



CITY OF BLAINE

Zoom

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Monday, May 24, 2021

6:00 PM

Bonnie Onyon – Mayor
Mary Lou Steward – Mayor Pro Tem

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A. **STUDY SESSION:** 5:46 PM – Planning Commission Interview – James Bring interviewed for the Planning Commission.

B. **CALL TO ORDER:**

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

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION WAS MADE BY MARY LOU STEWARD TO EXCUSE GARTH BALDWIN, SECONDED BY ERIC DAVIDSON, AND APPROVED 6-0.

C. **FIRE MARSHAL’S REPORT**

1. North Whatcom Fire Update – The May 2021 Fire Chief’s report was emailed to City Council. This report can be found on the City’s website.

D. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Email dated May 20, 2021, from Stacie Pratschner, regarding a short course on local planning.
2. Email dated May 20, 2021, from Nikki D’Onofrio, regarding the annual Bellingham-Whatcom County Commission on Sexual & Domestic Violence meeting.

E. 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: \$135,944.36
2. Approval of May 10, 2021, City Council Minutes.
3. Purchase of 4 Electrical Switches for the 12 kV Switch Farm.
4. Purchase of Concrete Vault for the 12 kV Switch Farm.

MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY SUKHWANT SINGH GILL, AND APPROVED 6-0.

F. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Appointment to the Planning Commission. (Crawford)

MOTION WAS MADE BY MARY LOU STEWARD TO APPROVE JAMES BRING TO THE VACANT PLANNING COMMISSION POSITION WITH THE ENDING TERM OF DECEMBER 31, 2024, SECONDED BY ERIC DAVIDSON, AND APPROVED 6-0.

2. Family Care Network Purchase and Sale Agreement Amendment to extend closing date to June 30, 2021. (Jones)

MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT BETWEEN FAMILY CARE NETWORK AND THE CITY OF BLAINE WAIVING FEASIBILITY AND SETTING THE CLOSING DATE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ERIC DAVIDSON AND APPROVED 6-0.

3. Resolution 1850-21, Extending the expiration timeline for the Muirfield Preliminary Plat and Planned Unit Development approval for a one year extension. (Pratschner)

MOTION WAS MADE BY RICHARD MAY TO EXTEND THE EXPIRATION TIMELINE FOR THE MUIRFIELD PRELIMINARY PLAT AND PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL FOR A ONE YEAR EXTENSION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS AND APPROVED 6-0.

G. COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. Whatcom County Mayoral Meeting – Bonnie Onyon reported on the Port of Bellingham doubling the grant program to Whatcom small cities.
2. Border Task Force Meeting – Bonnie Onyon reported that it sounds like Canada will not be reopening until Canadians are 70% vaccinated. However, the next extension will likely look different than the ones that have occurred since the closure. There may be a phased opening approach.
3. Councilmember Steward reported on the change in Senior Center Director.
4. Councilmember May reported on the Public Works Advisory Committee Meeting. This was the first meeting since Bernie Ziemianek took over as Public Works Director.

H. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. City Manager – Michael Jones gave a status update on the Proclamation of Emergency. Michael is planning on rescinding the emergency proclamation at the June 14th meeting. City Hall is planning on opening up June 1st.

2. Community Development Services – Stacie Pratschner reported on the Community Development Services Department’s transition to processing building permits digitally.

I. CALENDARS

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Monday, May 24

5:45pm – Study Session: Planning Commission Interview

6:00pm – City Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 25

3:00pm – Civil Service Commission Meeting

Thursday, May 27

6:00pm – Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, May 31

City Offices Closed – Memorial Day

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

J. COUNCIL UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Councilmember Hawkins inquired about the Drayton Harbor No Shooting Ban, fireworks on the 4th of July, and the status of the fire district.
2. Councilmember Gill inquired about citizens and fireworks, as well as the 4th of July event.
3. Councilmember May inquired about conversations regarding the proposed Drayton Harbor No Shooting Zone.

K. ADJOURNED: 6:47 PM

Bonnie Onyon, Mayor

Samuel Crawford, City Clerk

Council minutes for May 24, 2021, were approved at the June 14, 2021, Council meeting.

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