



CITY OF BLAINE
344 H Street
Blaine, WA 98230
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, August 13, 2007

7:00 PM

- A.** *Executive Session – 5:30PM Property Acquisition*
- B.** *Study Session – 6:00PM Electric and Storm Water CIP*
Present: Ken Ely, Charlie Hawkins, John Liebert, Mike Myers, Bonnie Onyon, Jason Overstreet

Adjourned: 6:50pm

C. CALL TO ORDER: 7:02PM

- MOMENT OF SILENCE
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- ROLL CALL: Ken Ely, Charlie Hawkins, John Liebert, Mike Myers, Bonnie Onyon, Jason Overstreet, Bruce Wolf (final council meeting)
- Bruce Wolf read his letter of resignation to the Council and then excused himself
- Staff Present: Gary Tomsic, City Manager; Terry Galvin, Community Development Director; Steve Banham, Public Works Director; Meredith Riley, Finance Director; Sheri Sanchez, City Clerk

D. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Sign-up/Comment Forms in Foyer of City Hall

1. Brian Novak, 477 Peace Portal Drive, president of Extreme Sports Club - regarding the skate park

2. Roger Ellingson, PO Box 1258, Blaine – regarding the Boardwalk and easements
3. John Choulochas, 5550 Salish Road - regarding citizen proposal to change name of Drayton Harbor to Blaine Harbor

E. CITY MANAGER AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Lighthouse Park and Treatment Plant Update – Steve Banham and Terry Galvin reported – Landscaping contract being worked out with Brown and Caldwell. Working with DOE and Rural Development.
2. State & Federal Projects (Peace Arch and Truck Route) – Steve Banham reported – Good progress being made on the Truck Route. Peace Arch project work is on demolition.
3. National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit Renewal Report – Steve Banham reported – relates to the existing plant and renewal of the four year permit, which is in the 30 day review. Steve reviewed the differences between existing permit and new permit requirements.
4. Potential Donation of Land – Terry Galvin reported – Mr. Ko with a pharmaceutical company has requested that the City accept donation of wetlands at the corner of Odell and Pipeline.

The City Council has authorized the staff to pursue the issue.

5. Major Projects Update – None
6. Engineer/Consultant/Developer Focus Group Report – Terry Galvin reported – July 25th meeting focused on permit review system with staff responding with making amendments to code and permitting process.
7. Blaine Town Center Project – Gary Tomsic reported – Request for Quotes were sent out to various developers who might be interested in the project, as well as advertised in the Seattle Daily Journal and on City website. Jason Overstreet suggested putting the RFQ on Craig's List.
8. City Council Member Vacancy – Gary Tomsic reported – Ad will be published this week.

F. PUBLIC HEARING (MEETING)

1. None

G. COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. Planning Commission – Jeff Arntzen reported – July 26th Woodell Daycare Extension was denied, August 9th East Maple Ridge PUD recommendation to deny, and Public Hearing regarding duties of Hearing Examiner with written testimony has been extended to August 17th at 4:00pm. Terry Galvin added that public testimony and extension time are located on the City website.
2. Airport Commission - None
3. BTAC - None
4. Park & Cemetery - None
5. Ad Hoc - None

H. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letters from Joel Douglas dated July 23, 24, and August 1, 2007.
2. Thank you card to Council and P.D. from residents on Mitchell Avenue.
3. Fax from Joel Douglas received August 9, 2007.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Bills – Amount: \$810,751.24
2. Approval of July Payroll – Amount \$491,883.79
3. Approval of July 13, 2007, City Council Minutes

MOTION MADE BY KEN ELY TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS, AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (6 – 0)

J. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Citizen Advisory Vote on Harbor Name Change – presented by Gary Tomsic – advised Council of August 14th deadline. John Liebert advised that Joel Douglas communicated with him that he would not be available for tonight's meeting, and so spoke on Joel Douglas's behalf. Terry Galvin advised that some of Drayton Harbor is in the County and should be discussed with the County.

MOTION MADE BY KEN ELY TO NOT PLACE THE HARBOR CHANGE ON THE BALLOT, SECONDED BY CHARLIE, APPROVED 5 – 1 (LIEBERT AGAINST)

2. Fee Deferral Public Hearing for August 27, 2007 – presented by Gary Tomsic – Mr. Weimer has requested that the application be taken to Council.

MOTION MADE BY KEN ELY TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON AUGUST 27, 2007, SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (6 – 0)

3. Amendment to Design Contract for Lighthouse Point Water Reclamation Facility – presented by Steve Banham – reviewed the process and need for the amendment and allow an additional change to incorporate the landscape design.

MOTION MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AMENDMENT #7 WITH BROWN & CALDWELL FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$281,940.00 FOR ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES THROUGH CONSTRUCTION BIDDING, AND INCREASE CONTRACT BY AN ADDITIONAL \$45,000 (TOTAL \$326,940.00) TO INCLUDE AMOUNT FOR ADDING LANDSCAPE DESIGN TO THE AMENDMENT, SECONDED BY KEN ELY AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (6 – 0)

K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. John Liebert requested that staff look into deferral of fees for wharf and manufacturing districts.
2. John Liebert requested that Boardwalk issue brought up earlier by Roger Ellingson be discussed in a Study Session.

Dennis Olason made a comment about concerns for Buce Wolf's condition and requested that the City Council keep track.

L. COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS

1. Skate Park Discussion – Tabled to a Study Session

M. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

N. ADJOURN: 8:30PM