

**CITY OF BLAINE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, August 28th, 2006
7:00 P.M.**

A. WORK SESSION – 5:30 p.m. – Joint Council CWAC

B. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

- **MOMENT OF SILENCE**
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- **ROLL CALL:** Ken Ely, Charlie Hawkins, John Liebert, Bonnie Onyon, Jason Overstreet, Bruce Wolf, Mike Myers.
- **EXCUSED:**
- **STAFF PRESENT:** Steve Banham Public Works Director; Sheri Sanchez, City Clerk; Meredith Riley Finance Director; Mike Haslip, Chief of Police, Terry Galvin, Community Development Director; Gary Tomsic, City Manager.

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

1. Blaine Builder Award – Sterling Savings Bank, John Paradis – This was presented by Gary Tomsic and Mike Myers. This was in regards to the RED Loan and Boardwalk participation.
2. Steele Brownlee, 1368 4th Street, Blaine – He spoke on the Pugwash, sister City idea. He felt this would be a good idea.
3. Frank Bresnan, 840 Odell Road, Blaine – He spoke regarding the Airport Master Plan. He requested tabling the issue until the studies have been completed.
4. Bill Pardee, 2203 Hawthorne Street, Ferndale – This was regarding the Seascape project and the BMC 04.02 regarding the sewer billing policy. He requested Council to review the policy.
5. Christina Alexander, 9351 Owl Lane, Blaine – This was regarding the International Peace Arch Dedication Day, 85th anniversary of the Peace Arch, September 6th. Peace Arch Dedication is September 9th.
6. Kerri Wochler, Planner with WSDOT Aviation – This was regarding the Airport Master Plan. She noted that if you adopt the plan this does not financially obligate the city in any way.
7. Dennis Hill, 3997 Hoier Road, Blaine – He requested that the Council table the Airport Master Plan until the alternative land use committee has been completed.
8. Jim Jorgensen, 4434 Boblett Road – Also spoke on the Airport and requested that the Council table the Master Plan until the alternative land use committee has completed the study.

D. COUNCIL MEMBERS AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

E. PUBLIC HEARING (MEETING)

1. None

F. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Port of Bellingham for Mutual Use of Facilities – presented by Sheri Sanchez.

MOTION MADE BY KEN ELY TO APPROVE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE PORT OF BELLINGHAM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BRUCE WOLF AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0).

2. Resolution 1440-06, Surplus Property – presented by Meredith Riley.

MOTION MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1440-06 AUTHORIZING THE SURPLUS OF POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES AND WAIVE THE 2ND READING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY JASON OVERSTREET AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0).

3. Approval of Airport Master Plan – presented by Gary Tomsic. Bruce Wolf advised Council of his participation on the Airport Master Plan and felt that the committee worked very hard to come up with a good master plan. Charlie Hawkins felt that they should move forward with this issue.

MOTION MADE BY JASON OVERSTREET TO HAVE CITY COUNCIL POSTPONE ANY ACTION ON THE AIRPORT MASTER PLAN UNTIL COUNCIL HAS MADE AN OFFICIAL DECISION AS TO EXPANSION OR CLOSURE OF THE AIRPORT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY JOHN LIEBERT AND APPROVED 4-3 (Charlie Hawkins, Mike Myers, and Bruce Wolf voting against).

4. Pugwash Sister City – presented by John Liebert.

MOTION MADE BY JOHN LIEBERT TO ESTABLISH A SISTER CITY COMMITTEE WITH PUGWASH, N.S. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS.

Bonnie Onyon read a statement regarding the Pugwash affiliation with the Conference. John Liebert responded that he had attended the Pugwash Sister

City group last spring and cannot understand why the Council members can't separate City of Pugwash with the Conference.

THE MOTION WAS DENIED 5-2 (Ken Ely, Mike Myers, Bruce Wolf, Bonnie Onyon, Jason Overstreet voting against).

5. Contract with David Christianson – presented by Terry Galvin. Terry Galvin noted that the City and Port worked jointly on the Master Plan for the CB Wharf District.

MOTION MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE CONTRACT WITH DAVID CHRISTIANSON AND WAIVE THE 2ND READING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BRUCE WOLF AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0).

G. CITY MANAGER AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Boardwalk Update – Steve Banham reported. The rails will be put on the stairs and then there will be a final inspection for punch items.
2. Lighthouse Point Update – Steve Banham reported. This was reviewed in the work session earlier tonight. One of the issues we are dealing with is what level of plans and specifications we will need to apply for the grant funding.
3. Major Projects Update – Terry Galvin noted that there was no report.
4. Airport Alternative Land Use Committee – Gary Tomsic reported. He noted that the committee is meeting on September 5th to finalize the report. A public meeting will be set up for September 18th.
5. State and Federal Projects Update – Steve Banham reported. Progress is being made on construction and signage and detour issues.
6. 11th Street Opening Meeting Report – Steve Banham reported. He met with the residents last week to discuss temporarily opening the street at the far north end. The purpose is to provide some short term relief for the businesses that are off of 12th Street.
7. Semiahmoo Detour – Steve Banham reported. This project is not in the city limits but will have an impact on the western part of the city. The county is planning on closing Birch Point Road for approx. 3 weeks to put in a new sewer line. Gary Tomsic suggested that the Council send a letter to the County regarding this issue.

MOTION MADE BY BRUCE WOLF TO SEND A LETTER OF PROTEST TO THE COUNTY REGARDING THE DETOUR ON BIRCH POINT ROAD. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY JOHN LIEBERT.

There was more discussion on this subject about different routes that could be done and Steve Banham noted that they were trying to get the sewer construction done before the winter months.

THE MOTION WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0).

8. Update Port Master Planning Process.
9. Reserve Academy – Mike Haslip reported. He noted they have interviewed over 40 applicants and have narrowed it down to 8 applicants now. They will be attending the reserve academy which starts next week.
10. Condominium water/sewer charges report – Meredith Riley reported. She did a comparison between residential and commercial – residential is a cheaper rate. Mr. Douglas had the electric meters in 12 units shut off which reduces the fees by ½. It had been suggested to him at the beginning of his building project but he chose not to do this. There is a committee set up now that will meet on a regular basis and look at different issues that come up. Charlie Hawkins asked about the policy and Gary Tomsic noted that it is left up to the finance department to administer.
11. Cherry Street – Steve Banham reported. He commented that there has been some concern about the sidewalk in front of a particular house.
12. Trial Basis of Late Night Work at Truck Route – Steve Banham reported that the late night work did not work out well and they are no longer doing it.
13. Planning Commission – Terry Galvin reported that David Baily has resigned from the Planning Commission since he has been activated back into the military. He suggested that Council do something to acknowledge his service on the Planning Commission.
14. Planning Commission Retreat – Terry Galvin reported. The Planning Commission has asked that City Council attend if they so desired. They want to discuss protocol and interaction with the City Council. This will be on October 18th.
15. Update on Shorelines Management Program – Terry Galvin reported. He gave the Council a schedule on the work that was being done. September 18th there will be available copies of drafts, inventory, background document relating to the shoreline program. September 24th or October 5th there will be public meeting presentation on background to answer questions about shorelines. On October 23rd and 26th, there will be informal town meetings on the status of the shorelines draft program and then there will be final revisions in the last part of the year.
16. Comprehensive Plan – Terry Galvin reported that East Blaine update is being worked on as well as the infrastructure component. He is also working with the Port on the wharf update for the first part of 2007. Semiahmoo Master

Plan is also being updated. Trillium has agreed to put a hold on development until the Master Plan is done.

17. Project Priority and Strategic Plan – Bonnie Onyon had questions and Gary Tomsic commented that we will be discussing this in budget discussions. He noted that he is re-formatting the strategic plan and will have it available for the budget workshop.

H. MAYOR'S REPORT

I. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter received from Dynacomp Corp on August 15, 2006.
2. Letter from Dennis Olason dated August 28, 2006.
3. T-Square Company regarding rebuilding city hall. The City Council gave the City Manager the go-ahead to communicate further with the company.

J. CONSENT AGENDA

- Items listed below have been distributed to Council members in advance for study and 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 Council Member.
 - Approval of Bills – Amount \$ 781,513.92
 - Approval of Payroll – Amount \$-0-
 - Approval of August 14, 2006 City Council Minutes

**MOTION MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO APPROVE THE
CONSENT AGENDA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY KEN
ELY AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0).**

K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

L. COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS

1. John Liebert - wondered what the impacts were of I-933. He felt that we should make the community aware of the initiatives and referendums. Gary Tomsic commented that we could make a presentation at a council meeting.
2. John Liebert - brought up was the affordable housing task force established. Gary Tomsic felt that we should wait until the task force decides what they want to do.

3. John Liebert – brought up the city council rules of conduct and felt that city council needs to be reminded of these.
4. Mike Myers wanted to follow up with the fact that his job is to make sure the council conducts itself in an orderly fashion.

M. ADJOURN – 9:04 p.m.

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MAYOR

CITY CLERK