

CITY OF BLAINE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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Tuesday, May 26, 2020

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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1-866-899-4679

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818-027-309

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:00PM

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBERS: Garth Baldwin, Eric Davidson, Charlie Hawkins, Richard May, Bonnie Onyon, Alicia Rule, and Mary Lou Steward.

B. PRESENTATION: Gordon Thomas Honeywell (GoToMeeting)

C. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Email dated May 12, 2020, from Chief Tank, regarding the 32nd Annual Candlelight Vigil.
2. Email dated May 13, 2020, from Michael Jones, regarding Tax Increment Financing information.
3. Letter dated May 15, 2020, from Joel Douglas, regarding property south of Clark St. intersection, proposed Right of Way access issue onto Peace Portal Drive.
4. Email dated May 18, 2020, from Michael Jones, regarding Emergency Order 20-07 authorizing furloughs for teamsters.
5. Email dated May 19, 2020, from Michael Jones, regarding COVID related utilities letters.
6. Email dated May 20, 2020, from Michael Jones, regarding City Offices Mask Policy.
7. New. Emails dated May 22 and May 23, from Dennis Olason and Garth Baldwin, regarding Tax Increment Financing.

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: \$159,722.37
2. Approval of Advance Pay: \$21,205.28
3. Approval of May 11, 2020, City Council Minutes

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALICIA RULE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY RICHARD MAY, AND APPROVED 7-0.

E. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Ordinance 20-2946, Amending the 2020 Budget. (Lazenby)

MOTION WAS MADE BY MARY LOU STEWARD TO WAIVE THE SECOND READING AND APPROVE ORDINANCE 20-2946, AMENDING THE 2020 BUDGET. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS AND APPROVED 7-0.

2. Resolution 1817-20, Confirming Emergency Order EO20-07, Entering into a letter of Understanding with General Teamsters Union, Local 231 for one week furloughs. (Jones)

MOTION WAS MADE BY ERIC DAVIDSON TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1817-20, CONFIRMING EMERGENCY ORDER EO20-07, ENTERING INTO A LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING WITH GENERAL TEAMSTERS UNION, LOCAL 231 FOR ONE WEEK FURLOUGHS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS AND APPROVED 7-0.

3. Authorizing the City Manager to pursue Tax Increment Financing option through the Washington State Legislature. (Jones)

MOTION WAS MADE BY ERIC DAVIDSON TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO PURSUE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING OPTION THROUGH THE WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHARLIE HAWKINS AND APPROVED 6-1 (BALDWIN).

4. Resolution 1816-20, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office in support of an ALEA Grant for the Marine Park Beach Capital Project. (Pratschner)

MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLIE HAWKINS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1816-20, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE WASHINGTON STATE RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE IN SUPPORT OF AN ALEA GRANT FOR THE MARINE PARK BEACH CAPITAL PROJECT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MARY LOU STEWARD AND APPROVED 7-0.

F. COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee – Eric Davidson reported on the Chamber of Commerce’s program coordinator Donna Raimy efforts, and he reported on current Chamber activities and their plans for a farmer’s market.
2. Boys and Girls Club – Alicia Rule reported on the Boys and Girls Club’s current program where activity and food bags are handed out to people who want it. Individuals do not need to be members of the Boys and Girls Club to receive these items.

G. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. City Manager – Michael Jones reported on the availability of funding through the CARES Act, the implementation of furloughs for City employees, and the process of opening City Hall back up.
2. Community Development Services – Stacie Pratschner reported on updated construction guidance, the Rural Economic Development loan (RED) program, and the new “Blaine by the Sea” website. The website is expected to go live by the end of the week.

3. Public Works – Bob Hammond reported on the notice of award to Tiger Construction for the sidewalk replacement project.

H. CALENDARS

Due to COVID-19 and the Governor's Proclamation, meetings are now only open to the public telephonically. Information on how to listen to the meeting live will be on the City Council agenda which is located on the City's website homepage under Your Government, City Council, City Council Agenda.

Monday, June 8

6:00pm – Regular City Council Meeting

Thursday, June 11

6:00pm – Planning Commission Meeting

Public Hearing – To Accept Public Testimony on the East Maple Ridge PUD and Preliminary Plat Application

Monday, June 22

6:00pm – Regular City Council Meeting

Public Hearing – Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan

Thursday, June 25

6:00pm – Planning Commission Meeting

Public Hearing – to Accept Public Testimony on the Grandis Pond PUD Modification; Boundary Line Adjustment; and Preliminary Plat Application

Monday, July 13

6:00pm – Regular City Council Meeting

Monday, July 27

6:00pm – Regular City Council 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. ADJOURNED: 7:50 PM

Bonnie Onyon, Mayor

Samuel Crawford, City Clerk

Council minutes for May 26, 2020, were approved at the June 8, 2020, Council meeting.