

CITY OF BLAINE

Hybrid

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, May 8, 2023

6:00 PM

Mary Lou Steward – Mayor
Richard May – Mayor Pro Tem

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A. STUDY SESSION: 5:32 PM - Presentation on the Commission on Sexual & Domestic Violence – Susan Marks

B. CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 PM
Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance – *Led by Mayor Steward*

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION WAS MADE BY KERENA HIGGINS TO EXCUSE GARTH BALDWIN, SECONDED BY RHYAN LOPEZ, AND APPROVED 4-0.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RHYAN LOPEZ TO EXCUSE MIKE HILL, SECONDED BY KERENA HIGGINS, AND APPROVED 4-0.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RICHARD MAY TO EXCUSE ERIC DAVIDSON, SECONDED BY RHYAN LOPEZ, AND APPROVED 4-0.

C. Mayor Proclamation – Safe Boating Week

D. Mayor Proclamation – Provider Appreciation Day

E. Mayor Proclamation – National Police Week

F. PRESENTATION – Blaine Arts Council

G. 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. Jackie Braverman, regarding her opposition to mobile home parks.
2. Steven Tojekk, regarding his opposition to mobile home parks.
3. Donald Kruse, regarding zoom meetings.

H. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Email dated April 27, 2023, from Maggie Ferron, regarding mobile home park.
2. Email dated April 27, 2023, from Ron and Jacqueline Rasmussen, regarding no mobile home park.
3. Email dated April 29, 2023, from Tessa, regarding mobile home park.
4. Email dated April 29, 2023, from Travis Sipes, regarding H Street mobile home park.
5. New. Email dated May 5, 2023, from Stacie Pratschner, regarding the upcoming job fair and OysterFest.

I. 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: \$302,022.18
2. Wire Register: \$346,999.84
3. Approval of Payroll: \$740,440.63
4. Approval or March 24, 2023, City Council Retreat Minutes.
5. Approval of April 24, 2023, City Council Minutes.
6. Material testing services award for the G-street Sewer Improvements. (McSpadden)
7. Amendment 003 to the G-street Sewer Improvements Project’s design contract with David Evans and Associates, Inc. (McSpadden)
8. Bid for streetlight purchase for inventory. (McSpadden)
9. Resolution 1919-23, Declaring certain property as surplus (2003 Ford F250). (Heverling)

MOTION WAS MADE BY RICHARD MAY TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY RHYAN LOPEZ, AND APPROVED 4-0.

J. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Ordinance 23-2996, amending Chapter 3.80 of the Blaine Municipal Code to add an exemption to traffic impact fees for Early Learning Facilities. (Pratschner)

MOTION WAS MADE BY RICHARD MAY TO WAIVE THE SECOND READING AND APPROVE ORDINANCE 23-2996, AMENDING CHAPTER 3.80 OF THE BLAINE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD AN EXEMPTION TO TRAFFIC IMPACT FEES FOR

EARLY LEARNING FACILITIES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY KERENA HIGGINS, AND APPROVED 4-0.

K. COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. Richard May gave a report on his recent trip to Washington D.C.

L. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. City Manager – Michael Harmon gave an update on the proposed mobile home park, the current work being done on the 2nd floor of City Hall, as well as an update on the Blake decision at the City and State level.
2. Community Development Services Department – Stacie Pratschner gave a report on the buildable lands update, the upcoming 2023 Oyster Fest and Blaine High School Job Fair, as well as the Blaine Restaurant Brochure.
3. Public Works Department – Gary McSpadden reported on the G Street Sewer project update, as well as the status of the street trees in the downtown area.

M. CALENDARS

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Thursday, May 11

9:00am – Park and Cemetery Board Meeting

6:00pm – Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, May 22

10:00am – Hearing Examiner: Public Hearing for a Variance and Reasonable Use Exception for the Runge Ave Residence

4:00pm – Study Session: Police and Court BMC Update

6:00pm – City Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 23

3:30pm – Civil Service Commission Meeting

Monday, May 29

Offices Closed – Memorial Day

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

N. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

O. COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS

P. ADJOURNED: 6:52 PM

Mary Lou Steward, Mayor

Samuel Crawford, City Clerk

Council minutes for May 8, 2023, were approved at the May 22, 2023, Council meeting.

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