

CITY OF BLAINE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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Monday, August 23, 2021

6:00 PM

Bonnie Onyon – Mayor
Mary Lou Steward – Mayor Pro Tem

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A. STUDY SESSION:

1. **5:07 PM** – Presentation by Whatcom County Health Department Director Erika Lautenbach – Impact of COVID-19 on Whatcom County.
2. **5:39 PM** – Planning Commission Interview.

B. CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 PM

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance – *Led by Mayor Onyon*

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBERS: Garth Baldwin, Eric Davidson, Sukhwant Singh Gill, Charlie Hawkins, Richard May, Bonnie Onyon, and Mary Lou Steward.

- C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION** - Sign-up/Comment Sheet is located in the Council Chambers before the meeting. Members of the audience will have three minutes to speak. If you plan on commenting remotely via

Zoom, instructions on how to comment are included at the bottom of the agenda. Audience members speaking remotely will be asked to participate first. After the remote audience participation is over, in-person speakers will be asked to speak.

1. Ray Pelletti, regarding the H Street Road Annexation.
2. Thomas Fry, regarding the H Street Road Annexation.

D. FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

1. North Whatcom Fire Update

E. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Email dated August 11, 2021, from Holly Cocci, regarding the interim legislative report.
2. Email dated August 13, 2021, from Michael Jones, regarding the Cherry Point white paper.

F. 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: \$143,469.19
2. Approval of August 9, 2021, City Council Minutes.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ERIC DAVIDSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY GARTH BALDWIN, AND APPROVED 7-0.

G. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Appointment of new Planning Commission member.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MARY LOU STEWARD TO APPOINT JENNIFER PLOMBON TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO FILL THE VACANT TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022, SECONDED BY SUKHWANT SINGH GILL, AND APPROVED 7-0.

2. Ordinance 21-2963, amending Title 10.12 of the Blaine Municipal Code, updating provisions related to parking within the City of Blaine. (Tank)

MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO WAIVE THE SECOND READING AND APPROVE ORDINANCE 21-2963, AMENDING TITLE 10.12 OF THE BLAINE MUNICIPAL CODE, UPDATING PROVISIONS RELATED TO PARKING WITHIN THE CITY OF BLAINE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ERIC DAVIDSON, AND APPROVED 7-0.

3. Resolution 1858-21, Completing the procedural requirements for submittal of the H Street Annexation request to the Whatcom County Boundary Review Board pursuant to RCW 35A.14.130. (Pratschner and Sitkin)

MOTION WAS MADE BY GARTH BALDWIN TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1858-21, COMPLETING THE PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTAL OF THE H STREET ANNEXATION REQUEST TO THE WHATCOM COUNTY BOUNDARY REVIEW BOARD PURSUANT TO RCW 35A.14.130. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS AND APPROVED 7-0.

4. Consideration of resuming remote City Council meetings until the mandatory mask mandate is lifted. (Onyon)

MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO RESUME REMOTE MEETINGS FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS UNTIL THE MANDATORY MASK MANDATE IS LIFTED, WITH THE OPTION TO CALL AN IN-PERSON MEETING BY THE CITY MANAGER OR MAYOR,

SECONDED BY ERIC DAVIDSON, AND APPROVED 5-1 (GILL; COUNCILMEMBER MAY ABSTAINED).

5. Extension of feasibility period for Bosphorus Property Inc. for the purchase of 665 Peace Portal Drive. (Jones)

MOTION WAS MADE BY SUKHWANT SINGH GILL TO AMEND THE MAIN MOTION TO ADD A NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT TO THE ADDENDUM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY RICHARD MAY, AND REJECTED 7-0.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RICHARD MAY TO EXTEND THE FEASIBILITY PERIOD FOR BOSPORUS PROPERTY INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF 665 PEACE PORTAL DRIVE, SECONDED BY SUKHWANT SINGH GILL, AND APPROVED 7-0.

H. COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. Small Cities Meeting – Mayor Onyon and Michael Jones reported on the County Executive’s proposal for the use of County allocated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

I. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. City Manager – Michael Jones reported on the updated City offices mask mandate, the Cherry Point White paper written by Michael Jones and Ferndale City Administrator Jori Burnett, and the introduction of the City’s new Finance Director Daniel Heverling.
2. Finance Department – Daniel Heverling introduced himself to City Council and the public.

J. CALENDARS

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Tuesday, August 24
3:00pm – Civil Service Commission Meeting *CANCELLED*

Thursday, August 26
6:00pm – Planning Commission Meeting
Public Hearing: Marine Park Shoreline Restoration - Shoreline Substantial Development Permit.

Monday, September 6
City Offices Closed – Labor Day

Thursday, September 9
9:00am – Parks and Cemetery Board Meeting
6:00pm – Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, September 13
6:00pm – City Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 21
8:00am – Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 23
6:00pm – Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, September 27

6:00pm – City Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 28

3:00pm – Civil Service Commission Meeting

Contact information for staff and Councilmembers can be found on the City’s website.

K. COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Onyon asked City Council their position on Cherry Point and asked that an action item be prepared for the next Council meeting.

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION: – Council convened in executive session at 7:19 PM, for 35 minutes, to discuss collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b), with no action to be taken after the executive session.

Council reconvened in the regular meeting at 7:56 PM with no action taken.

M. ADJOURNED: 7:56 PM

Bonnie Onyon, Mayor

Samuel Crawford, City Clerk

Council minutes for August 23, 2021, were approved at the September 13, 2021, Council meeting.

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