

RECORD OF PROCEEDING OF CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON

Monday, November 18, 2013, 09:00 AM

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Committee Meeting

Council Chambers

Called To Order

Roll Call

Present:

Jack Weiss, Council Member, First Ward
Gene Knutson, Council Member, Second Ward
Cathy Lehman, Council Member, Third Ward
Stan Snapp, Council Member, Fourth Ward
Terry Bornemann, Council Member, Fifth Ward
Michael Lilliquist, Council Member, Sixth Ward
Seth Fleetwood, Council Member, At Large

Excused:

PURPOSE

DISCUSSION

Public Works / Public Safety

Stan Snapp, Chair

Terry Bornemann; Gene Knutson

AB20189 1. Approval for Mayor to enter into Ecology Grant Agreement for NPDES Costs and Project Engineering

Presented by: Bill Reilly, Surface and Stormwater Manager, Public Works

Ted Carlson, Public Works Director

GK/TB MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL. SS concurred.

AB20190 2. Ordinance appropriating funds from Ecology Grant #G1400239 into the SSWU Fund for NPDES Activities and Project Engineering

Presented by: Ted Carlson, Public Works Director

TB/GK MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL. SS concurred.

AB20191 3. Bid Award for 2013 Sewer Replacement Project, EU-0163, Bid # 73B-2013

Presented by: Craig Mueller, Project Engineer, Public Works
Ted Carlson, Public Works Director

GK/TB MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL. SS concurred.

Planning and Community Development

Jack Weiss, Chair

Michael Lilliquist; Gene Knutson

AB20177 1. Consideration of a recommendation to Whatcom County regarding new population and employment growth forecasts to be used to update the Bellingham Comprehensive Plan

Presented by: Greg Aucutt, Assistant Planning Director

Kelli Linville, Mayor

Jeff Thomas, Planning and Community Development Director

Linda Twitchill, Building Industry Association

GK/ MOVED TO RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THE HIGH PROJECTION NUMBERS FOR POPULATION AND EMPLOYMENT ALLOCATIONS FOR BELLINGHAM.

The motion was withdrawn.

ML/GK MOVED TO RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF A POPULATION ALLOCATION PROJECTION OF 1.3% FOR BELLINGHAM.

GK withdrew his second.

The motion failed 1-2. JW, GK opposed

GK/ MOVED TO RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THE HIGH PROJECTION NUMBERS FOR POPULATION ALLOCATION FOR BELLINGHAM.

The motion carried 2-1. ML opposed.

GK/ MOVED TO RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THE HIGH PROJECTION NUMBERS FOR EMPLOYMENT ALLOCATION FOR BELLINGHAM.

The motion carried 3-0.

Parks and Recreation

Gene Knutson, Chair

Stan Snapp; Terry Bornemann

Terry Bornemann excused for AB20192 only. JW appointed for AB20192 only.

AB20192 1. **Budget Ordinance to amend the 2013 Budget appropriating \$45,000 from Estimated Ending Undesignated Reserves in the Golf Course Fund to pay for repairs and maintenance at the Golf Course

Presented by: James King, Parks and Recreation Director

SS/JW MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL. GK concurred.

AB20193 2. **An Ordinance amending the 2013 Budget recognizing a \$150,000 Grant from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office Aquatic Land Enhancement Account for shoreline improvements at Bloedel Donovan Park

Presented by: James King, Parks and Recreation Director

SS/TB MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL. GK concurred.

AB20194 3. Squalicum Creek Park Phase Three construction project update

Presented by: James King, Parks and Recreation Director
Leslie Bryson, Parks and Recreation Design Development Manager

INFORMATION ONLY.

Lake Whatcom Reservoir and Natural Resources

Cathy Lehman, Chair
Michael Lilliquist; Stan Snapp

AB20195 1. Aquatic Invasive Species Program Update

Presented by: Clare Fogelsong, Environmental Policy Manager
Jon Hutchings, Assistant Public Works Director

INFORMATION ONLY.

Committee Of The Whole

Seth Fleetwood, Chair
Jack Weiss, Gene Knutson, Cathy Lehman, Stan Snapp, Michael Lilliquist, Terry Bornemann

AB20196 1. Closed Record Hearing to consider a petition to vacate an unnamed right-of-way north of West Bakerview Road between Pacific Highway and Dover Street

Presented by: Alan Marriner, Assistant City Attorney
Steve Sundin, Planner II

GK/JW MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL WITHOUT COMPENSATION.

The motion carried 7-0.

SS/GK MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE.

The motion carried 7-0.

AB20197 2. Army Street Memorandum of Agreement

Presented by: Jim Long, BPDA Executive Director

CL/GK MOVED TO POSTPONE THE VOTE TO THE DECEMBER 2ND COUNCIL MEETING.

The motion carried 7-0.

3. Approval of City Council Committee and/or Special Meeting minutes

The Committee Meeting Minutes of October 28, and November 4, were submitted for approval.

SS/JW MOVED APPROVAL. The motion carried 5-0-2. GK, CL abstained.

4. Old/New business

JW/ML MOVED TO RECOMMEND PERFORMING ECONOMIC STUDIES OF WATERFRONT BUSINESS EMPLOYMENT, WAGES AND, IF POSSIBLE, BENEFITS EVERY 2 YEARS INSTEAD OF 5 YEARS.

The motion was withdrawn.

TB/ML MOVE TO REQUEST DIRECTION TO STAFF TO PRESENT THE LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING TOOL [LIFT] DATA REGARDING WAGES COLLECTED FOR THE STATE BE TO BE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL ANNUALLY.

The motion carried 7-0.

CL/ML MOVED TO RECOMMEND CHANGING THE MODE SHIFT GOAL IN THE DOWNTOWN WATERFRONT AREA TO 60%.

The motion carried 5-2. TB, GK opposed.

CL/ML MOVED TO DIRECT STAFF TO FURTHER NEGOTIATE WITH THE PORT TO PLACE A WATERFRONT SPECIFIC HABITAT ASSESSMENT AND PLAN INTO THE WATERFRONT DOCUMENTS.

The motion carried 5-2. TB, GK opposed.

ML/CL MOVED TO DIRECT STAFF TO ASK THE PORT IF IT WILL SUPPORT SETTING MUTUALLY AGREED UPON WAGE AND EMPLOYMENT GOALS FOR THE WATERFRONT.

The motion carried 4-2. SS, TB opposed.

Lodging Tax Advisory Commission [LTAC]

Michael Lilliquist noted that as chair of the Council's Finance and Personnel Committee, he is also the Chair of LTAC. LTAC has met and made its recommendations for the tourism grant awards for 2014. However, there is another proposed use for the LTAC Special Project Fund for the City to fund a Downtown Visitor Information

Center. He announced he would convene another meeting of LTAC to review the proposal and make a recommendation in time to be able to vote on it as part of the 2014 budget. He asked if there were any objections by the Members and there were none raised.

Waterfront District Sub Area Plan and Associated Documents

Jack Weiss stated that he and other Members needed to make additional motions related to the Waterfront plan prior to adoption of the documents on December 2nd. President Fleetwood invited them to proceed.

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At 3:49 PM Council President Fleetwood adjourned the meeting to Executive Session to hear the following:

Executive Session

Closed to the public. Report in the Regular Meeting only:

1. Litigation: Newlun v. City of Bellingham, et al. - (Brady – Approx. 15 min.)

The meeting was called back to order and adjourned to a Committee of the Whole Worksession in the Mayor's Boardroom at 4:04 PM

Committee Of The Whole

Seth Fleetwood, Chair

Jack Weiss, Gene Knutson, Cathy Lehman, Stan Snapp, Michael Lilliquist, Terry Bornemann

AB20142 5. Worksession regarding the 2014 Preliminary Budget

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ADJOURNMENT

_There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM

Seth Fleetwood, Council President

ATTEST: J. Lynne Walker, Executive Assistant to the Bellingham City Council

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