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CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Steve Sexton called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present: Bill Aslett, Tonya Bieche, Joe DeGloria, Rick DeGloria, Edie Edmundson, Chris Loving, and Ted Montgomery. Staff present: Craig Bloodgood, Brian Dempsey, Bryan Harrison, Brad Johnson, Brittany Johnson, Leif Johnson, Tom Moser, Renee Sinclair, Bill Van Wieringen, Sarah Ward, and Levon Yengoyan.

MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2017 council meeting by **Councilors Edmundson/J. DeGloria**. All in favor; motion carried.

AUDIT OF BILLS:

A motion was made by **Councilors R. DeGloria/Aslett** to approve Accounts Payable checks numbered 35342 – 35506 in the amount of \$790,625.50; and January 31st payroll checks numbered 35314 – 35341 in the amount of \$336,246.36. All in favor; motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jason Kitzman – 830 E Fairhaven Ave – discussed the retail marijuana license that he received from the State of Washington three years ago and his desire for council to amend the zoning for retail marijuana to include more areas of Burlington so that he may use the retail license he received.

Edgar – Bellingham WA – discussed the farmworkers union that has been developed and the union's goals for the future. Discussed the relationship between immigrant farmworkers and the economy of Skagit County. Notified council that there would be a march held on Sunday, February 12th from Burlington to Mount Vernon and invited council and the Mayor to participate.

Alfredo Juarez – 318 Stanford Drive, Mount Vernon – invited everyone to attend the march being held on Sunday, February 12th beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Autozone and Burlington and ending at the Skagit County Courthouse in Mount Vernon.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilor Aslett thanked City staff for the recap on sales tax that was provided to council.

Councilor Montgomery thanked the Public Works and Streets Department for the cleaning of Hulbush Lane.

MAYOR'S UPDATE:

Mayor Sexton reviewed the topics discussed at the EDASC Forecast dinner and stated that he was very disappointed in EDASC for their failure to mention the importance of retail sales tax as part of the economy in Skagit County. **Mayor Sexton** notified council that he, **City Administrator Bryan Harrison**, and **Public Works Director Marv Pulst** will be in Olympia next week for AWC City Action Days. The following week he and the **IT Manager Geoff Hawes** will be in Spokane regarding fiber optic plans.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Skagit Valley YMCA Presentation – Cheryl Bishop, Bob Shrumm, Renata Maybruck

The group discussed the proposed project for the new YMCA facility located in Mount Vernon, Washington and a review of the land and the details of the new facility for the YMCA project. Discussed in details the project costs, proposed budget, and the

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fundraising that has been done for this project. Discussion followed regarding the number of Burlington residents currently utilizing the YMCA, projections for the future use, and the details of the funding that is being asked of the City of Burlington.

Boy's & Girl's Club Presentation – Ron McHenry & John Garman

The 2016 Academic Success award was presented to the Burlington Public Library for their collaborative partnership for the 2016 summer program at Maiben Park. Mr. McHenry discussed the plans for the 2017 summer program and the fundraising efforts being made to support this program. **Councilor Aslett** commented on the success that organizations can have when working together to meet the growing needs of the community. **City Administrator Bryan Harrison** discussed the success of the summer program and the future of the summer program in 2017.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

City Administrator Bryan Harrison informed council that the City's new Parks & Recreation Director, Jennifer Berner, will begin on Wednesday, February 15th, that recruitment for Police Chief is open and the Community Reception will be held on April 20th and the interviews will be held on April 21st. **Harrison** stated that the historical cabinets were installed in City Hall and the Historical Board will be filling those cabinets.

Police Chief Bill Van Wieringen discussed the march that is scheduled for Sunday, February 12th, and stated that the Police Department is prepared.

NEW BUSINESS:

AGREEMENT WITH SUMMIT SOLUTIONS GROUP, LLC – CONSULTING SERVICES HISTORICAL BUILDING SURVEY

City Administrator Bryan Harrison stated that this is an agreement for Historical Building Assessment in Burlington. **Harrison** discussed the history of the project and the grant related to this project. The project must be completed by May 2017. Details of the project and the timeline of the project were discussed.

A motion was made to select Summit Solutions Group, LLC as the contractor to perform an inventory of historic structures in downtown Burlington; and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement by **Councilors Edmundson/Loving**. All in favor; motion carried.

MAIBEN PARK MASTER PLAN

Bob Droll, Landscape Architect, P.S. reviewed the timeline of the design process for this project, the master plan details and proposed improvements within the master plan for Maiben Park. **Mr. Droll** reviewed the five phases of the master plan and the costs associated. Details of the projected maintenance and the cost associated were discussed.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF TWO CHEVROLET TAHOE POLICE PACKAGE PATROL VEHICLES BUDGETED FOR 2017

Police Chief Bill Van Wieringen discussed the timeline for ordering the vehicles and the need for the vehicles. Discussion followed regarding the need for the vehicles within the Police Department.

A motion was made to approve the issuance of a purchase order to Bud Clary Auto Dealerships for the purchase of two Chevrolet Tahoe police package patrol vehicles by **Councilors Loving/Bieche**. **Councilors Aslett/R. DeGloria/Edmundson/Montgomery** in favor; **Councilor J. DeGloria** opposed; motion carried.

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APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF ONE FORD INTERCEPTOR VEHICLE BUDGETED FOR 2017

Police Chief Bill Van Wieringen discussed the timeline for ordering the Ford Interceptor and stated that Ford had not given the department a cut-off date for ordering. Discussion followed regarding the need for the vehicles within the Police Department. **Councilor Bieche** stated that she would like to see bicycles ordered for the Police Department in the future.

A motion was made to approve the issuance of a purchase order to Columbia Ford for the purchase of one 2017 Ford Interceptor vehicle by **Councilors Loving/Bieche. Councilors Aslett/R. DeGloria/Edmundson/Montgomery** in favor; **Councilor J. DeGloria** opposed; motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Attorney Leif Johnson stated that an Executive Session will be held Per RCW 42.30.110 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. The executive session should take approximately thirty minutes and action is expected as a result of the executive session. Council and city staff adjourned for Executive Session at 8:12 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Steve Sexton adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

Renee Sinclair
Director of Budget & Accounting

Steve Sexton
Mayor