

CITY OF BLAINE

Council Chambers/Zoom

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, October 10, 2022

6:00 PM

Mary Lou Steward – Mayor
Richard May – Mayor Pro Tem

This City Council meeting will be conducted in-person and virtually. Councilmembers and the public will be in attendance in the City Council Chambers. Those wishing to listen or watch the meeting live will be able to call one of the numbers below, or click the link to watch the live stream. Other than the audience participation portion or a public hearing, all callers will be muted during the meeting. All City Council meeting recordings are on the City's website. Instructions on how to listen live to the City Council meeting are below:

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A. CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION WAS MADE BY RHYAN LOPEZ TO EXCUSE GARTH BALDWIN, SECONDED BY ERIC DAVIDSON, AND APPROVED 6-0.

B. 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. Draft ward restricting map. (*Ruffatto*)

No testimony was given.

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. *None*

D. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Email dated September 26, 2022, from Stacie Pratschner, regarding the current Capital Improvement Plan: TIP and Downtown Revitalization.
2. Email dated September 27, 2022, from Dennis Olason, regarding City Wards.
3. Email dated September 27, 2022, from Carol Dean, regarding opposition to permit #2022002.
4. Email dated September 27, 2022, from Glenys Killow, regarding opposition to permit #2022002.
5. Email dated September 28, 2022, from Dennis Olason, regarding the downtown revitalization project proposal.
6. Email dated October 5, 2022, from Liesa and Scott Smith, regarding their concerns.

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: \$467,233.40
2. Wire Register: \$526,478.11
3. Approval of Payroll: \$671,036.30
4. Approval of September 26, 2022 City Council Minutes.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MIKE HILL TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY ERIC DAVIDSON, AND APPROVED 6-0.

F. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Resolution 1901-22, Emergency resolution for the purchase of two ballistic shields for the Blaine Police Department. *(Tanksley)*

MOTION WAS MADE BY ERIC DAVIDSON TO CONFIRM THAT THE COUNCIL FINDS THE EXISTENCE OF AN EMERGENCY IN CONNECTION WITH THE PURCHASE OF BALLISTIC SHIELDS AND HELMETS WHICH WARRANTS THE NEED TO PURCHASE SIX HELMETS AS REQUESTED BY THE POLICE CHIEF. THE MOTION INCLUDED THE PURCHASE OF THREE SHIELDS FOR CONTINUITY PURPOSES. THE SHIELDS WILL BE PURCHASED AFTER DUE DILIGENCE IS CONDUCTED BY THE POLICE CHIEF. THE DUE DILIGENCE INVOLVES CONTACTING LOCAL POLICE STATIONS TO SEE HOW MUCH MONEY THEY HAVE RECENTLY SPENT ON SHIELDS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY RICHARD MAY AND APPROVED 6-0.

G. COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee (BTAC) – Eric Davidson reported on the upcoming BTAC meeting. The proposed grants will be discussed.
2. Drayton Harbor Shellfish Advisory Committee – there are some upcoming meetings regarding stormwater outfalls.

3. Small Mayors Meeting – Mayor Steward reported on the jail capacity issues as well as the upcoming EMS levy. Lastly, the Mayor discussed the looming issues revolving around the change in weather and its potential impact on flooding in Whatcom County.

H. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Public Works Department – Gary McSpadden reported on the street trees on Mitchell Avenue and Peace Portal Drive.
2. City Manager – David Wilbrecht reported on his vacation and Sam Crawford serving as Acting City Manager in his absence. Dave discussed the upcoming budget meetings and how the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) will factor in these discussions. Dave also met with the Birch Bay Water and Sewer District and discussed having a joint meeting with City Council. Lastly, Dave reviewed the money that was applied for last spring for water improvements, as well as his recent phone call with Family Care Network. Family Care Network still plans on building their facility in Blaine.

I. CALENDARS

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Monday, October 10

5:00pm – Special City Council Meeting

6:00pm – City Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 11

8:30am – Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 13

9:00am – Parks and Cemetery Board Meeting

6:00pm – Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, October 17

5:00pm – Special City Council Meeting

Monday, October 24

6:00pm – City Council Meeting

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

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

K. COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS

L. ADJOURNED: 7:11 PM

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