



City Council Meeting Minutes

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Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor • Bart Hansen • Ty Stober • Erik Paulsen • Sarah J. Fox • Diana H. Perez • Kim D. Harless

March 11, 2024

WORKSHOPS: 4:30-5:00 p.m.

Vancouver City Hall - Council Chambers - 415 W 6th Street, Vancouver WA

Workshops were conducted in person in the Council Chambers 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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Homeless Emergency Response - Outside Habitation Ordinance Policy Options

(Approximately 30 MIN)

Jamie Spinelli, Homeless Response Manager, 360-487-8610

Summary

Staff led Council through a discussion of the Homelessness Emergency Response - Outside Habitation Ordinance Policy Options.

Councilmembers Stober and Paulsen were absent from the workshop.

COUNCIL DINNER / EXECUTIVE SESSION RE: REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION (RCW 42.30.120 (1)(b)) 1 HOUR

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle announced the Council would be entering into executive session from 5:07-6:07 p.m. to discuss Real Estate Acquisition.

COUNCIL REGULAR 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, Hansen, and Mayor McEnerny-Ogle

Absent: Councilmembers Stober and Paulsen

Motion by Councilmember Hansen, seconded by Councilmember Harless, and approved unanimously to excuse Councilmembers Stober and Paulsen.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes - February 26, 2024

Motion by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Hansen,

and carried unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of February 26, 2024.

Proclamations: Women's History Month

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read and presented a proclamation to Tracy Reilly-Kelly, Historian for the League of Women Voters of Clark County, proclaiming March 2024, as Women's History Month.

Community Communications

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened Community Communication and received testimony from the following community members regarding any matter on the agenda not scheduled for a Public Hearing:

- Kimberlee Goheen Elbon, La Center, WA

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

Consent Agenda (Items 1-7)

Council pulled items 5 and 6 for discussion.

Motion by Councilmember Perez, seconded by Councilmember Hansen, and carried unanimously to approve items 1-4 and 7 on the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Harless, and carried unanimously to approve items 5-6 on the Consent Agenda.

1. Completion of Construction - Safe Stay 3 Project

Staff Report: 048-24

- *The project constructed the Safe Stay 3 Community including twenty shelters, one office, community gathering areas, restroom and laundry units, and storage facilities.*
- *The original construction contract bid amount was \$708,307.68. Quantity adjustments during construction increased the final contract amount 0.5% to \$711,958.27. City Electric of Ridgefield, Washington, has satisfactorily completed the subject improvements in accordance with the plans and specifications.*
- *The apprenticeship goal for this project was 3% of the project's labor hours. The contractor was able to exceed the goal and achieved an actual apprenticeship utilization of 22%. The high apprenticeship utilization was able to be achieved due to the high need for electricians on this project.*

Request: On March 11, 2024, accept the Safe Stay 3 Project as

constructed by City Electric of Ridgefield, Washington, and authorize release of the retainage in the amount of \$32,748.77, subject to receipt of all documentation required by law.

Charles Fell, Senior Civil Engineer, 360-487-7790

Motion approved the request.

2. **Bid Award - Growth Management Area Pump Station Upgrades**

Staff Report: 049-24

The Growth Management Area is located in the eastern portion of the sanitary sewer service boundary. The pump stations in this area that are included in this project are as follows; Maplecrest, Edmunds, Pheasant Run and Stein Estates. These stations were constructed in the late 1990's to serve development in this section of the service boundary. These stations all pump wastewater to a common force main in NE 162nd Ave that extends north from NE 39th Street then west in the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) right-of-way to a discharge manhole approximately 1,400 feet west of NE 162nd Ave. With this contract the Maplecrest pump station will undergo the most upgrades, with minor improvements to the other stations. The Maplecrest station has outdated communications equipment located within a hut type structure. This project will bring communication up to current standards, including a new building, provide a new transformer for the backup power, as well as other upgrades to bring the station to current standards. The improvements with this project will create a more efficient station that will reduce maintenance and operation costs over time.

On February 6, 2024, the City received 3 bids for the subject project. The bids ranged between \$1,173,966 and \$1,475,160. The low bidder was responsive. The bids are as follows:

SUMMARY OF BIDS	
BIDDER	AMOUNT
Tapani, inc, Battle Ground, WA	\$1,173,966.00
Western United Civil Group, Yacolt, WA	\$1,280,852.29
Clark & Son	\$1,475,160.50
Engineers' Estimate	\$1,381,000.00

Based on the engineer's estimate and the Apprenticeship Policy, there is a 3% apprenticeship goal for this project. The Contractor intends to exceed this goal by using 185 apprenticeship hours out of the total 1,452 project hours.

Request: Award a construction contract for the Growth Management Area (GMA) Pump Station Upgrade project to the lowest

responsive and responsible bidder, Tapani, Inc of Battle Ground, WA at their bid price of \$1,173,996.00, which includes Washington State sales tax, and authorize the City Manager or designee, to execute a contract with Tapani, Inc for the same.

Sheryl Hale, Senior Civil Engineer, 360-487-7151

Motion approved the request.

3. Bid Award for Television Video Production, Broadcast Equipment and Related Services, per Bid # 24-15

Staff Report: 050-24

Clark/Vancouver Television typically purchases between \$200,000 and \$300,000 annually of video production and broadcast equipment. The amount varies based off the video equipment needed to be replaced. The City sought bids based off of percentage discounts from video production equipment manufacturers resold by the vendor.

On February 13, 2024, the City received two bids for the subject project. One bid was considered non-responsive. The bid was advertised publicly in two separate newspapers for two weeks and also sent directly to multiple supplier rosters that included certified minority firms. The bid price was based off of the discounted amount from video equipment manufacturers' retail price, not reflective of the amount expected to be spent.

Request: On March 11, 2024, award a contract for Television Video Production, Broadcast Equipment and Related Services as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Key Code Media, Inc. of Kent, WA not to exceed \$1,200,000.00, which includes Washington State sales tax over a 4-year period and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the same.

Jim Demmon, Video Services Manager, 360-487-8706

Motion approved the request.

4. Ratification of Emergency Order 2023-03.01

Staff Report: 051-24

A RESOLUTION ratifying Emergency Order 2023-03.01, issued by the Vancouver City Manager on March 8, 2024.

Since the declaration of the emergency to respond to growing homelessness crisis and ratification of Emergency Orders 2023-02 and 2023-03 on November 6, 2023, the City has taken the following actions:

- Homelessness Emergency Action Plan (HEAP) drafted and approved by Incident Commander to provide clarity on staff roles and*

responsibilities related to declared emergency.

- *Briefed all VPD patrol officers about the updated policy and procedures related to or involving unsheltered homelessness, bringing patrol's response into alignment with HART's processes and providing patrol greater clarity and more tools for responding to calls for service involving unsheltered homelessness.*
- *Gotten approval to expand the Community Court from one half day to one full day every week. This transition will occur as soon as a new location for the Community Court is secured.*
- *Established Fourth Plain corridor response team to provide both behavioral health response and community engagement and activation to reduce the significant negative impacts related to unsheltered homelessness in that area.*
- *Opened Safe Stay Communities 3 and 4, doubling the total Safe Stay capacity in Vancouver and bringing a new service provider into the community.*
- *Under the existing Emergency Order 2023-03 the City Manager has closed five public properties so as to address and mitigate the adverse impacts of homelessness.*

• *Since the November emergency declaration issues of interpretation and application of Emergency Order 2023-03 have been raised by HART, VPD, and individuals experiencing homelessness. To address these Emergency Order 2023-03 has been amended in the following ways:*

- *Made easier to read and understand by using plain language in alignment with Governor Inslee's recent Executive Order 23-02.*
- *Consolidated reference to all relevant VMCs to clarify enforcement criteria and potential actions.*
- *Provide increased objectivity (and therefore, improved enforceability) with respect to the activities that qualify as "meaningful engagement".*
- *Remove a previous reference to being able to "pack up and leave the area in an hour" to avoid any potential hardship posed on qualified individuals with a disability.*

Request: Adopt resolution ratifying Emergency Order 2023-03.01

*Aaron Lande, Program and Policy Development Manager,
360-487-8612; Jamie Spinelli, Homeless Response
Manager, 360-487-8610*

Motion adopted Resolution M-4266 to approve the request.

5. Appointment Culture, Arts & Heritage Commission

The City's Culture, Art and Heritage Commission is a nine-member volunteer group responsible for facilitating the development and promotion of a thriving cultural, art and heritage environment that reflects the people we serve. This is accomplished through the creation of community-

informed programs, ownership of buildings and public art, and a commitment to community partnerships.

Council Subcommittee 2 recently interviewed candidates for this commission and recommends the full-term reappointment of Lee Rafferty and Christine Richardson as well as the appointment of Ricky Gaspar with terms effective January 1, 2024, and expiring December 31, 2026.

If there are no objections, we would like to make this appointment at the Monday, March 11, 2024, Council meeting.

Request: Reappointment of Lee Rafferty and Christine Richardson as well as the appointment of Ricky Gaspar to the Culture Arts and Heritage Commission. All three are full-term positions effective January 1, 2024, and expiring December 31, 2026.

Council Committee 2

Motion approved the request.

6. Appointment Salary Review Commission

This seven-member volunteer commission studies the relationship of salaries to the duties of Mayor and City Councilmembers and establishes the salary and compensation for the Mayor and City Council.

Mayor McEnemy-Ogle interviewed three applicants for two, full-term positions and recommends the appointment of Margot Rice and Greg Chaimov to positions with a term effective January 1, 2024, and expiring December 31, 2027.

If there are no objections, I would like to make these appointments at the Monday, March 11, 2024, Council meeting.

Request: Appoint to the Salary Review Commission Margot Rice and Greg Chaimov to full-term positions effective January 1, 2024, and expiring December 31, 2027.

Mayor McEnemy-Ogle

Motion approved the request.

7. Approval of Claim Vouchers

Request: Approve claim vouchers for March 11, 2024.

Motion approved claim vouchers in the amount of \$5,645,767.79.

Communications

A. From the Council

B. From the Mayor

C. From the City Manager

EXECUTIVE SESSION RE: PERSONNEL - RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) (1 HR)

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle announced the Council would be entering into executive session from 7:01-8:01 p.m. to discuss Personnel.

Adjournment

8:01 p.m.

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Anne McEnerny-Ogle
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Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor

Attest:

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Natasha Ramras
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Natasha Ramras, City Clerk

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One of the things on the agenda I had some thoughts about was pavement management. I think it's a great idea to add new ADA curb ramps and improve streets. There are parts of town that are not as nice and it's noticeable right away that they need work done. I'm not a person who's too involved so I'm not aware of how things are done. This brings me to my question if improvements where needed, will be done equally all over town over the next 20 years?