

**Mount Vernon
City Council
Study Session Minutes
August 19, 2009**

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

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

Absent: Councilmember McMullen

Staff Present: Public Works Director Bell, Police Chief Bergsma, City Attorney Rogerson

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Freeway Drive / College Way Intersection Improvement Project: Mr. Bell presented the results of a recent bid opening for the Freeway Drive/ College Way Intersection Improvement Project; fourteen bids were received and Colacurcio Brothers submitted the low bid of \$1,040,637.75. This project will help reduce congestion and improve safety at the intersection through the construction of new turn lanes and a new signal. The project is partially funded through a Skagit County Economic Development Grant and traffic impact fees.

Councilmember Ragan moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Colacurcio Brothers for the Freeway Drive/ College Way Intersection Improvement Project. Motion seconded by Councilmember Combs. Motion carried 6-0.

- B. Street Closure Request: Chief Bergsma presented a request for the closure of the 1300 block of N. 26th Street and the 2500 block of Kulshan Avenue on Saturday, September 5, 2009 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm for a street festival.

Councilmember Lindquist moved to approve the street closure as outlined above. Motion seconded by Councilmember Urban. Motion carried 6-0.

- C. Kulshan Force Main Project – Amendment 1: Mr. Bell provided Council with background information on a request to amend a professional services agreement with HDR in the amount of \$21,003 for assistance in construction management on the joint Judy Reservoir – Mount Vernon Transmission Pipeline Phase 1 and Kulshan Force Main project. HDR completed the design and specifications for both the City force main project and the water transmission pipeline for Public Utility District #1 (PUD) and can provide the coordination required between the City, PUD and the contractor.

Councilmember Fiedler moved to authorize the Mayor to execute an amendment to the professional services agreement with HDR in the amount of \$21,003. Motion seconded by Councilmember Cheney. Motion carried 6-0.

- D. Downtown Flood Project: Mr. Rogerson presented an amendment to the settlement agreement previously reached with Commercial Cold Storage, Inc. (CCS) for the acquisition of property

rights necessary for the construction of the Downtown Flood Control Project. The amendment extends the original agreement to January 2013.

Councilmember Lindquist moved to authorize the Mayor to execute the proposed property settlement amendment. Motion seconded by Councilmember Urban. Motion carried 6-0.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Rebecca J. Wade, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

Alicia D. Huschka, Finance Director

APPROVE:

Bud Norris, Mayor