

**CITY OF BLAINE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, July 24, 2017

6:00 PM

**Harry Robinson, Mayor
Paul Greenough, Mayor Pro Tem**

A. STUDY SESSION – 5:00 PM - Downtown Development Incentives –
presented by Michael Jones.

PRESENT: Paul Greenough, Charlie Hawkins, Steve Lawrenson, Dennis Olason, Bonnie Onyon, Harry Robinson, and Mary Lou Steward.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: City Manager David Wilbrecht, Community Development Services Director Michael Jones, Assistant PW Director William Bullock, Finance Director Jeffrey Lazenby, City Attorney Jon Sitkin, and Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Sheri Sanchez.

ADJOURNED: 5:51 PM.

B. CALL TO ORDER: 6:02 PM.

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Paul Greenough, Charlie Hawkins, Steve Lawrenson, Dennis Olason, Bonnie Onyon, Harry Robinson, and Mary Lou Steward.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Community Development Services Director Michael Jones, Assistant PW Director William Bullock, Finance Director Jeffrey Lazenby, Planner I Maddie Ottley, Building Official Tim Woodward, and Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Sheri Sanchez.

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

1. Alicia Rule, 2291 Dodd Street, regarding the community downtown incentive meeting, keeping the community engaged, and building small and large business.
2. Paula Smith, 1442 Madison Avenue, regarding the community downtown incentive meeting and the connection with Tom Beckwith. David

Wilbrecht responded explained the Beckwith study and survey, and how it ties in with the revitalization.

3. Mike Lucas, 2656 W. 99th St., regarding safety issues and revenue opportunity from tractor-trailer rigs parked in Blaine. Bonnie commented that the ordinance does not prohibit as long as the vehicles are moved every 72 hours.
4. Mike Myers, 5477 Canvassback Rd., thanking the council and staff for the condolences card he received and that a celebration of Life will be held for Carol at Semiahmoo Pavilion and Golf on Friday, July 28th, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

D. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Email dated July 10, 2017, from Bonnie Onyon, regarding the Drayton Harbor Music Festival.
2. Letter dated July 10, 2017, from Joel Douglas, regarding building regulations.
3. Email dated July 12, 2017, from Debbie Harger, regarding the Downtown Development Open House.
4. Email dated July 13, 2017, from Bill Becht, regarding a letter for the Downtown Open House meeting.
5. Email dated July 14, 2017, from Chief Haslip, regarding motorists at the Pacific Highway Border Crossing.
6. Email dated July 14, 2017, from Bill Becht, regarding his thoughts on helping downtown Blaine.
7. Letter dated July 17, 2017, from Angela Garvey, regarding time limits for discharging fireworks.
8. Email dated July 24, 2017, from Debbie Harger, regarding a Blaine 4th of July video.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Bills - \$233,706.87
2. Approval of Council Minutes for July 10, 2017

MOTION WAS MADE BY MARY LOU STEWARD TO APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA, AND SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS.

Dennis Olason asked about the inter-governmental invoice and staff responded it is for the annual contract for small business.

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED 7 – 0.

F. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Sail Electric Change Order 1 for Vista Terrace – presented by William Bullock.

MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN CHANGE ORDER 1 TO SAIL ELECTRIC INC. IN THE AMOUNT \$45,382.84 FOR A NEW CONTRACT AMOUNT, INCLUDING SALES TAX, OF \$207,522.80. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY STEVE LAWRENSEN, AND APPROVED 7 – 0.

2. Setting Public Hearing to Amend Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program – presented by William Bullock.

MOTION WAS MADE BY BONNIE ONYON TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR AUGUST 14, 2017, TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS FOR THE 2018 – 2023 SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY STEVE LAWRENSEN, AND APPROVED 7 – 0.

3. Initiating Downtown Development Incentives – presented by Michael Jones.

MOTION WAS MADE BY BONNIE TO INCLUDE IN THE PROPOSAL TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE COUNCIL BY PRIORITY ITEM 2 (DIFFERENTIAL FEE BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA/ZONE), ITEM 4 (REBATE OF TIF FOR CERTAIN USES), ITEM 3 (DIFFERENTIAL FEE BY CLASSIFICATION OF USE/CHARACTERISTICS OF DEVELOPMENT), AND ITEM 6 (RESIDENTIAL IMPACT FEE WAIVER). THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY STEVE LAWRENSEN.

Council recommended that they be by prioritized and would be in favor of adding it to the city code. Council commented that it has been devoting attention to the support of the revitalization of the downtown for a long time.

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED 7 – 0.

G. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Public Works – William Bullock reported: 6:54
 - a. Project Update – the Sweet Road construction project will start in August; PW will be holding the second annual Road-eo in August; Lincoln Park paving was completed and came in thirteen percent below anticipated cost; PW received funding to do patching at H Street and Jerome Avenue to begin in August; and council advised that a light pole near Vista Terrace isn't providing enough lighting which staff will review.
2. Community Development Services – Michael Jones, Maddie Ottley, and Tim Woodard:
 - a. Enforcement Update –Peace Portal addresses 625/633/665 are structurally one building which was found to be unsafe and the next step will be a review by the hearing examiner for demolition which may result in a possible lien on the property; staff responded to various

questions from council regarding the Peace Portal structure; there have been fifty-one enforcement cases resolved and there are thirty-six active cases; two properties have been demolished; Steve Lawrenson reported that the foundation on one of the properties is in the process of being removed; there is an upcoming demolition of a structure that requires asbestos removal; staff are working with a property owner on Garfield who signed a voluntary correction agreement; and Steve complemented City staff on the work that was done.

3. City Manager – David Wilbrecht reported:
 - a. Updates - labor negotiations are underway with teamsters; an invitation to the WEDA conference was extended to the council; new traffic lights have been ordered for Peace Portal and H Street intersection; trucks are not allowed to park on dirt for long periods due to storm drainage issues; and staff provided input on current school zone lights.

H. COUNCIL REPORTS

1. Blaine Chamber of Commerce - Bonnie Onyon reported – the City and Chamber sponsored a downtown meeting at the Pastime which was attended by eighty people, and Bonnie thanked Michael and Kelly Slater for working on coordinating the event.
2. Senior Center Liaison - Dennis Olason reported – the senior center will serve breakfast for Drayton Harbor Days on August 5th.
3. Library Committee – Dennis Olason reported – Debby Farmer received the Beckwith survey and edited it.
4. Small Cities Caucus - Harry Robinson reported – a tour was provided of the Lynden WWTF; Jack Louws addressed the jail facility proposal which will go on the November ballot; and repairs will still need to be made to the current jail which may require occupants being sent to other jails.

I. CALENDARS

- Thursday, July 27, Canceled - Planning Commission meeting
Tuesday, August 1, 3 pm - Blaine Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting
Thursday, August 3,
9:30 am – Finance Committee meeting
10 am - Public Works Advisory Committee meeting
Location: Public Works 1200 Yew Ave.
Tuesday, August 8, 8 am - Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee meeting
Thursday, August 10,
9:30 am – Park and Cemetery Board meeting
7 pm – Planning Commission meeting
Monday, August 14, 6 pm - City Council meeting and Public Hearing –
Amending the 6 Year Transportation Improvement Program
Thursday, August 24, 7 pm - Planning Commission meeting
Monday, August 28, 6 pm - City Council meeting

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Dennis Olason brought up his concerns for the notification process requirements for street vacations and concerns about the City's vacation process and has suggested a study session. Staff will provide a study session in the near future.
2. Harry Robinson requested that staff provide comparisons of other cities for truck parking and Bonnie Onyon added a request for RV parking comparisons.

K. ADJOURNED: 7:50 PM

Harry Robinson, Mayor

Sheri Sanchez, City Clerk

Special Council minutes for July 24, 2017, to be approved at the August 14, 2017, Council meeting

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