

CITY OF BLAINE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

This meeting occurred via teleconference.

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Monday, June 8, 2020

6:00 PM

Bonnie Onyon - Mayor
Mary Lou Steward – Mayor Pro Tem

Due to Governor Inslee's proclamation in response to COVID-19, this City Council meeting will be conducted entirely through teleconference. Councilmembers will separately call into the meeting and the public will be able to listen live as the meeting happens. All callers will be muted during the meeting. All City Council meeting recordings are on the City's website. Instructions on how to listen live to the City Council meeting are below:

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A. CALL TO ORDER

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Onyon.

ROLL CALL

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

B. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Email dated June 1, 2020, from Michael Jones, regarding Burlington Northern Santa Fe repairs.
2. Email dated June 2, 2020, from Lyn Rogers, regarding parking on B St.
3. Email dated June 3, 2020, from Michael Jones, regarding Chief Tank's Op Ed in the Bellingham Herald.
4. Email dated June 5, 2020, from Garth Baldwin responding to Lyn Rogers, regarding parking on B St.
5. Email dated June 5, 2020, from Samuel Crawford, regarding Phase Two of Washington's Safe Start Plan.

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: \$199,061.91
2. Approval of Payroll: \$608,592.39
3. Approval of May 26, 2020, City Council Minutes

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

D. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into listing agreement with Ron Freeman for the marketing and sale of 665 Peace Portal Drive. (Jones)
This action item will be voted on after the Executive Session.

Council convened in executive session at 6:22 PM, for 25 minutes, extended 5 minutes, to discuss sale of real property pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(c), with action to be taken.

Council reconvened in the regular meeting at 6:52 PM with action taken under RFCA #1.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RICHARD MAY TO DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO PRESENT AN EXCLUSIVE SALE AND LISTING AGREEMENT WITH RON FREEMAN WITH FREEMAN REAL ESTATE WITH A PURCHASE PRICE AND PERFORMANCE STANDARD INCLUDED AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ERIC DAVIDSON, AND APPROVED 7-0.

E. COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. Mary Lou Steward reported the Whatcom County Library system is starting to collect all of the books that are out.
2. Richard May reported on the Chamber of Commerce's virtual meeting. Mayor Onyon and Michael Jones participated in the meeting.
3. Alicia Rule reported on the Boys and Girls Club weekly Tuesday food distribution.
4. Bonnie Onyon reported on the recent Small Cities meetings.

F. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. City Manager – Michael Jones reported on the reopening effort for City Hall and the Municipal Court, the use of CARES Act funding in Whatcom County, and Michael's furlough week is from June 11th through June 17th and Samuel Crawford will be Acting City Manager.
2. Community Development Services – Stacie Pratschner reported on the upcoming Planning Commission's public hearing format. The public hearing will occur via Zoom and it will be on the East Maple Ridge Planned Unit Development (PUD) and Preliminary Plat application.
3. Finance – Jeff Lazenby reported on the budget memo. This memo is available on the City's website.

G. CALENDARS

Due to COVID-19 and the Governor's Proclamation, meetings are now only open to the public telephonically. Information on how to listen to the meeting live will be on the City Council agenda which is located on the City's website homepage under Your Government, City Council, City Council Agenda.

Thursday, June 11

6:00pm – Planning Commission Meeting

Public Hearing – To Accept Public Testimony on the East Maple Ridge PUD and Preliminary Plat Application. The public hearing will occur via Zoom, and the information is available on the City's website.

Monday, June 22

6:00pm – Regular City Council Meeting

Public Hearing – Six Year Transportation Improvement Program

Thursday, June 25

6:00pm – Planning Commission Meeting

Public Hearing – to Accept Public Testimony on the Grandis Pond PUD Modification; Boundary Line Adjustment; and Preliminary Plat Application

Monday, July 13
6:00pm – Regular City Council Meeting

Monday, July 27
6:00pm – Regular City Council Meeting

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

H. COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS

1. Councilmember Baldwin brought up the idea of Councilmembers forgoing their monthly stipend for City Council meetings.

I. ADJOURNED: 7:27PM

Bonnie Onyon, Mayor

Samuel Crawford, City Clerk

Council minutes for June 8, 2020, were approved at the June 22, 2020, Council meeting.

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