

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Minutes**  
**March 25, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Norris at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Norris, Councilmembers Cheney, Combs, Fiedler, Lindquist, McMullen, and Urban.

Absent: Councilmember Ragan

Staff Present: Police Chief Bergsma, Fire Chief Hari, Finance Director Huschka, Senior Planner Lowell, City Attorney Rogerson, Special Projects Administrator Stendal, Solid Waste Manager Sutherland.

Citizens Present: 4

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of March 25, 2009 claims numbered 110178 - 110381 in the amount of \$698,501.16.

**Councilmember Urban moved to approve the March 2009 claims numbered 110178 - 110381 in the amount of \$698,501.16. Motion seconded by Councilmember Combs. Motion carried 6-0.**

**REPORTS**

1. Finance Committee: see Committee agenda and minutes for details.
2. Community Comments: none
3. Councilmember Comments: Councilmember Combs reported on a tour that she and Councilmember Lindquist took of the department of corrections facilities in Monroe where they learned about the connection between graffiti and gang related activity.
4. Mayor's Report: Mayor Norris brought forth a resolution supporting the joint health and fitness center that is being developed by Mount Vernon School District, YMCA and Skagit Valley Hospital.

**Councilmember Fiedler moved to approve the Resolution 785 supporting the effort to create a joint fitness center. Motion seconded by Councilmember McMullen. Motion carried 6-0.**

Passport Day: The City of Mount Vernon is participating in the National Passport Day to be held on March 28, 2009. Offices will be open from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm to accept passport applications.

5. Agenda Requests: none

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Closed Record Public Hearing Property Rezone.

**This item is postponed until further notice.**

- B. Setting of Public Meeting Date: Ms. Lowell presented a request for Council to set April 8, 2009 as the public meeting date to review the Notice of Intent to commence annexation proceedings and to discuss whether or not they will adopt a resolution setting forth the boundary of the annexation, the initial zoning and the bonded indebtedness that the area could assume. This area is located west of Freeway Drive at the western most terminus of College Way.

**Councilmember Combs moved to set April 8, 2009 as the public meeting date to review the Notice of Intent to commence annexation proceedings. Motion seconded by Councilmember Cheney. Motion carried 6-0.**

- C. Purchase and Sale Agreement: Mr. Stendal presented a request for Council to authorize the sale of 401 E. College Way (P53850) to NWCC Investments IX, LLC. This property is located on the northeast corner of the intersection of College Way and Riverside Drive. NWCC Investments owns the commercial development directly north of the subject property and has presented an offer of \$199,440.00 for this property.

**Councilmember Fiedler moved to approve Resolution 786 authorizing the Mayor to enter into a purchase and sales agreement with NWCC Investments IX, LLC for the sale of 401 E. College Way in the amount of \$199,440.00. Motion seconded by Councilmember Lindquist. Motion carried 6-0.**

- D. Residential Curbside Recycling: Mr. Sutherland presented information regarding the recent request for bids for providing curbside recycling to the residents of Mount Vernon. Waste Management Skagit was the only respondent to this, submitting a bid of \$149.32 per ton for collection, transportation, and processing of recycling. This is a 27.5% increase over the current price of \$117.11. It is recommended that an increase in residential recycling rates be considered following the adoption of this contract as the current rate of \$2.25 per household will not be adequate.

**Councilmember Cheney moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Waste Management Skagit to provide curbside recycling services to the City of Mount Vernon. Motion seconded by Councilmember Lindquist. Motion carried 6-0.**

- E. Approval of Work: for the construction of the Mount Vernon Police Department Evidence Building.

**This item is postponed until further notice.**

- F. Approval of Work: Chief Hari presented a request for Council to accept the work performed by Dimock Construction for the remodel of Fire Station 2 in the amount of \$91,714.07. This project expanded the current living quarters by three bedrooms and one bathroom.

**Councilmember Cheney moved to approve the work performed by Dimock Construction for the remodel of Fire Station #2 in the amount of \$91,714.07. Motion seconded by Councilmember Urban. Motion carried 6-0.**

- G. Vehicle Purchase: Chief Hari presented a request for Council to authorize the purchase of a 2009 Chevy Tahoe in the amount of \$37,200 for use as a Battalion vehicle. Questions

were asked as to the essential nature of this purchase in light of the current economic climate. It was determined that it was prudent to purchase this while the price was guaranteed.

**Councilmember McMullen moved to authorize the purchase of a 2009 Chevy Tahoe. Motion seconded by Councilmember Cheney. Motion carried 6-0.**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

---

Rebecca J. Wade, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

---

Alicia D. Huschka, Finance Director

APPROVE:

---

Bud Norris, Mayor