

July 14, 2021 – ZOOM VIDEO MEETING

Mayor Schave called to order the Zoom video meeting at 7:56 pm.

Roll call: Andrews, Ellis, Francy, Gordon, Kachman, Maki, Meskis, Richrod, Ross, Shaw, Shortt & Taylor.

Motion by Shaw, Meskis to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Carried by voice vote.

Public comment and Public Hearing Comment periods are included during the zoom video meetings. The public was notified that if they wish to speak during the meeting, an email be sent to Patricia Soule, City Clerk, and indicate if they would like to speak or have the Clerk read the comment. If they desire to comment live they will be called on during the meeting and allowed to speak for (3) minutes. Written public comments are also encouraged via regular mail or email. 7 public comments were received, provided to City Councilmembers, and read into the record.

Motion by Shaw, Meskis to recess to Executive Session for 20 minutes to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. Action is expected after the session. Carried by voice vote.

Motion by Meskis, Shaw to reconvene in open session at 8:42 pm.

Motion by Shaw, Meskis to approve and authorize the Mayor to enter into a settlement agreement with a former employee as discussed in Executive Session and approve an expenditure of \$30,000, therefore. Carried by voice vote.

Motion by Kachman, Ross recommending approval and payment of accounts payable in the total amount of \$2,042,698.97 and payroll in the total amount of \$832,866.66, check numbers 25178-25198 & 73702-73941 and wires 1267-1268. Roll call: all yeas. Carried.

Report from Finance and the Community Development Director recommending that the City Council agree to contribute a minimum of \$7 million dollars of funding to support the construction of the Gateway Center Building and that the Gateway Center be included in the City's overall Capital Facilities Plan. Motion to adopt. Kachman, Ross. Discussion. Carried by voice vote.

Report from Finance and the Parks Director recommending that the City Council authorize the Mayor to sign the 1st Amendment with RWD Landscape Architecture for a contract extension through December 31, 2021. Motion to adopt. Kachman, Ross. Carried by voice vote.

Report from Finance and the Parks Director recommending that the City Council authorize the Parks Director to hire Berglund Schmidt & Associates to provide a topographic survey of the proposed RV Park site following the City's procurement policy, for an amount not to exceed \$10,800. Motion to adopt. Kachman, Ross. Discussion. Carried by voice vote.

Report from Public Works and the Public Works Director recommending that the Mayor shall be authorized to execute an Interlocal agreement for equipment between the City of Aberdeen and Port of Grays Harbor. Motion to adopt. Meskis, Gordon. Discussion. Carried by voice vote.

Report from Public Works and the Public Works Director recommending that the City Engineer shall be authorized to award the Stevens Elementary Pedestrian Improvements project contract to the responsive low bidder and the Mayor shall be authorized to execute a contract with the responsive low bidder within the approve budget of the 2021 TBD Annual Project Plan. Motion to adopt. Meskis, Gordon. Motion by Meskis, Richrod to amend the report to show that the bid was awarded to Rognlin's for the amount of \$545,274.50. Carried by voice vote as amended.

Report from Public Works and the Public Works Director recommending that the Mayor shall be authorized to execute an amendment to the on-call agreement with HDR, Inc. to extend the effective date until July 31, 2023. Motion to adopt. Meskis, Gordon. Discussion. Carried by voice vote.

Report from Public Works and the Community Development Director recommending that the City Council approve the ordinance amending the City's Critical Areas Ordinance. Motion to adopt. Meskis, Francy. Carried by voice vote.

First reading of Bill No. 21-05 an Ordinance amending Aberdeen City Code 14.100. Motion by Meskis, Gordon to accept the first reading and pass the bill to a second reading and public hearing. Carried by voice vote.

There was discussion on returning to in-person meetings.

Motion by Shaw, Meskis to confirm the appointment of Law Lyman firm as Interim Corporation Counsel of the City of Aberdeen until such time as a permanent Corporation Counsel is identified. As Interim Corporation Counsel, Law Lyman is also authorized to undertake all administrative duties of Corporation Counsel. Discussion. Carried by voice vote.

City Council comment taken.

Motion by Meskis, Ellis to form an Ad Hoc Committee relating to Fireworks and the Firework ordinance. Motion by Kachman, Gordon to forward the topic to Public Safety. Discussion. Voice vote. The nays have it. Motion to amend failed. Voice vote on original motion. The ayes carried the original motion.

Motion by Kachman, Gordon for the City Council to approve a \$4,000 grant in support of the artist avenue request with the caveat that it is completed in full for the harbor art guild and the funds that would be utilized would be from the council projects funds, which is fund 004, which currently has a budget of \$5,000 and has been untapped year to date. Motion by Meskis, Francy to amend the motion to change the amount to \$1,000. Motion rescinded. Motion by Meskis, Gordon to amend the original motion and accept the grant on a reimbursement basis. Voice vote. The ayes carried as amended.

Motion by Shaw, Meskis to recess to Executive Session for 30 minutes to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. Action is not expected after the session. Carried by voice vote.

Session was extended by 10 minutes at 10:55 pm.

Motion by Ellis, Ross reconvene in open session at 11:06 pm.

Motion by Ross, Shortt to adjourn at 11:06 pm. Carried by voice vote.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR