

**Mount Vernon
City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Norris at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Norris, Councilmembers McMullen, Molenaar, Quam, Ragan and Urban.

Absent: Councilmembers Lindquist and Fiedler.

Staff Present: Police Chief Bergsma, Community and Economic Development Director Hanson, Fire Chief Hari, Finance Director Huschka, Senior Planner Lowell, Parks and Recreation Director Otos, General Facilities Manager Prosser, City Attorney Rogerson, Special Projects Administrator Stendal, Parks Supervisor Wepler

Citizens Present: 1

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of February 24, 2010 claims numbered 114796, 114807-114990 in the amount of \$1,183,234.65.

Councilmember McMullen moved to approve the February 24, 2010 claims numbered 114796, 114807-114990 in the amount of \$1,183,234.65. Motion seconded by Councilmember Quam. Motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS

- A. Community Comments: Richard Boyer, Mount Vernon resident, asked when the sewer rate change would be enacted. Mayor Norris replied that it will be on the Council agenda for deliberation within the next few weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Out of State Travel Request: Chief Hari presented Council with a request for approval to send one Battalion Chief to a "Principles of Fire Protection and Structural Systems" class in Emmitsburg, Maryland from March 21 through April 2, 2010. FEMA will pay the tuition, travel and lodging expenses.

Councilmember Urban moved to approve the out of state travel request for one Battalion Chief to attend training as outlined above. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ragan. Motion carried 5-0.

- B. Out of State Travel Request: Chief Bergsma presented Council with a request for approval to send one officer to the National Domestic Violence Conference in Jacksonville, Florida from March 15 through 17, 2010. The United States Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women/ Battered Women's Justice Project will pay the travel, lodging and meal expenses. This officer will receive additional training that he can then share with other law enforcement officers.

Councilmember Urban moved to approve the out of state travel request for one law enforcement officer to attend the National Domestic Violence Conference as outlined above. Motion seconded by Councilmember McMullen. Motion carried 5-0.

- C. Bid Award: Mr. Weppeler presented the results of a recent request for bids for the 2010 Mowing Contract. Fourteen companies from the Small Works Roster were contacted and asked to submit bids. Eight bids were received ranging from \$83,376.18 to \$40,445.43. The low bid was received from Seattle Maintenance Solutions from Lynnwood, Washington. This contract is for weekly maintenance of various grassy areas throughout the City.

Councilmember Urban moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Seattle Maintenance Solutions for the 2010 Mowing Contract. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 5-0.

- D. Proposed Amendments to the Mount Vernon Municipal Code Title 14 (Land Use and Development), Chapter 14.05 (Procedures): Ms. Lowell presented Council with a proposal to include Title 13 as part of this chapter to correct a mistake in a process classification table regarding non-conforming uses, submittal requirements for permits, timing of Hearing Examiners decisions and clarifying how City Council hearings will be noticed.

Mayor Norris opened the public hearing.

There being no comment Mayor Norris closed the public hearing

Councilmember Ragan moved to approve Ordinance 3483 amending Mount Vernon Municipal Code Title 14, Chapter 14.05 as outlined. Motion seconded by Councilmember Quam. Motion carried 5-0.

- E. Proposed Amendments to the Mount Vernon Municipal Code Title 17 (Zoning), Chapter 17.06 (Definitions): Ms. Lowell presented Council with a proposal to amend Title 17, Chapter 17.06 of the Mount Vernon Municipal Code defining "grade" be consistent with the definitions of "grade" found within the International Building Code.

Mayor Norris opened the public hearing.

There being no comment Mayor Norris closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Urban moved to approve Ordinance 3484 amending Mount Vernon Municipal Code Title 17, Chapter 17.06 as outlined. Motion seconded by Councilmember McMullen. Motion carried 5-0.

- F. Proposed Amendments to the Mount Vernon Municipal Code Title 15 (Building and Construction), Chapter 15.04 (Building Codes): Mr. Prosser presented Council with proposed changes to Title 15 of the Mount Vernon Municipal Code that would change the fee schedule relating to building permit submittals. The proposed change would make plan review fees due at the time a building permit is submitted. The amendment will ensure that the City is compensated for staff time spent reviewing plans. The fee schedule is based on total valuation of the project and 65% of the total permit fee will be collected on commercial applications and a flat fee for residential permits.

Mayor Norris opened the public hearing.

There being no comment Mayor Norris closed the public hearing

Councilmember Ragan moved to approve Ordinance 3485 amending Mount Vernon Municipal Code title 15, Chapter 15.04 as outlined. Motion seconded by Councilmember Quam. Motion carried 5-0

- G. Closed Record Public Hearing re: LU09-029: Mr. Rogerson asked that this item be struck as Winco is withdrawing their permit application. The withdrawal of their permit application was based on an economic decision as an evaluation of the project did not meet their model standards

Councilmember Ragan moved to strike this item from the agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was convened into executive session at 7:36 p.m. and estimated to last 30 minutes.

- H. Executive Session – Potential Litigation

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Rebecca J. Wade, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

Alicia D. Huschka, Finance Director

APPROVE:

Bud Norris, Mayor

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