

**CITY OF BLAINE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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Monday, July 11, 2022

6:00 PM

**Mary Lou Steward – Mayor
Richard May – Mayor Pro Tem**

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A. CALL TO ORDER

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance – *Led by Mayor Steward*

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBERS: Kerena Higgins, Mike Hill, Rhyan Lopez, Richard May, and Mary Lou Steward. Garth Baldwin requested to be excused. Eric Davidson was absent. Richard May arrived after the vote to excuse Garth Baldwin.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RHYAN LOPEZ TO EXCUSE GARTH BALDWIN, SECONDED BY KERENA HIGGINS, AND APPROVED 4-0.

B. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - Sign-up/Comment Sheet is located in the Council Chambers before the meeting. Members of the audience will have three minutes to speak. If you plan on commenting remotely via Zoom, instructions on how to comment are included at the bottom of the agenda. Audience members speaking remotely will be asked to participate first. After the remote audience participation is over, in-person speakers will be asked to speak.

C. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Email dated June 27, 2022 from Wayne Schwandt, regarding the letter to Council from Mr. Abercrombie.
2. Letter dated June 27, 2022 from Bruce Ansell, regarding service levels for North Whatcom Fire and Rescue.
3. Email dated June 29, 2022 from Dennis Olason, regarding the Senior Center breakfast.
4. Email dated June 29, 2022 from Jay Taber, regarding making a public statement against bigotry.
5. Email dated July 7, 2022 from Joel Nielsen, regarding the July edition of the North Whatcom Fire & Rescue newsletter.
6. Email dated July 8, 2022 from Kayla LeClare, regarding broadband availability search.
7. Letter dated July 6, 2022 from Sally Church, regarding the Blaine Food Bank.

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: \$322,418.50
2. Wire Register: \$334,191.01
3. Approval of Payroll: \$703,307.74
4. Approval of June 23, 2022 Special City Council Minutes
5. Approval of June 27, 2022 City Council Minutes.
6. Marine Park Shoreline Reconstruction Professional Service Agreement – Blue Coast Engineering. (Pratschner)

MOTION WAS MADE BY RHYAN LOPEZ TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY MIKE HILL, AND APPROVED 5-0.

E. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

- 1.

F. COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. Whatcom Council Mayoral Meeting - Mayor Steward gave an update on the work that is being done to plan for a new jail.

G. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. City Manager – David Wilbrecht gave an update on his first weeks as interim.
2. Community Development Services – Stacie Pratschner answered questions regarding street trees in Drayton Reach neighborhood and provided an update on the Downtown rezoning project.
3. Police - Chief Tank gave a reminder about Bell Road/Peace Portal closing for improvements.

H. CALENDARS

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Monday, July 11

6:00pm – City Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 12

1:30 PM – Hearing Examiner: Public Hearing for a Conditional Use Permit for Blaine Food Bank

Thursday, July 14

9:00 AM – Parks and Cemetery Board Meeting
10:00 AM – Public Works Advisory Committee Meeting
6:00 PM – Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, July 25

6:00pm – City Council Meeting *CANCELLED*

Contact information for staff and Councilmembers can be found on the City's website.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

J. COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS

1. Council requested a study session at the next meeting regarding the Downtown rezoning project and timeline.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council convened in executive session at 6:28 PM for 50 minutes to discuss potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (I)(iii), and performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) with no action to be taken.

L. ADJOURN: 7:10 PM

Mary Lou Steward, Mayor

Samuel Crawford, City Clerk

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