i>
<i>Advanced Excavation Specialties, Longview WA</i>	<i>\$562,466.33</i>
<i>Keystone Contracting, Ridgefield WA</i>	<i>Non Responsive</i>
<i>ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE</i>	<i>\$460,072,36</i>

Staff is requesting that City Council award the contract to Lee Contractors, LLC of Battle Ground Washington as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder on the project.

Request: Award the project to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Lee Contractors, LLC, of Battle Ground, Washington, and authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute a contract and approve any required amendments for construction of Dubois Park for the bid amount of \$467,917.54 including Washington State sales tax.

Julie Hannon, Parks and Recreation Director, 487-8309

Motion approved the request.

3. Presbytery of the Cascades Annexation

Staff Report 076-20

AN ORDINANCE relating to approval of an annexation pursuant to RCW 35.13.125; establishing the geographic extent, defining the comprehensive plan and land use designations, and determining the assumption of all or any portion of existing city indebtedness; accepting the certified petition supporting annexation; and providing for an effective date for the Presbytery of the

Cascades annexation.

Summary

City staff has received a notice of intent to annex from a singular property owner. The Presbytery of the Cascades church is located at 16210 NE 20th Street (at 162nd Ave). The site is 4.4 acres in size. The site is currently served by City water, sewer, stormwater and fire (FD5) services. With the annexation the City would also accept approximately 620 linear feet of right-of-way in NE 20th Street from 162nd Avenue to 164th Ave. With the current owner being a nonprofit entity the property is currently exempt from property tax. Surrounding uses include both residential and commercial uses.

The current County Comprehensive Plan designation is Commercial (C) with a zoning designation of Community Commercial (CC). The applicant requested a change on the eastern two acres of the site to a City Comprehensive Plan designation of Urban High (UH) density and an R-18 zoning designation. On June 15, 2020 City Council approved these requested changes.

Request: On Monday, July 6, 2020, approve ordinance on first reading, setting date of second reading and public hearing for Monday, July 20, 2020.

Bryan Monroe, Associate Planner, 487-7958

Motion approved the request.

4. Appointment to the Transportation and Mobility Commission

Summary

The Transportation and Mobility Commission will provide advice to Vancouver City Council, the City Manager and city staff on a variety of transportation and mobility-related projects, programs and policies. It will also provide ongoing feedback and guidance on development of citywide transportation policy through the update of the city's Transportation System Plan.

This new commission had a recently appointed commissioner resign their seat as the at-large member. Council subcommittee 2 identified an alternate for that position and recommends the appointment of Teresa Hardy. Her appointment would begin immediately with an expiration determined at a later date.

Request: Appoint Teresa Hardy to the Transportation and Mobility

Commission, term beginning immediately.

Council Committee 2

Motion approved the request.

5. Approval of Claim Vouchers

Request: Approval claim vouchers for July 6, 2020.

Motion approved claim vouchers for July 6, 2020, in the amount of \$17,432,610.38.

New Business

6. Draft City Council statement regarding racial justice

Request: Consideration of draft statement.

Mayor and Council

See summary and action above.

Old Business

7. Vancouver COVID-19 Emergency Response and Presentation of Emergency Order

A RESOLUTION ratifying and confirming Emergency Order 2020-15 as issued by the Vancouver City Manager.

Request: Adopt a resolution ratifying Emergency Order 2020-15.

Eric Holmes, City Manager

See summary and action above.

Communications

- A. From the Council**
- B. From the Mayor**
- C. From the City Manager**

Adjournment

7:22 p.m.

Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor

Attest:

Natasha Ramras, City Clerk

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City Council of the City of Vancouver
Statement Regarding Racial Equity and Racial Justice
Adopted July 6, 2020

The City Council of the City of Vancouver, Washington, acknowledges the existence of systemic racism and societal inequalities, both in our country and our community, and these issues demand our attention and action.

We have listened and learned in our listening sessions and we have a greater appreciation for how systemic racism is affecting members of our community. As a result, we will increase our commitment to taking pro-active steps to address its many manifestations in our community.

Together with our community partners, we will work on public health and prosperity inequities that have negatively impacted our community. These include low educational attainment, high rates of unemployment, food insecurity, insufficient access to housing and home ownership, high incidence of chronic health conditions and inadequate access to health care.

The City of Vancouver is not just where we work, but as your City Council, it is also our home. As your public servants, we will bring about change for the better. We will not just acknowledge inequity but will actively focus on equity and justice in our institution, policies, and programs.


We are committed to continuing our work to make our community and our City government places where all are treated with respect, feel safe, and are heard. We value inclusion, mutual knowledge and respect for diversity. We oppose racism and oppression in our City.

We will continue to build an equitable and inclusive culture and fight racism throughout our community.

Adopted this 6th day of July, 2020.


Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor


Ty Stober, Councilmember


Laurie Lebowsky, Councilmember


Sarah Fox, Councilmember


Bart Hansen, Councilmember


Linda Glover, Mayor Pro Tem


Erik Paulsen, Councilmember