



**CITY OF BLAINE
Zoom**

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Monday, February 22, 2021

6:00 PM

**Bonnie Onyon – Mayor
Mary Lou Steward – Mayor Pro Tem**

Due to Governor Inslee’s proclamation in response to COVID-19, this City Council meeting will be conducted entirely through teleconference. Councilmembers will separately call into the meeting and the public will be able to listen live as the meeting happens. 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: 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.

B. FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT

1. North Whatcom Fire Update – Marshal Nielsen reported on Fire Department vaccinations. NWFR recently hired four new firefighters.

C. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Email dated February 11, 2021, from Bernie Ziemianek, regarding a Birch Bay Water and Sewer District water line break.

D. 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: \$185,724.31
2. Approval of February 8, 2021, City Council Minutes.

MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY ERIC DAVIDSON, AND APPROVED 7-0.

E. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Resolution 1844-21, A Resolution to Accept, Reject, or Geographically Modify the Rooney Petition for Annexation into the City of Blaine Pursuant to RCW 35A.14.130. (Pratschner)

MOTION WAS MADE BY RICHARD MAY TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1844-21, ACCEPTING THE ROONEY PETITION FOR ANNEXATION INTO THE CITY OF BLAINE PURSUANT TO RCW 35A.14.130. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS AND APPROVED 7-0.

2. Resolution 1846-21, A Resolution Identifying the Blaine City Manager as the Facilitator for the Limited Power of Attorney Authorized by the Outside Utilities Agreement Recorded Under Auditors File Number 2020603045. (Pratschner)

MOTION WAS MADE BY RICHARD MAY TO APPROVE RICHARD MAY TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1846-21, A RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING THE BLAINE CITY MANAGER AS THE FACILITATOR FOR THE LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY AUTHORIZED BY THE OUTSIDE UTILITIES AGREEMENT RECORDED UNDER AUDITORS FILE NUMBER 2020603045. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ERIC DAVIDSON, AND APPROVED 7-0.

3. Ordinance 21-2954, confirming the assessment roll for Local Improvement District No. 36 (Gateway Manufacturing Area) to finance certain stormwater improvements, as provided by Ordinance No. 19-2937, levying and assessing the cost against the property as shown on the assessment roll, and prohibiting connection to the stormwater improvements for those properties that have not been assessed as shown on the assessment roll without City Council approval. (Ziemianek)

MOTION WAS MADE BY RICHARD MAY TO WAIVE THE SECOND READING AND APPROVE ORDINANCE 21-2954, CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 36 (GATEWAY MANUFACTURING AREA) TO FINANCE CERTAIN STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS, AS PROVIDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 19-2937, LEVYING AND ASSESSING THE COST AGAINST THE PROPERTY AS SHOWN ON THE ASSESSMENT ROLL, AND PROHIBITING CONNECTION TO THE STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS FOR THOSE PROPERTIES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ASSESSED AS SHOWN ON THE ASSESSMENT ROLL WITHOUT CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MARY LOU STEWARD AND APPROVED 7-0.

4. Ordinance 21-2955, Adopting temporary emergency hazard pay for grocery store workers in stores larger than 10,000 square feet. (May)

MOTION WAS MADE BY RICHARD MAY TO POSTPONE ORDINANCE 21-2955, ADOPTING TEMPORARY EMERGENCY HAZARD PAY FOR GROCERY STORE WORKERS IN STORES LARGER THAN 10,000 SQUARE FEET TO THE MARCH 8, 2021, CITY COUNCIL MEETING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SUKHWANT SINGH GILL AND APPROVED 4-3 (Davidson, Hawkins, and Onyon).

5. Amendment five to the purchase and sale agreement between White-Leasure and the City of Blaine. (Jones)

MOTION WAS MADE BY ERIC DAVIDSON AMEND THE ADDENDUM TO INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL \$50,000 PROMISSORY NOTE AFTER THE 90 DAYS TO BE TURNED INTO CASH 180 DAYS AFTER. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY RICHARD MAY AND APPROVED 7-0.

6. Resolution 1842-21, A Resolution Initiating the 2021 Docket of Amendments to the City of Blaine Comprehensive Plan. (Pratschner)

MOTION WAS MADE BY MARY LOU STEWARD TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1842-21, A RESOLUTION INITIATING THE 2021 DOCKET OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF BLAINE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MARY LOU STEWARD, AND APPROVED 7-0.

7. Resolution 1843-21, A Resolution Initiating Text Amendments to the City of Blaine Municipal Code (Title 17). (Pratschner)

MOTION WAS MADE BY ERIC DAVIDSON TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1843-21, A RESOLUTION INITIATING TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF BLAINE MUNICIPAL CODE (TITLE 17). THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS AND APPROVED 7-0.

8. Clarify the Intent of the Match Requirement for the \$10,000 2021 Lodging Tax Grant Received by Drayton Harbor Maritime for Restoration of a Diamond NN59 Sailboat. (Pratschner)

MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO ACCEPT 100% IN KIND DONATIONS, SECONDED BY MARY LOU STEWARD, AND APPROVED 7-0.

9. Resolution 1845-21, Review of Outdoor Business Operations Emergency Order. (Jones)

MOTION WAS MADE BY ERIC DAVIDSON TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1845-21, REVIEW OF OUTDOOR BUSINESS OPERATIONS EMERGENCY ORDER. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MARY LOU STEWARD AND APPROVED 7-0.

Councilmember Baldwin left the meeting after the last action item.

F. COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. *None*

G. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. City Manager – Michael Jones reported on a couple different legislative updates. H.B. 1284, which is the second penny per gallon gas tax for border cities was voted out of the Transportation Committee, and it's now in the Rules Committee. The second penny per gallon gas tax would be approved by voters in border communities. Michael introduced Jeffrey Lazenby and reflected on his time with the City.
2. Finance Department – Jeffrey Lazenby gave a report on the Year End Report. Year-end revenue was roughly 7% higher than budgeted. This report is available on the City's website.
3. Police Department – Chief Tank gave an update on the Police Department's hiring process. Due to two recent resignations, there are two vacant police officer positions. Lt. King is retiring in mid-April.

H. CALENDARS

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Thursday, February 25

6:00pm – Planning Commission Meeting

Public Hearing – Variance for Cedar Court Apartments

Monday, March 8

6:00pm – City Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 9

8:00am – Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee

Thursday, March 11

9:00am – Park and Cemetery Board Meeting

6:00pm – Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, March 22

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Thursday, March 25

6:00pm – Planning Commission Meeting

All City offices are currently closed to the public. Contact information for staff and Councilmembers can be found on the City's website.

I. COUNCIL UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Letter to Governor Inslee regarding the Roadmap to Recovery Reopening Plan.
 - i. Councilmember Davidson will discuss this with the Mayor of Lynden.

J. COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS

1. Councilmember Hawkins asked whether the City has a policy on requiring City employees to be vaccinated. Michael Jones informed Council the City does not have a policy that requires City staff to get vaccinated. Michael then reported on the status of vaccines for City employees.

K. ADJOURNED: 7:55 PM

Bonnie Onyon, Mayor

Samuel Crawford, City Clerk

Council minutes for February 22, 2021, were approved at the March 8, 2021, Council meeting.

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