

**CITY OF BLAINE**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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**Monday, July 13, 2020**

**6:00 PM**

**Bonnie Onyon - Mayor**  
**Mary Lou Steward – Mayor Pro Tem**

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**A. CALL TO ORDER:**

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance *\*\*Please turn off all cell phones and other electronics that may interfere with the sound system\*\**

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBERS: Garth Baldwin, Eric Davidson, Charlie Hawkins, Richard May, Bonnie Onyon, Alicia Rule, and Mary Lou Steward.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY MARY LOU STEWARD TO EXCUSE CHARLIE HAWKINS, SECONDED BY ERIC DAVIDSON, AND APPROVED 6-0.**

**B. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Email dated June 19, 2020, from Michael Jones, regarding the Asian Giant Hornets media event.
2. Email dated June 24, 2020, from Michael Jones, regarding letters to Representative DelBene and Representative Larsen on the Moving Forward Act.
3. Email dated June 25, 2020, from Michael Jones, regarding the new City policy regarding face coverings.
4. Email dated June 26, 2020, from Michael Jones, regarding his letter addressing signs at H Street Plaza.
5. Email dated July 1, 2020, from Elaine Alpert, regarding sign removal on H Street Plaza.
6. Email dated July 8, 2020, from Mike Lucas, regarding excessive speed on H St.
7. Email dated July 9, 2020, from Sharon Neem, regarding speeding on North Harvey Road.

**C. CONSENT AGENDA**

*Items listed below will be enacted by one motion. If separate discussion is desired on an item, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda at the request of a Councilmember.*

1. Voucher Memo:  
Approval of Bills: \$345,663.55
2. Approval of Payroll: \$582,969.85

3. Approval of June 22, 2020, City Council Minutes
4. Approval of June 29, 2020, Special City Council Minutes

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ERIC DAVIDSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY RICHARD MAY, AND APPROVED 6-0.**

#### **D. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS**

1. Considering an emergency order on public meeting formats in consideration of the Open Public Meetings Act waiver and Washington's Safe Start reopening phases. (Jones)

**MOTION WAS MADE BY RICHARD MAY TO CONSIDER EMERGENCY ORDER OPTION A, SECONDED BY MARY LOU STEWARD, AND APPROVED 6-0.**

2. Ordinance 20-2941, to Approve the Grandis Pond on the 49<sup>th</sup> Parallel Preliminary Plat; the Grandis Pond Planned Unit Development Modification; and the Grandis Pond Boundary Line Adjustment. (Pratschner)

**MOTION WAS MADE BY GARTH BALDWIN TO WAIVE THE SECOND READING AND APPROVE ORDINANCE 20-2941, WITH MODIFICATIONS TO THE ORDINANCE ON PAGE ONE. THE MODIFICATION REPLACES "EAST MAPLE RIDGE" WITH "GRANDIS ON THE 49<sup>TH</sup> PARALLEL PRELIMINARY PLAT PUD BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT". THE ORDINANCE APPROVES THE GRANDIS POND ON THE 49<sup>TH</sup> PARALLEL PRELIMINARY PLAT; THE GRANDIS POND PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT MODIFICATION; AND THE GRANDIS POND BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ERIC DAVIDSON, AND APPROVED 6-0.**

3. Resolution 1822-20, Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Blaine and the Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 21 for Fire Marshal Services. (Pratschner)

**MOTION WAS MADE BY GARTH BALDWIN TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1822-20, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BLAINE AND THE WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 21 FOR FIRE MARSHAL SERVICES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY RICHARD MAY AND APPROVED 6-0.**

4. Granting the City Manager authority to enter into a purchase and sale agreement for 665 Peace Portal Drive – or – Directing the City Manager to arrange for potential buyers to present offers to the City Council at the July 27, 2020 regular meeting. (Jones) *Action will be taken after the Executive Session.*

*No action was taken on Item 4.*

- E. Council convened in executive session at 7:13 PM, for 20 minutes, extended 15 minutes, extended 10 minutes, extended 5 minutes, to discuss sale of real property pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(c), with action to be taken under Item 4.

Council reconvened in the regular meeting at 8:02 PM with no action taken under Item #4.

#### **F. COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS**

1. Eric Davidson reported on the Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee meeting next week.
2. Richard May reported on the Public Works Advisory Committee's recent meeting regarding rural broadband.

## **G. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

1. City Attorney – Jon Sitkin reported on a future memo regarding Beach Walker Villas. He also reported on the rules surrounding Councilmember involvement in elections and campaigning.
2. City Manager – Michael Jones reported on the letter from Elaine Alpert City Council received on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Michael also reported on the interagency effort between the Blaine School District and the City by having the School District host a meeting at City Hall due to the power outage.
3. Community Development Services – Stacie reported on the City’s Pandemic Plan and how it relates to the City’s current approach to land use code enforcement. Stacie also reported on the use of street parking for downtown restaurants, as well as the proposed plan to use the G St. Plaza for downtown restaurant dining opportunities.
4. Police Chief – Donnell Tanksley reported on a social media investigation. Chief Tank also reported on the City’s use of force policy.
5. Finance – Jeff Lazenby reported on the budget update memo that was included in the agenda packet. This memo is included on the City’s website.

## **H. CALENDARS**

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Tuesday, July 21

8:00am – Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 23

6:00pm – Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, July 27

6:00pm – Regular City Council Meeting

Monday, August 10

6:00pm – Regular City Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 11

8:00am – Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 13

9:00am – Parks and Cemetery Board Meeting

Thursday, August 13

6:00pm – Planning Commission Meeting

*All City offices are currently closed to the public. Contact information for staff and Councilmembers can be found on the City’s website.*

## **I. ADJOURNED: 8:32 PM**

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Bonnie Onyon, Mayor

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Samuel Crawford, City Clerk

*Council minutes for July 13, 2020 were approved at the July 27, 2020, Council meeting.*