

CITY OF BLAINE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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Monday, October 25, 2021

6:00 PM

Bonnie Onyon – Mayor
Mary Lou Steward – Mayor Pro Tem

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A. STUDY SESSION: 4:30 PM – 2022 Budget – Utility and Special Funds

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. None.

D. PRESENTATION - 2022 City Legislative Agenda (Michael Jones & Gordon Thomas Honeywell staff)

E. FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

1. No comment.

F. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter dated September 28, 2021, from Anonymous, regarding VRBOs.
2. Email dated October 18, 2021, from Stacie Pratschner, regarding the Mott's Hill Overlook plat community conference.
3. Email dated October 19, 2021, from Stacie Pratschner, regarding the upcoming Whatcom County Planning Commission public hearing on buildable lands.
4. New. Email dated October 25, 2021, from Michael Jones, regarding an upcoming webinar on Washington State's tax structure.

G. 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: \$114,579.09
2. Advance Pay: \$3,177.90
3. Approval of October 11, 2021, City Council Minutes.
4. Approval of October 18, 2021, Special City Council Minutes.
5. Professional Services Agreement with Reichhardt & Ebe Engineering for professional design and permitting for Boblett Street Channelization Improvements, between Yew Avenue and Boblett Court, including multi-modal trail, road widening and roundabout improvements.
6. Resolution 1864-21, Surplus 1988 Cat Backhoe.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MARY LOU STEWARD TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY ERIC DAVIDSON AND APPROVED 7-0.

H. PUBLIC HEARING

***Please Note** Persons speaking on any issue will be allowed five (5) minutes. Additional, non-repetitive testimony will be allowed after all testimonies have been heard. Testimony can also be sent to CityCouncil@cityofblaine.com.*

1. 2022 Revenue and Property Tax Levy. (Heverling)

The Public Hearing was opened for testimony at 6:27 PM.

No testimony was given.

The public hearing was continued to Monday, November 8, 2021, at 6:00 PM.

I. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. City of Blaine's 2022 Legislative Agenda. (Jones)

MOTION WAS MADE BY ERIC DAVIDSON TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1861-21, ADOPTING THE CITY OF BLAINE'S 2022 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MARY LOU STEWARD AND APPROVED 7-0.

2. Gordon Thomas Honeywell Government Affairs Contract for 2022. (Jones)

MOTION WAS MADE BY RICHARD MAY TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GORDON THOMAS HONEYWELL GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS FOR THE TERM OF JANUARY 2022 TO DECEMBER 2022. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ERIC DAVIDSON AND APPROVED 7-0.

3. Resolution 1862-21, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Blaine, Washington, to Allocate Resources for Park Maintenance and Operations. (Pratschner)

NO MOTION WAS MADE. THE RESOLUTION DIED.

4. Resolution 1865-21, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Blaine, Washington to Direct the Community Development Services Department to Finalize Plans to Develop the Martin Street Parklet. (Pratschner)

MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY MANAGER AND APPROVE RESOLUTION 1865-21, DIRECTING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO FINALIZE PLANS TO DEVELOP THE MARTIN STREET PARKLET. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY GARTH BALDWIN AND APPROVED 7-0.

J. COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. Senior Center – Mary Lou Steward reported on the small group activities.
2. Public Works Advisory Committee – Garth Baldwin reported on park maintenance updates, renaming Skallman Park, the sewer infrastructure update, the power outage in Semiahmoo, private parking on Ludwick Ave, and broadband access issues in the City.

K. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. City Manager – Michael Jones reported on how to make City Council meetings more effective, as well as disabling the chat feature on Zoom meetings.
2. Finance Department – Daniel Heverling reported on utility billing shutoffs. Shutoffs will be moving forward starting on October 28th.
3. Public Works Department – Bernie Ziemanek reported on the new backhoe that was purchased to replace the old one.

L. CALENDARS

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Tuesday, October 26
3:00pm – Civil Service Commission Meeting

Thursday, October 28
6:00pm – Planning Commission Meeting

Wednesday, November 3
9:00am – Arts Commission Meeting *CANCELED*

Monday, November 8
4:30pm – Study Session: 2022 Budget

6:00pm – City Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 9

8:00am – Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee (BTAC) Meeting

Contact information for staff and Councilmembers can be found on the City's website.

M. COUNCIL UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Letter from Anonymous

N. COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS

- 1. MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO POSTPONE UTILITY SHUTOFFS UNTIL NOVEMBER, 4 2021, AND SEND OUT A PRESS RELEASE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SUKHWANT SINGH GILL AND APPROVED 5-1 (BALDWIN, DAVIDSON ABSTAINED).**

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION: – Council convened in executive session at 7:57 PM for 30 minutes, to discuss performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), with no action to be taken after the executive session.

P. ADJOURNED: 8:34 PM

Bonnie Onyon, Mayor

Samuel Crawford, City Clerk

Council minutes for October 25, 2021, were approved at the November 8, 2021, Council meeting.

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