

**Mount Vernon
City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2009**

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

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

Absent: Councilmember Fiedler

Staff Present: Police Chief Bergsma, Community and Economic Development Director Hanson, Senior Planner Higgins, Finance Director Huschka, City Attorney Rogerson, Special Projects Administrator Stendal.

Citizens Present: 2

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of August 5, 2009 Study Session Minutes.

Councilmember Urban moved to approve the August 5, 2009 Study Session Minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Lindquist. Motion carried 6-0.

B. Approval of August 26, 2009 Claims numbered 112375 - 112540 in the amount of \$1,175,696.60.

Councilmember Combs moved to approve the August 26, 2009 Claims numbered 112375 - 112540 in the amount of \$1,175,696.60. Motion seconded by Councilmember Lindquist. Motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS

1. Finance Committee: see Committee agenda and minutes for details.
2. Councilmember Comments: Councilmember Cheney found a letter that was unsigned at his desk and wished to make it known that he will not put any credence in anonymous contacts.
3. Mayor's Report: The September 2, 2009 Study Session is cancelled.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Associated Rezone: Ms. Higgins presented Council with information regarding a property-owner initiated site-specific amendment to Chapter Two of the Comprehensive Plan, the Land Use Element, and associated rezone. The amendment is for the Dimensional Communications property (LU09-005) located on the south side of Anderson Road, between Cedardale and Blodgett Roads. This is a 7.63 acre/5 lot parcel that is partially developed. The current Comprehensive Plan designation varies across the land from CR3 (community retail), SF (residential) and Commercial Limited Industrial. The property owner has

proposed that entire property be rezoned to Commercial Limited Industrial. This is a non-project specific request.

Mayor Norris opened the public hearing.

There being no comment Mayor Norris closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Lindquist moved to approve Ordinance 3454 adopting the Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and zoning designations to Commercial/Limited Industrial for the above property. Motion seconded by Councilmember Cheney. Motion carried 6-0.

- B. Proposed Amendment to Chapter 7 of the Comprehensive Plan: Ms. Higgins provided information about a proposed amendment to Chapter 7 of the Comprehensive Plan that would include the Sedro Woolley School District #101 Capital Facilities Plan (LU09-016). The Capital Facilities Plan has been approved by the City of Sedro-Woolley and the Sedro-Woolley School District.

Mayor Norris opened the public hearing.

There being no comment Mayor Norris closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Urban moved to approve Ordinance 3455 amending the Comprehensive Plan Chapter 7 to include the Sedro-Woolley School District Capital Facilities Plan. Motion seconded by Councilmember Cheney. Motion carried 6-0.

- C. Proposed Amendment to Title 3 of the Mount Vernon Municipal Code: Ms. Higgins brought forth a proposed amendment to the Mount Vernon Municipal Code to include the Sedro-Woolley School District impact fees.

Mayor Norris opened the public hearing.

There being no comment Mayor Norris closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Lindquist moved to approve Ordinance 3456 adopting the Amendment to Title 3 of the Mount Vernon Municipal Code to include Sedro-Woolley School District impact fees. Motion seconded by Councilmember Cheney. Motion carried 6-0.

- D. Street Closure Request: Mr. Stendal presented a request for Council approval to close 1st Street, from Kincaid to Division Street, between the hours of 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on October 31, 2009, for the Mount Vernon Downtown Association sponsored Trick or Treat event.

Councilmember Ragan moved to approve the closure of streets on October 31, 2009 as outlined above. Motion seconded by Councilmember Urban. Motion carried 6-0.

- E. Establishing Tax Rate for the Local Infrastructure Finance Tool Tax: Ms. Huschka provided information on a request for Council to establish the maximum LIFT sales and use tax rate at .000969 (.0969 percent). All jurisdictions participating in the Local Infrastructure Finance Tool {LIFT} program must select the maximum tax rate as

required by Senate Bill 5901 by September 1, 2009. Establishing this rate will not increase existing taxes, but will redistribute the State portion of sales tax up to the City's LIFT award of \$500,000. Ms. Huschka worked with Washington State Department of Revenue to determine what percent the maximum tax rate should be. The earliest that this rate can be imposed is July 1, 2010. The City has up to five years to issue bonds to fund the project once the rate has been imposed.

Councilmember Combs moved to approve Ordinance 3457 establishing the maximum LIFT sale and use tax rate at 0.000969 (0.0969 percent). Motion seconded by Councilmember Cheney. Motion carried 6-0.

- F. Out of State Travel Request – Police: Chief Bergsma requested Council approval for a supervisor of the Police Department to travel to the National Tactical Officers {NTOA} Conference in Tulsa, OK, from September 11-18, 2009. This is a continuing education course and all costs for this conference are being covered by the NTOA and the Washington State Tactical Officers Association.

Councilmember Urban moved to approve the requested out of state travel. Motion seconded by Councilmember Lindquist. Motion carried 6-0.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Rebecca J. Wade, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

Alicia D. Huschka, Finance Director

APPROVE:

Bud Norris, Mayor