

**CITY OF BLAINE
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, December 5, 2016

4:00 PM

**Harry Robinson, Mayor
Paul Greenough, Mayor Pro Tem**

A. CALL TO ORDER: 4:23 PM

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Paul Greenough, Charlie Hawkins, Steve Lawrenson, Dennis Olason, Bonnie Onyon, Harry Robinson and Mary Lou Steward.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: City Manager David Wilbrecht, Finance Director Jeffrey Lazenby, Community Development Services Director Michael Jones, Public Works Director Ravyn Whitewolf, and Deputy City Clerk Samuel Crawford.

B. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Professional Services Agreement with Liz Loomis Public Affairs – presented by Ravyn Whitewolf with additional input by PW Advisory Committee member Eric Davidson.

MOTION WAS MADE BY PAUL GREENOUGH TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH LIZ LOOMIS PUBLIC AFFAIRS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,500 AND APPROVE THE USE OF R.E.D. FUNDS FOR THE CONTRACT, WITH THE STIPULATION THAT THE CONTRACT AND ELECTION COSTS ARE REIMBURSED TO THE R.E.D. FUND BY THE TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS.

Bonnie Onyon asked if the City verified when the school district M&O levy would be on the ballot, and staff advised they will verify. Harry Robinson stated his support for the contract.

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED 7 – 0.

C. COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS:

1. Steve Lawrenson asked whether there has been conversation in Olympia about doubling the one cent per gallon gas tax. Ravyn advised she was not aware of any conversation.

D. CLOSED SESSION

Council convened in closed session at 4:37 PM for twenty minutes, extended to thirty-one minutes, to discuss collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(1)(4), with no action to be taken.

Council reconvened in special session at 5:08 PM, with no action taken.

E. ADJOURNED: 5:09 PM

Harry Robinson, Mayor

Sheri Sanchez, City Clerk

Special council minutes for December 5, 2016, to be approved at the December 12, 2016, council meeting