

**CITY OF BLAINE**  
Council Chambers and Zoom

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

Monday, October 9, 2023

6:00 PM

Mary Lou Steward – Mayor  
Richard May – Mayor Pro Tem

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A. **STUDY SESSION:** 4:00 PM – 2024 Budget: Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), Enterprise Funds, and BTAC

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

ROLL CALL

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

C. **Judge Bobbink – Recognition** – Presented by Court Administrator Raylene Heutink and Rajeev Majumdar.

D. **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](mailto:CityCouncil@cityofblaine.com).*

1. **ORDINANCE 23-3005, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLAINE COUNCIL AMENDING BMC 17.68.120.A.1 TO ELIMINATE THE EXCLUSION OF MANUFACTURED AND MOBILE HOMES TO REMEDY AN INCONSISTENCY WITH STATE LAW AND AMENDING TABLE 17.68.C OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCLUDE MANUFACTURED HOME PARKS, CONSISTENT WITH PERMITTED USES IN THE PLANNED RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT AS LISTED IN BMC 17.42.020.**

**Testimony Open: 6:08 PM**

**Testimony:**

1. Catherine Jones regarding mobile home parks. Katherine ceded time to Jackie Braverman. Jackie gave testimony in opposition to mobile home parks.
2. Troy Erwin regarding mobile home parks. Troy ceded time to Donna Newman. Donna Newman gave testimony in opposition to mobile home parks.
3. Glenys Killow, gave testimony on building a development on Grandis Pond. She spoke on potential flooding issues and the possibility of crime increasing. Glenys ceded the rest of her time to Kevin Keck. Kevin gave testimony on the potential impacts of building a mobile home park on the City and Blaine School District.
4. Tina Erwin gave testimony in opposition to mobile home parks and water availability.
5. Bob Boule gave testimony in support of mobile home parks.
6. Kevin Owens gave testimony regarding the research of mobile homes parks and his decision to vote in favor of the text amendment at the Planning Commission meeting.
7. Grant Dalglish gave testimony against building mobile home parks in east Blaine.
8. Otto P gave testimony on water quality and water supply issues if more development occurs.
9. Paul Christiansen gave testimony in opposition of a mobile home park. Paul ceded his time to Otto P. Otto continued his testimony on water quality and supply issues.
10. Richard Cosky gave testimony in opposition of building a high density housing park and potential issues to the watershed. He also spoke on potential flooding issues.
11. Lisa Cosky gave testimony in opposition to mobile home parks and the potential contamination of wells.
12. Dan Ridinger gave testimony in support of mobile home parks.
13. Craig Parkinson gave testimony in support of the proposed zoning text amendment.
14. Katie Jansen ceded her time to Craig Parkinson. Craig Parkinson continued his testimony in support of the text amendment.
15. Jackie Dexter gave testimony regarding smart housing planning.
16. Skip Jansen gave testimony in support of the text amendment.
17. Jack K. gave testimony in opposition to schemes and exploiting people.

**Written Testimony:**

1. Email dated October 8, 2023, from Glenys Killow, regarding Grandis Pond.
2. Email dated October 9, 2023, from Marija Boothe, regarding Ordinance No. 23-2005 and opposing amending table 17.68.C.
3. Email dated October 9, 2023, from Ani Ashford, regarding the hearing on Harbor Hills project.
4. Email dated October 9, 2023, from Jackie Braverman, regarding hearing on Harbor Hills project.
5. Email dated October 9, 2023, from Richard Cosky, regarding East Harbor Hills Mobile Home Park in East Blaine.
6. Letter dated October 9, 2023, from Perry Eskridge, regarding Exclusion of Manufactured Home Parks Blaine Planned Residential Zoning District.

**Testimony was closed at: 7:40 PM**

**E. 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. Jennifer, regarding the murder of deer and eagles on Drayton Harbor road due to speeding.

**F. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Email dated September 29, 2023, from Jay Taber, regarding revenues.
2. Email dated October 9, 2023, from Liesa Smith, regarding Mitchell Avenue.

**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. Approval of Bills: \$299,591.97
2. Wire Register: \$279,939.34
3. Approval of Payroll: \$756,934.67
4. Approval of September 25, 2023 City Council Minutes.
5. Equipment rental for pressure washing 330-zone and 171-zone water reservoirs. (Gandhi)

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ERIC DAVIDSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY RHYAN LOPEZ, AND APPROVED 7-0.**

**H. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS**

1. Draft Ordinance 23-3005, Manufactured Homes Parks. (Wenger)

**MOTION WAS MADE BY RICHARD MAY TO TAKE ACTION AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 23-3005 AND TO DIRECT STAFF TO PROCESS TEXT AMENDMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 RECOMMENDATION, SECONDED BY ERIC DAVIDSON, AND APPROVED 4-1-2 (HILL; HIGGINS AND STEWARD ABSTAINED).**

2. Downtown Revitalization Design. (Harmon/Gandhi)

**MOTION WAS MADE BY MIKE HILL TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CASCADE ENGINEERING GROUP INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$307,239.00 FOR BOTH TASK ORDER #1 AND TASK ORDER #2. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY RHYAN LOPEZ, AND APPROVED 7-0.**

**I. COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS**

1. Eric Davidson reported on the Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee (BTAC) meeting on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Presentations for BTAC grants will be given at that time.

**J. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

1. Community Development Services Department – Alex Wenger reported on the event that was held downtown last weekend, the reduced staff levels in the Community Development Services Department, and the Planning Commission meeting on Thursday night.

## **K. CALENDARS**

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Monday, October 9

4:00pm – 2024 Budget: Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), Enterprise Funds, and BTAC

6:00pm – City Council Meeting: Public Hearing – ORDINANCE 23-3005

Tuesday, October 10

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

Thursday, October 12

9:00am – Parks and Cemetery Board Meeting

6:00pm – Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, October 23

5:30pm – Study Session: Town Hall Meeting

6:00pm – City Council Meeting: Public Hearings on 2024 Budget and 2024 Property Tax.

Tuesday, October 24

3:30pm – Civil Service Commission

Thursday, November 9

9:00am – Parks and Cemetery Board Meeting

6:00pm – Planning Commission Meeting

Friday, November 10

City Offices Closed – Observance of Veterans Day

Monday, November 13

6:00pm – City Council Meeting: Public Hearing on the 2024 Budget.

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

## **L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **M. COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS**

1. Mayor Steward informed City Council and the audience the passing of former Mayor Mike Myers.

## **N. ADJOURNED: 8:10 PM**

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Mary Lou Steward, Mayor

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Samuel Crawford, City Clerk

*Council minutes for October 9, 2023, were approved at the October 23, 2023, Council meeting.*

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