



CITY OF BLAINE

Zoom

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Monday, April 10, 2023

6:00 PM

Mary Lou Steward – Mayor
Richard May – Mayor Pro Tem

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A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 PM

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

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBERS: Garth Baldwin, Eric Davidson, Kerena Higgins, Mike Hill, Rhyan Lopez, Richard May, and Mary Lou Steward.

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.

1. Steven Tojek, regarding water views, an empty lot, and an ordinance that would inhibit obstruction of water views.
2. Lisa Smith, regarding speeding on Mitchell Avenue.
3. Scott Smith, regarding preserving water views.
4. Jocelyn Harsh, regarding cleaning the streets.
5. Sally Church, regarding the potential donation to the Blaine Food Bank.
6. Skip Jansen, regarding Councilmembers speaking into their microphones.

C. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Email dated April 5, 2023, from Lisa Cosky, regarding the proposed zoning change for mobile/manufactured home parks.
2. Email dated April 5, 2023, from Russell Leininger, regarding a court case.
3. New. Email dated April 8, 2023, from Aida Malik, regarding the H Street zoning request.

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: \$375,189.13
2. Wire Register: \$469,074.37
3. Approval of Payroll: \$748,965.31
4. Approval of March 27, 2023, City Council Minutes.
5. Public Works Director Employment Agreement. (Harmon)

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

E. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Approving Resolution 1915-23, Economic Development Initiative (EDI) Application and Agreement – G Street Sewer Improvements Project. (Kaur)

MOTION WAS MADE BY RICHARD MAY TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1915-23, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (EDI) APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT – G STREET SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ERIC DAVIDSON, AND APPROVED 7-0.

2. Approving Resolution 1916-23, Economic Development Initiative (EDI) Application and Agreement – Wellfield Pump Station Project. (Kaur)

MOTION WAS MADE BY RHYAN LOPEZ TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1916-23, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (EDI) APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT – WELLFIELD PUMP STATION PROJECT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY GARTH BALDWIN, AND APPROVED 7-0.

3. Resolution 1917-23, Financial assistance request to the Blaine Food Bank of \$50,000. (Heverling)

MOTION WAS MADE BY ERIC DAVIDSON TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1917-23, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUEST TO THE BLAINE FOOD BANK OF \$50,000. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY KERENA HIGGINS AND APPROVED 7-0.

4. Resolution 1918-23, A Resolution of the City of Blaine Council to Modify the Project Charter for the Downtown Advisory Committee, as previously approved in Resolution 1897-22. (Harmon)

MOTION WAS MADE BY RHYAN LOPEZ TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1918-23, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BLAINE COUNCIL TO MODIFY THE PROJECT CHARTER FOR THE DOWNTOWN ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED IN RESOLUTION 1897-22. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY GARTH BALDWIN, AND APPROVED 7-0.

F. COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. Ad Hoc Downtown Advisory Committee – Eric Davidson talked about how the meeting was cancelled this week, but they will be moving forward with wrapping up the committee based on the decision of council.

G. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Community Development Service Department – Stacie Pratschner reported on Wildland Urban Interface ([RCW 19.27.560](#)).

H. CALENDARS

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Thursday, April 6

9:00am – Ad Hoc Downtown Advisory Committee Meeting *CANCELLED*

Monday, April 10

6:00pm – City Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 11

8:00am – Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting *CANCELLED*

1:30pm – Hearing Examiner: Public Hearing for a Variance and Site Plan Permit for Lil Sprouts Facility Expansion

Thursday, April 13

9:00am – Park and Cemetery Board Meeting

6:00pm – Planning Commission Meeting

Thursday, April 20

9:00am – Ad Hoc Downtown Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, April 24

5:30pm – Study Session: State Auditor's Report

6:00pm – City Council Meeting

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

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

J. COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Steward regarding the email she received from Katie Galloway regarding the Whatcom County Marine Resources committee asking for a liaison from the Blaine City Council.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council convened in executive session at 6:45 PM for 35 minutes to discuss potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (I)(iii), with no action to be taken.

L. ADJOURNED: 7:20 PM

Mary Lou Steward, Mayor

Samuel Crawford, City Clerk

Council minutes for April 10, 2023, were approved at the April 24, 2023, Council meeting.

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