

CITY OF BLAINE
COUNCIL RETREAT MINUTES
Retreat recording is located on the City's website.

Monday, March 2, 2020

4:30 PM

Location: Blaine Harbor Boating Center
235 Marine Drive

Mayor: Bonnie Onyon
Mayor Pro Tem: Steve Lawrenson

Facilitator: Laura Todd

The retreat was called to order at roughly 4:30 PM.

PRESENT:

Council: Garth Baldwin, Eric Davidson, Richard May, Bonnie Onyon, Mary Lou Steward, and Alicia Rule

STAFF: City Manager Michael Jones, Finance Director Jeffrey Lazenby, Chief of Police Donnell Tanksley, Community Development Services Director Stacie Pratschner, Public Works Director Ravyn Whitewolf, and City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager Samuel Crawford.

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, PURPOSE OF MEETING, AGENDA REVIEW, GROUND RULES

Laura Todd and Michael Jones led the short introduction to the meeting.

OBJECTIVES OF RETREAT

Some of the objectives of the City Council retreat included reviewing current City Council priorities and using updated ones as a guide for a 2020/2021 Strategic Plan, having City staff present their current work plans, and clarifying roles of City Council and staff and how the two groups can improve communication between each other.

COMMUNICATION

City staff and City Council discussed their ideas on how they can increase their ability to work successfully with each other. Many of the ideas revolved around improving communications.

2020 STAFF WORK PLANS

Each department presented their 2020 work plans. The order of discussion is below:

1. City Manager/Administration
2. Information Technology (IT)
3. Community Development Services
4. Police
5. Finance
6. Public Works

These plans can be found on the City's website under Documents, City Council, City Council Agenda 2020, 03-02-2020 Council Agenda.

CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES FOR 2020-2021

City Council reviewed the goals for 2019, as well as discussed potential new goals for 2020 and 2021. While several goals were ultimately discussed, Economic Development, Housing, and Public Safety were goals that many Councilmembers agreed upon due to the fact that these goals encompass many of the priorities from 2019. The other goals discussed include:

- Downtown Revitalization
- Public Facilities and Utilities Maintenance
- Fiscal Responsibility
- Communication and Transparency
- Community Health
- Green Practices

City Council and City staff reviewed the expected positive outcomes that have resulted from this retreat.

The retreat was adjourned at roughly 8:30 PM.

Bonnie Onyon, Mayor

Samuel Crawford, City Clerk

City Council Retreat minutes for March 2, 2020, were approved at the April 13, 2020, Council meeting.