

**CITY OF BLAINE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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Monday, August 8, 2022

6:00 PM

**Mary Lou Steward – Mayor
Richard May – Mayor Pro Tem**

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A. STUDY SESSION: 5:00 PM – Introduce the Central Business District Zoning Update Charter.
(Pratschner)

B. CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBERS: Garth Baldwin, Eric Davidson, Mike Hill, Rhyan Lopez, and Mary Lou Steward. Kerena Higgins and Richard May requested to be excused.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RHYAN LOPEZ TO EXCUSE RICHARD MAY, SECONDED BY ERIC DAVIDSON, AND APPROVED 5-0.

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C. **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION** - Sign-up/Comment Sheet is located in the Council Chambers before the meeting. Members of the audience will have three minutes to speak. If you plan on commenting remotely via Zoom, instructions on how to comment are included at the bottom of the agenda. Audience members speaking remotely will be asked to participate first. After the remote audience participation is over, in-person speakers will be asked to speak.

1. Sally Church, regarding funding for the Blaine Food Bank.
2. Christine Callahan, regarding non-profits in the City of Blaine.
3. Geoff Stevenson, regarding the walkway around the Semiahmoo Spit.
4. Raymond Pelletti, regarding the H Street Annexation.

D. **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Email dated July 14, 2022, from Samuel Crawford, regarding the email sent by Mayor of Lynden, Scott Korthuis, regarding the Whatcom County jail.
2. Email dated July 30, 2022, from Chris Klassen, regarding the upcoming power outage.
3. Email dated July 31, 2022, from Marina Kovtun, regarding a grand opening for the IK Truck Repair shop.
4. Email dated August 1, 2022, from Carroll Solomon, regarding Drayton Harbor Days.
5. New. Email dated July 16, 2022, from Raymond Pelletti, regarding the H Street Annexation.

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: \$1,108,858.40
2. Wire Register: \$339,578.38
3. Approval of Payroll: \$755,096.42
4. Approval of July 11, 2022 City Council Minutes.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ERIC DAVIDSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY GARTH BALDWIN, AND APPROVED 5-0.

F. **COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS**

1. Ordinance 22-2985, Amending Title 9.12 (Offenses Against the Person) of the Blaine Municipal Code. *(Heutink)*

MOTION WAS MADE BY RHYAN LOPEZ TO WAIVE THE SECOND READING AND ORDINANCE 22-2985, AMENDING AMENDING TITLE 9.12 (OFFENSES AGAINST THE PERSON) OF THE BLAINE MUNICIPAL CODE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ERIC DAVIDSON, AND APPROVED 5-0.

2. Ordinance 22-2984, Amending the 2022 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). *(Heverling)*

MOTION WAS MADE BY GARTH BALDWIN TO WAIVE THE SECOND READING AND ORDINANCE 22-2984, AMENDING THE 2022 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP). THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY RHYAN LOPEZ, AND APPROVED 5-0.

3. Resolution 1895-22, Approving the Project Charter for the Central Business District zoning updates. *(Pratschner)*

MOTION WAS MADE BY RHYAN LOPEZ TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1895-22, APPROVING THE PROJECT CHARTER FOR THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT ZONING UPDATES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MIKE HILL AND APPROVED 5-0.

4. Ordinance 22-2976, Approving the H Street Road Annexation. (*Pratschner*)

Motion:
2nd.

MOTION WAS MADE BY GARTH BALDWIN TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 22-2976, APPROVING THE H STREET ROAD ANNEXATION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ERIC DAVIDSON AND APPROVED 5-0.

5. Directing City staff to expend American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. (*Council*)

MOTION WAS MADE BY MIKE HILL TO ALLOCATE \$50,000 OF ARPA MONEY TO THE BLAINE FOOD BANK. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY RHYAN LOPEZ, AND APPROVED 5-0.

G. COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

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H. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. City Manager – David Wilbrecht reported briefly on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) topic. He also reported on status updates at Public Works, development review processes, and the City Manager recruitment process.
2. Police Department – Chief Tanksley gave a report on the police facility research memo that was included in the agenda.
3. Public Works – Gary McSpadden gave an update on the sewer infrastructure project.
4. Finance Department – Daniel Heverling reported on the sewer infrastructure bond process.

I. CALENDARS

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Monday, August 8

5:00pm – Study Session: Central Business District Zoning Updates and Timelines

6:00pm – City Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 9

8:30am – Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee (BTAC) Meeting *CANCELLED*

Thursday, August 11

9:00am – Park and Cemetery Board Meeting

6:00pm – Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, August 22

6:00pm – City Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 23

3:30pm – Civil Service Commission Meeting *CANCELLED*

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

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

K. COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION: *approximately 6:30 PM* –Council convened in executive session for 29 minutes to discuss collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b), with no action to be taken.

M. ADJOURNED: 7:44 PM

Mary Lou Steward, Mayor

Samuel Crawford, City Clerk

Council minutes for August 8, 2022, were approved at the August 22, 2022, Council meeting.

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