Vancouver City Council Minutes – August 24, 2015

WORKSHOPS (City Council Chambers)

Mayor Leavitt and Councilmember Hansen were absent for workshops. Mayor Pro Tem Smith presided.

4:00-4:30 p.m.  TAXI AND TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY (TNC) CODE IMPLEMENTATION

Council met with Lloyd Tyler, Chief Financial Officer, Carrie Lewellen, City Treasurer, and Brent Boger, Assistant City Attorney

Summary
Staff provided Council with an update on the implementation of the new code regulating taxis and TNCs and response to date from the public. (Lloyd Tyler, 487-8469; Carrie Lewellen, 487-8482)

4:30-5:00 p.m.  STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Council met with Jan Bader, Program and Policy Development Manager, and Libby Barg, Principal with Barney & Worth, Inc.

Summary
Staff and the City’s consultant for the current strategic planning effort provided Council with an overview of the results from the recent community survey conducted to gauge citizens’ priorities for City and community services. (Jan Bader, 487-8606)

5:30-6:00 p.m.  SOLID WASTE PROGRAM UPDATE: BEYOND BAGS


Summary
Solid Waste staff provided Council with an overview of a pilot program for recycling plastic wrap launched throughout the City in partnership with Safeway, the American Chemistry Council’s Flexible Film Recycling Group, and Trex Corporation, Inc. (Rich McConaghy, 487-4125; Tanya Gray, 487-4123)
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COUNCIL CONSENT MEETING (City Council Chambers).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
The consent meeting of the Vancouver City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Timothy Leavitt in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 415 W. 6th Street, Vancouver, Washington.

Present: Councilmembers Topper, McEnerny-Ogle, Turlay, Burkman, Smith, Mayor Leavitt
Absent: Councilmembers Hansen

Motion by Councilmember Topper, seconded by Councilmember Smith, and carried unanimously to excuse Councilmember Hansen.

PROCLAMATION: CLARK COUNTY DAY OF SERVICE

Mayor Leavitt read and presented a proclamation to Gary Bock, Curtis Stone, and Jack Hardy, representing Clark County Connects, proclaiming September 12, 2015, as Clark County Day of Service.

PROCLAMATION: PLASTIC WRAP RECYCLING, BEYOND BAGS, AWARENESS MONTH


CITIZEN COMMUNICATION (ITEMS 1-8)

Mayor Leavitt requested the agenda be amended to cancel and reschedule the executive session pertaining to the City Manager’s performance until the full Council was in attendance. He also requested an appointment to the Telecommunications Commission be added as Item 8 on the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Councilmember Burkman, seconded by Councilmember McEnerny-Ogle, and carried unanimously to amend the agenda as requested.

Mayor Leavitt opened Citizen Communication and, receiving no testimony, closed Citizen Communication.

CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 1-8)

Motion by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Burkman, and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.
1. **2014 Joint City/County Preservation Project, Construction Acceptance and Release of Retainage Bond**  
(Staff Report 120-15)

**Summary**  
This project applied surface treatment or treatments to approximately 24 miles of City streets as part of the City's preventive maintenance program to extend the life of the pavement and minimize maintenance costs. Intermountain Slurry Seal, Inc. of Sparks, Nevada has satisfactorily completed the subject improvements in accordance with the plans and specifications.

The original construction contract bid amount was $2,725,410. Field adjustments and deletion of eleven street sections during construction decreased the contract amount to $2,559,616.26, a 6.1% decrease. The deletion of eleven street sections was necessary to meet the available budgeted funds due to unanticipated higher costs at the time of the bid.

**Motion** accepted construction as complete in accordance with contract plans and specifications and authorize release of retainage bond to Intermountain Slurry Seal, Inc. of Sparks, Nevada, subject to receipt of all documentation required by law. *(Steve Lee, Senior Civil Engineer, 487-7752)*

2. **Flashing Yellow Arrow Upgrade Project, Construction Acceptance and Release of Retainage Bond**  
(Staff Report 121-15)

**Summary**  
This traffic signal upgrade project replaced the existing left-turn green ball signal head with a “Left Turn Yield on Green” sign with a flashing yellow arrow signal head at 16 intersections around Vancouver. The work included new signal heads, upgrade/replacement of controllers and controller cabinets, upgrade to controller firmware, and new conflict monitors. Northeast Electric LLC of Woodland, Washington, has satisfactorily completed the subject improvements in accordance with the plans and specifications.

The original construction contract bid amount was $297,201.00. Field adjustments and contract change orders during construction increased the contract amount to $317,116.16, a 6.7% increase. The major changes were replacement of additional four signal heads with flashing yellow arrow signal head that were determined to be necessary after the bid and an increase in the flagging quantity necessary to safely perform the work.

**Motion** accepted construction as complete in accordance with contract plans and specifications and authorize release of retainage bond to Northeast Electric LLC of Woodland, Washington, subject to receipt of all documentation required by law. *(Steve Lee, Senior Civil Engineer, 487-7752)*

3. **Orchards Area Traffic Impact Fees Projects – NE 45th Street and NE 82nd Avenue, Construction Acceptance and Release of Retainage**  
(Staff Report 122-15)
Summary
This roadway improvements project constructed a new section of roadway on NE 45th Street between NE 72nd Avenue and NE 77th Avenue and widened NE 82nd Avenue between NE 51st Street and NE 58th Street to facilitate center turn-lane and bicycle lanes. The improvements also included ADA compliant sidewalks and curb ramps, pedestrian crosswalk flashing signal, street lighting, storm water drainage improvements, asphalt concrete pavement, and landscaping. Conway Construction Company of Ridgefield, Washington has satisfactorily completed the subject improvements in accordance with the plans and specifications.

The original construction contract bid amount was $1,101,197.18. Field adjustments and contract change orders during construction increased the contract amount to $1,194,855.67, an 8.5% increase. The major changes were addition of approximately 270 feet of retaining wall necessary to maintain the improvements within the right-of-way, revision to the storm infiltration trench pipe system layout due to conflict with existing fiber optic lines and gas main and additional pavement repairs and pre-leveling necessary due to existing pavement conditions.

Motion accepted construction as complete in accordance with contract plans and specifications and authorize release of retainage in the amount of $59,477.60 to Conway Construction Company of Ridgefield, Washington, subject to receipt of all documentation required by law. (Steve Lee, Senior Civil Engineer, 487-7752)

4. PURCHASE OF SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE GENERATION UNITS FOR WATER DISINFECTION, per RFP #20-15
(Staff Report 123-15)

Summary
The City owns, maintains, and operates nine (9) water stations for the production and distribution of clean safe drinking water. These water stations treat the water to reach a chlorine residual that protects the water from potential bacteriological contamination in the distribution system. Water stations have historically utilized chlorine gas disinfection safely and effectively. In an effort to move away from gas systems, three water stations were converted to sodium hypochlorite generation systems around the year 2000. These systems proved to be unreliable and maintenance intensive. The City decided to maintain the remaining gas systems until improvements were made to sodium hypochlorite generation system technology. Technology improvements have now been made, and the City is ready to proceed with replacement of the remaining gas systems as well as the three existing antiquated sodium hypochlorite generation systems. All of the existing gas and sodium hypochlorite generation systems will be replaced under this agreement.

There are significant safety hazards associated with transporting, storing and handling of gas chlorine disinfection systems. In addition, the cost of gas chlorine has gone up significantly over the past ten years. For operator and public safety and economic reasons, the City has made the decision to replace all existing gas systems. After extensive research, on-site sodium hypochlorite generation was chosen for its stable and safe product record.
In May, the City solicited a Request for Proposals seeking sodium hypochlorite generation equipment proposals. Proposals were received on June 3, 2015, from three manufacturers. After receiving proposals, a City water operations and engineering selection team evaluated and scored each proposal to determine which equipment and manufacturer would best meet the City’s needs. The selection team used the following weighted criteria to evaluate each proposal: Project Understanding, Product Performance, Cost of Ownership, Local Technical Support, and Business History. Through the evaluation process, Process Solutions, Inc. presented the City the best quality product, price, and service with their MicroClor sodium hypochlorite generation system. The selected equipment will become the City standard for drinking water disinfection system as established through the RFP process until such time the City determines to establish a new on-site drinking water disinfection equipment.

The City anticipates ordering approximately $1,550,000 of selected equipment to support budgeted water station projects. The purchase price includes the equipment, operator training and technical support through a local manufacturer’s representative. The purchase timing will coincide with maturing capital projects. The five-year agreement (extendable to 10 years) covers equipment purchases with a cost increase clause tied to the local consumer price index.

Motion authorized the City Manager or designee to approve an agreement with Process Solutions, Inc. of Campbell, CA, for on-site sodium hypochlorite generation equipment. Equipment purchases will be associated with water station capital projects within the next five years with an option to extend an additional five years. The value of these purchases under this agreement is expected to be approximately $1,550,000.00. (Tyler Clary, Water Engineering Program Manager, 487-7169)

5. **Bid Award for E 13th Street and U Street Vicinity Water Main Installation, per Bid #15-20.**
(Staff Report 124-15)

**Summary**

The majority of the piping system to be replaced in the project area was installed more than 100 years ago, with service dating back to the early 1900s. The existing system has a leak history due to its aging condition. This project will install approximately 5,000 linear feet of new water main to replace the aging and leak prone pipes in; East 13th Street between Reserve Street and X Street, U Street between East 13th Street and Evergreen Boulevard, V Street and W Street between East 13th Street and East Mill Plain Boulevard.

On July 28, 2015, the City received nine bids for the subject project. The bids ranged between $706,916.76 and $1,006,543.86. The low bidder was responsive. The bids are as follows:

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AES, Longview, Washington $754,455.87
Inland Company, Battle Ground, Washington $849,444.35
Weitman Excavation, LLC, Sherwood, Oregon $887,437.20
3 Kings Environmental, Battle Ground, Washington $921,586.99
RC Northwest, Inc., Brush Prairie, Washington $1,006,543.86
Engineers’ Estimate $760,000.00

Tapani Underground, Incorporated is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, and has successfully completed utility construction projects of this magnitude during the last three years.

Motion awarded a construction contract for the E 13th Street and U Street Vicinity Water Main Installation project to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Tapani Underground, Incorporated of Battle Ground, Washington, at their bid price of $706,916.76 including Washington State sales tax. (Tyler Clary, Water Engineering Program Manager, 487-7169; Michelle Henry, Civil Engineer, 487-7155)

6. APPORTION TO URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

Motion appointed Gayla Shanahan to the Urban Forestry Commission, with a term beginning immediately and expiring July 2019.

7. APPROVAL OF CLAIM VOUCHERS

Motion approved claim vouchers for August 24, 2015, in the amount of $1,903,087.83

8. WALK-ON: APPOINTMENT TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Motion appointed Christopher Leland to the Telecommunications Commission with a term beginning immediately and expiring December 31, 2016.

CITIZEN FORUM

Mayor Leavitt opened the Citizen Forum and received the following testimony:

- Dorothy Rodriguez, Vancouver, expressed concerns about Vancouver’s overnight camping prohibition and how it reconciles with a recent Department of Justice opinion that an illegal camping ordinance in Boise is unconstitutional. She also urged support for building a homeless women’s shelter in Vancouver.

- Donna Stacey, representing the homeless community, recounted for Council an assault she recently suffered and urged for the building of an overnight women’s shelter.
• Diana Pereze, Vancouver, representing the SW Washington League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), reported to Council LULAC’s recent accomplishments and updated them on the organizations priorities moving forward.

• David Schmitke, Vancouver, spoke in support of Council banning personal use fireworks without using a public advisory vote.

• Earline Irwin, Vancouver, spoke in favor of ordinances increasing protections of vulnerable renters in Vancouver.

• Pat Mayes, Vancouver, spoke in favor of ordinances increasing protections of vulnerable renters in Vancouver.

• Christopher Kirn, Vancouver, explained that he had completed an Eagle Scot project at the Jane Weber Arboretum, and expressed support for the City acquiring the property to make it a public park space.

• Steve Kirn, Vancouver, expressed support for the City acquiring the Jane Weber Arboretum property to make it a public park space.

• Lori Bonebrake, Vancouver, spoke in favor of ordinances increasing protections of vulnerable renters in Vancouver and expressed a need for more landlord education.

• Stephanie Turlay, Vancouver, spoke in support of Council banning personal use fireworks without using a public advisory vote.

• Greg Martin, Vancouver, expressed frustrations with truck traffic on 39th Street and a seeming lack of police enforcement in the area.

There being no further testimony, Mayor Leavitt closed the Citizen Forum.

ADJOURNMENT

7:40 P.M.

Timothy D. Leavitt, Mayor
Attest:

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R. Lloyd Tyler, City Clerk
By: Carrie Lewellen, Deputy City Clerk

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