

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 10, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Norris at 7:08 p.m.

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

Staff Present: City Attorney Rogerson, Police Chief Bergsma, Fire Chief Hari,
Public Works Director Bell, Assistant Public Works Director
Love, Solid Waste Supervisor Sutherland, Finance Director
Huschka, Human Resources Director Bartlett, Special Projects
Administrator Stendal

Citizens Present: One

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approval of May 13, 2009 Regular Council Meeting Minutes:

Councilmember Urban moved to approve the minutes as stated above. Motion seconded by Councilmember Lindquist. Motion carried 7-0.

B. Approval of June 10, 2009 Claims Numbered 111267, 111269, 111283 – 111493 in the amount of \$418,486.72:

Councilmember Urban moved to approve the claims as stated above. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ragan. Motion carried 7-0.

REPORTS:

A. Committees:

1. Public Works: see Committee agenda and minutes.

B. Community Comments:

None.

C. Councilmember Comments:

- Councilmember Cheney said that he did not see any public in attendance at tonight's meeting.
- Councilmember Combs stated that within the past two days she has had close calls with pedestrians while driving. School will be out soon and she urges everyone to drive cautiously.

- Councilmember Urban thanked the public for their patience during the recent Riverside/College Way intersection improvement project and added his thanks to the work crew for their timeliness on the project.

D. Mayor's Report:
None.

E. Committee Agenda Requests:

- Councilmember Urban would like door to door sales on a future agenda for discussion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Street Closure Request – Skagit Food Share Alliance Fundraiser: Mr. Stendal explained that North Coast Credit Union, for Skagit Food Share Alliance, has requested that Gates Street between 1st and 2nd Streets be closed from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on August 1st for the Bite of Skagit Fundraiser.

Councilmember Lindquist moved to approve the street closure as requested above. Motion seconded by Councilmember Fiedler. Motion carried 7-0.

B. Street Closure Request – Mount Vernon Arts Commission Fundraiser: Mr. Stendal stated that the Mount Vernon Arts Commission has requested that 1st Street be closed from Pine to Kincaid Street, however it is recommended that the closure be from Myrtle to Kincaid Street from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Friday June 26 for their fundraiser, Titanic.

Councilmember Ragan moved to approve the street closure with the recommended change as requested above. Motion seconded by Councilmember McMullen. Motion carried 7-0.

C. Amendment to Professional Services Agreement with PI Engineering: Mr. Bell explained that this amendment to the professional services agreement with PI Engineering is needed for the City to complete the final engineering work for the downtown flood protection project. These services do include associated final design work for the river walk. The amended agreement is not to exceed \$378,000.

Councilmember Cheney moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the amended professional services agreement with PI Engineering in an amount not

to exceed \$378,000. Motion seconded by Councilmember Lindquist. Motion carried 7-0.

- D. Professional Services Agreement with Reichhart & Ebe Engineering: Mr. Love stated that Reichhart & Ebe Engineering has been selected to provide construction and inspection services for Phase 1 of the LaVenture Road Extension Project, from Blackburn to Fowler. This project is funded by Federal Highway Administration American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) grant funding and require construction to be inspected and documented in accordance with the Local Agency guidelines and ARRA guidelines. This professional services agreement is in the amount of \$215,000.

Councilmember Urban moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Reichhart & Ebe Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$215,000. Motion seconded by Councilmember Cheney. Motion carried 7-0.

- E. Ordinance – Designation of FEMA Appeals Officer: Mr. Rogerson explained that this Ordinance will allow the Mayor to designate the Director of Community and Economic Development as the FEMA Appeals Officer for the City of Mount Vernon. The FEMA Appeals Officer will accept appeals by property owners who feel their property is adversely affected by any new FEMA maps.

Councilmember Fiedler moved to adopt Ordinance 3449 approving the designation of FEMA Appeals Officer. Motion seconded by Councilmember Lindquist. Motion carried 7-0.

- F. Professional Services Agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc.: Ms. Huschka said that the Solid Waste Utility has not increased garbage utility rates since 1997. The primary reasons that have contributed to this are two reductions in costs from the Skagit County Transfer Station, the addition of front-load trucks and the implementation of automated carts for residential collection. Cil Pierce of HDR Engineering, Inc. will provide a comprehensive rate study to determine appropriate rates for the Solid Waste Utility. Ms. Pierce will also provide a residential sewer rate study to explore the possibility of changing the residential flat rate to consumption based. The results of the studies will be presented to council sometime in September or October.

Councilmember Lindquist moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into a professional services agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$40,700. Motion seconded by Councilmember Urban. Motion carried 7-0.

- G. Establishing a Change Fund for the Police Department: Ms. Huschka stated that the Police Department receives cash payments for a variety of fees. Currently there

is no change fund available for making change. This resolution will establish a change fund in the amount of \$50 for the Police Department.

Councilmember Fiedler moved to approve Resolution 790 establishing a change fund for the Police Department. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ragan. Motion carried 7-0.

The meeting was convened into executive session at 7:47 p.m. and was estimated to last 45 minutes.

H. Executive Session Real Estate Acquisition and Collective Bargaining:

The meeting was reconvened into regular session at 8:25 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:



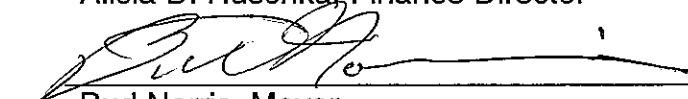
Lori J. Kimbriel, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



Alicia D. Huschka, Finance Director

APPROVE:



Bud Norris, Mayor