

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

Monday, October 22, 2007

A. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5:00pm – Personnel

B. Study Session – 5:15pm – East Maple Ridge

Call to Order: 5:21 PM

PRESENT: Ken Ely, John Liebert, Mike Myers, Bonnie Onyon, Jason Overstreet.

ABSENT: Charlie Hawkins.

STAFF: City Manager Gary Tomsic, PW Director Steve Banham, CD Director Terry Galvin, City Clerk Sheri Sanchez, City Attorney Jon Sitkin, Assistant PW Director Sandy Petersen.

Adjourned: 6:49 PM

C. CALL TO ORDER

➤ **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

➤ **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Ken Ely, John Liebert, Mike Myers, Bonnie Onyon, Jason Overstreet.

ABSENT: Charlie Hawkins.

**MOTION MADE BY KEN ELY TO EXCUSE CHARLIE HAWKINS,
SECONDED BY JASON OVERSTREET AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY
(5 – 0)**

STAFF: City Manager Gary Tomsic, PW Director Steve Banham, CD Director Terry Galvin, City Clerk Sheri Sanchez, City Attorney Jon Sitkin, Assistant PW Director Sandy Petersen.

D. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

1. Dennis Olason - publicly thanking Pat Grubb

E. CITY MANAGER AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Major Projects Update – Terry Galvin reported – East Maple Ridge and Grandis Pond.
2. Lighthouse Park Report – Terry Galvin reported – Proceeding forward.
3. Transportation Commission Meeting Report – Gary Tomsic reported – Jack Louws, Gordon Rodgers and Gary Tomsic were on a panel at the meeting in Bellingham and presented a report on transportation needs including signing and full access into Blaine community.
4. Comprehensive Plan Amendment Prioritization – Terry Galvin reported – list includes Lincoln rezone, East Blaine subarea, infrastructure, design standards, and Wharf District Master Plan. Terry requested direction from council on prioritization.
5. Land Acquisition – Terry Galvin reported – North of Steen Road, property owner offered to sell it for \$1,600, which would increase the consolidated property that the City owns for use as parks.
6. Third Quarter Finance Report – Meredith Riley reported – reviewed income and expenses through September for the various funds.
7. For the Record – Sheri Sanchez reported – FTR was just set up and will provide quicker access to copies of recordings.
8. New Website – Gary Tomsic and Sheri Sanchez reported – the new website will go live after first of the year.

F. PUBLIC HEARING (MEETING) - None

G. COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. Planning Commission – presented by Jeff Arntzen
Meeting on October 11 included Wharf District Master plan and site plan review, which the Planning Commission recommends approval. On October 25th they will act on the titled 17 code scrub.
2. Airport Commission - None
3. BTAC - None
4. Park & Cemetery –Grateful Dogs off Leash will have a ribbon cutting ceremony on October 29th at Skallman Park.

5. Ad Hoc - None

H. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from Michael Kohl, dated October 4, 2007.
2. Letter from Larry Bellamy, dated October 11, 2007.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Bills – Amount: \$227,056.96
2. Approval of October 8, 2007, City Council Minutes with amendment to minutes under J. Council New Business – Jason Overstreet discussed Representative Doug Ericksen’s letter and has requested to get Doug Ericksen the sign graphics so that he can move forward with DOT to get the signs placed.

**MOTION MADE BY JASON OVERSTREET TO APPROVE THE
CONSENT AGENDA WITH CHANGES TO THE MINUTES,
SECONDED BY BONNIE ONYON AND APPROVED
UNANIMOUSLY (5 – 0)**

J. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. East Maple Ridge Decision – Gary Tomsic summarized the discussion in the Study Session.

**MOTION MADE BY JASON OVERSTREET TO REMAND EAST
MAPLE RIDGE APPLICATION BACK TO THE PLANNING
COMMISSION AT THE REQUEST OF THE APPLICANT TO HEAR
AND CONSIDER ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY ON ITEMS
IDENTIFIED IN THE PLANNING COMMISSION’S FINDING OF
FACT, 20 (A-K). THE APPLICANT IS EXPECTED TO SUBMIT
DETAILED WRITTEN INFORMATION ON EACH ITEM/TOPIC
IDENTIFIED IN THE PLANNING COMMISSION’S FINDING OF
FACT, 20 (A-K). THIS IS EXPECTED TO OCCUR SUFFICIENTLY
PRIOR TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING TO ALLOW
STAFF TO REVIEW THE MATERIAL AND RESPOND IN
ADVANCE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING, SECONDED BY JOHN
LIEBERT.**

Bonnie Onyon, Jason Overstreet, Ken Ely and John Liebert discussed their views on the issue.

Mike Myers asked if the proponent understood the motion. Jon Sitkin clarified the process and the proponent stated that they understood.

MOTION APPROVED 4 – 1 (ELY)

Terry Galvin expressed concern about scheduling and the proponent stated that it would take them about 4 months to prepare, which was acceptable by staff.

2. Vacant Land Purchase – end of Steen Street – presented by Terry Galvin

MOTION MADE BY JOHN LIEBERT TO APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF LAND, SECONDED BY JASON OVERSTREET.

Jason Overstreet commented on the need for upkeep on our present parks.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (5 – 0)

3. Contract with Harris & Assoc. for Treatment Plant Constructability Review – presented by Sandy Petersen (Vern Phillips at meeting).

MOTION MADE BY KEN ELY TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH HARRIS & ASSOC. FOR CONSTRUCTABILITY REVIEW IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$79,063 AND WAIVE THE SECOND READING, SECONDED BY JOHN LEIBERT.

Discussion included questions about the process, with comments by Vern Phillips and Gary Tomsic.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (5 – 0)

K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. John Liebert stated that the school has requested a letter from the City that they can go ahead with the goats.
2. John Liebert reminded the council of Youth in Government day on November 13 2007.
3. John Liebert asked about the plan to go ahead with the facilities. Gary Tomsic stated that he can set up a study session, if the council is interested.
4. Jason Overstreet asked about the letter from Larry Bellamy.

L. COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS

M. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

N. ADJOURN: 8:13 PM