

**CITY OF BLAINE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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Monday, June 14, 2021

6:00 PM

**Bonnie Onyon – Mayor
Mary Lou Steward – Mayor Pro Tem**

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A. STUDY SESSION: 5:30 PM – Presentation by Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs - End of Legislative Session Update. Presented by Holly Cocci. The presentation is available on the City's website.

B. CALL TO ORDER: 6:04 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. FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

1. North Whatcom Fire Update – Marshal Nielsen reported on the handout as well as his attendance at fire classes on investigations, fire codes, and inspections. The handout can be found on the City's website.

D. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Email dated June 3, 2021, from Holly Cocci, regarding the End of Session report.

2. Email dated June 7, 2021, from Stacie Pratschner, regarding the presentation and website link to the agenda materials for the June 7, 2021, Special City Council meeting.
3. Email dated June 10, 2021, from Sheli Moore, regarding the Community Assistance Program permit.
4. Email dated June 11, 2021, from Noreen Moffett, regarding a vacant house.
5. New. Email dated June 14, 2021, from Michael Jones, regarding infrastructure improvements for the Workforce Housing Program.

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: \$436,133.46
2. Wire Register: \$1,607,436.36
3. Approval of Payroll: \$603,534.46
4. Approval of May 24, 2021, City Council Minutes.
5. Approval of June 7, 2021, Special City Council Minutes.
6. Resolution 1853-21, Accepting a donation to the Police Department for a K9 program.
(Tanksley)

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

F. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Ordinance 21-2957, Adopt the Blaine Planning Commission's Recommendation to Approve Text Amendments to Chapter 17.14 of the Blaine Municipal Code to Permit Work/Live Units in the Manufacturing Subzone B District. (Pratschner)

MOTION WAS MADE BY GARTH BALDWIN TO REMAND ORDINANCE 21-2957, ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL CODE BY REVISING CHAPTER 17.14 TO PERMIT WORK/LIFE UNITS IN THE MANUFACTURING ZONING DISTRICT SUBZONE B, BACK TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR CONSIDERATION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ERIC DAVIDSON AND APPROVED 7-0.

2. Ordinance 21-2959, Adopt the Blaine Planning Commission's Recommendation to Approve Text Amendments to Chapter 17.24 of the Blaine Municipal Code to Align the Performance Standards of the Highway Commercial Subzone C District with the Central Business District Zones. (Pratschner)

Councilmember Gill announced he is recusing himself since he owns property near the location.

Due to some technical difficulties, Council moved on to Item 3. Item 2 was discussed and voted on after Item 3.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RICHARD MAY TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 21-2959, ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE BY REVISING BLAINE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 17.24, 17.124, AND 17.126. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS, AND APPROVED 6-0 (COUNCILMEMBER GILL ABSTAINED).

3. Ordinance 21-2960, Rescinding the Proclamation of Emergency. (Jones)

MOTION WAS MADE BY MARY LOU STEWARD TO POSTPONE VOTING ON ORDINANCE 21-2960, RESCINDING THE PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS AND APPROVED 6-0 (COUNCILMEMBER GILL WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE).

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

Council convened in executive session at 7:27 PM, for an estimated 20 minutes, extended 5 minutes, to discuss sale of real property pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(c), with action to be taken under Items 4 and 5.

Council reconvened in the regular meeting at 7:52 PM with action taken.

4. Purchase and Sale Agreement for 665 Peace Portal Drive – Sall. (Jones)

MOTION WAS MADE BY ERIC DAVIDSON TO REJECT THE OFFER MADE BY SALL, SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS, AND APPROVED 7-0.

5. Purchase and Sale Agreement for 665 Peace Portal Drive – Bosphorus Properties Inc. (Jones)

MOTION WAS MADE BY RICHARD MAY TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT FOR 665 PEACE PORTAL DRIVE WITH BOSPORUS PROPERTIES INC, SUBJECT TO A REBATE AND HOLD BACK AGREEMENT AS REVIEWED BY THE CITY MANAGER. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS AND APPROVED 7-0.

G. COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. Council Reports:
 - i. Charlie Hawkins reported on the Drayton Harbor Shellfish Committee. The Committee met a couple weeks ago, and the State's recent downgrade does not affect shellfish at this time.
 - ii. Richard May reported on the 4th of July through the Chamber of Commerce.

H. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. City Manager – Michael Jones gave an update on the Drayton Harbor No Shooting Zone as well as status updates on the sale of City property. The Family Care Network sale at the former airport site will close by the end of June. The White-Leasure sale has executed the extension portion of the amendment to the purchase and sale agreement. Lastly, the purchase of 665 Peace Portal Drive by Nimbus LLC was withdrawn. However, the City has received two new offers for 665 Peace Portal Drive, which were discussed earlier in the City Council meeting. City Council approved moving forward with negotiating with Bosphorus Properties Inc for 665 Peace Portal Drive.
2. Public Works – Bernie Ziemianek reported on the recent electrical outage on Memorial Day.
3. Community Development Services – Stacie Pratschner gave an update on the proposed vacancy ordinance, and Economic Development and Tourism Coordinator Alex Wenger gave an update on the 4th of July celebrations. Council directed staff to continue with the vacancy ordinance.

4. Police Department – Chief Tank reported on the hiring of two police officers, and Michael Munden has been promoted to the vacant Lieutenant position. There are currently two vacant Sergeant positions.

I. CALENDARS

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Tuesday, June 22

3:00pm – Civil Service Commission Meeting

Thursday, June 24

6:00pm – Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, June 28

6:00pm – City Council Meeting

Monday, July 5

City Offices Closed – 4th of July (observed)

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. Michael Jones requested that the first in-person meeting will be the first meeting in August.

K. COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mayor Onyon brought up a citizen's concern regarding a proposed high-density apartment building in the area of Bell Road and Washington Avenue.

L. ADJOURNED: 8:53 PM

Bonnie Onyon, Mayor

Samuel Crawford, City Clerk

Council minutes for June 14, 2021, were approved at the June 28, 2021, Council meeting.

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