

CITY OF BLAINE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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Monday, September 13, 2021

6:00 PM

Bonnie Onyon – Mayor
Mary Lou Steward – Mayor Pro Tem

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A. STUDY SESSION: 5:00 PM – East Maple Ridge Final Plat

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 – If you wish to speak during the audience participation portion of the meeting, please use the “raise your hand” function via Zoom. Instructions on how to do this are at the bottom of the agenda.

1. Ray Pelletti, regarding the H Street Annexation.

D. FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

1. North Whatcom Fire Update

E. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter dated September 8, 2021, from Jon Sitkin and Peter Ruffatto, regarding the interpretation and application of Article IV. Building Sewers and Connections, BMC 13.08.400, and BMC 13.08.410.

2. New. Letter dated September 13, 2021, from Jon Sitkin and Peter Ruffatto, regarding outside legal analysis regarding the provision of sewer service to developing areas within the City.
3. New. Letter dated September 13, 2021, from Inger Brockman, regarding East Maple Ridge.
4. New. Letter dated September 13, 2021, from Skip Jansen, regarding East Maple Ridge.

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: \$699,101.45
2. Wire Register: \$314,223.93
3. Advance Pay: \$695.00
4. Approval of Payroll: \$627,506.92
5. Approval of August 23, 2021, City Council Minutes.
6. Approval of August 25, 2021, Special City Council Minutes.

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

G. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Authorization to distribute the Cherry Point white paper. (Jones)

MOTION WAS MADE BY MARY LOU STEWARD TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO DISTRIBUTE THE CHERRY POINT IN THE 21ST CENTURY WHITE PAPER VIA THE SMALL CITIES PARTNERSHIP. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS AND APPROVED 7-0.

2. Ordinance 21-2965, Approving the final Plat of the plat of East Maple Ridge, Division 1. (Pratschner)

MOTION WAS MADE BY RICHARD MAY TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 21-2965, APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF THE PLAT OF EAST MAPLE RIDGE, DIVISION 1. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS AND APPROVED 7-0.

3. Resolution 1859-21, Reaffirming the City Council's acceptance of the proposed H Street Annexation, reaffirming its determinations consistent with RCW 35A.14.120, and approving the proposed annexation for circulation of the petition for annexation. (Pratschner)

MOTION WAS MADE BY GARTH BALDWIN TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1859-21, REAFFIRMING THE CITY COUNCIL'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSED H STREET ANNEXATION, REAFFIRMING ITS DETERMINATIONS CONSISTENT WITH RCW 35A.14.120, AND APPROVING THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION FOR CIRCULATION OF THE PETITION FOR ANNEXATION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS AND APPROVED 7-0.

H. COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. Drayton Harbor Shellfish Committee – Charlie Hawkins reported on the previous meeting. Councilmember Hawkins will continue to stay on the Committee after his term on City Council ends, and he gave praise to City Manager Michael Jones for his participation during the meeting.
2. Blaine Chamber of Commerce – Richard May reported on the in-person Chamber of Commerce meeting that occurred. The presenters discussed grants for job trainings. Michael Jones reported that the Chamber hired a new events coordinator.

I. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Finance Department – Daniel Heverling gave an update on the mid-year 2021 budget report.

2. City Manager – Michael Jones reported on the East Maple Ridge development and how it's part of a larger plan to develop East Blaine. Michael also reiterated the importance of City Council and the City's government relations consultants for their work in obtaining infrastructure funding for developing East Blaine.
3. Community Development Services – Stacie Pratschner introduced Economic Development and Tourism Coordinator Alex Wenger. Alex gave a presentation on the draft Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).
4. Public Works Department – Bernie Ziemianek gave an update on the proposed sewer repair and update project.

J. CALENDARS

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Tuesday, September 21

8:00am – Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 23

6:00pm – Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, September 27

4:30pm – Study Session: East Blaine Capital Strategy

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 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

L. COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS

1. *This occurred during Council Reports.* Councilmember Gill discussed stop signs and speeders on D Street. Councilmember Gill will be invited to the next Public Works Advisory Committee meeting. Mayor Onyon asked Chief Tanksley about different tactics to reduce speeding on streets.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION: – *approximately 6:30 PM* – to discuss sale of real property pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(c).

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION: – Council convened in executive session at 7:28 PM, for 28 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.

O. ADJOURNED: 7:56 PM

Bonnie Onyon, Mayor

Samuel Crawford, City Clerk

Council minutes for September 13, 2021, were approved at the September 27, 2021, Council meeting.

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