

RECORD OF PROCEEDING OF CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON

Mayor's Board Room

Monday, January 06, 2014, 07:00 PM

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Organizational Meeting

Called To Order The meeting was called to order by Council President Pro Tem Michael Lilliquist who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present:

Jack Weiss, Council Member, First Ward
Gene Knutson, Council Member, Second Ward
Cathy Lehman, Council Member, Third Ward
Pinky Vargas, Council Member, Fourth Ward
Terry Bornemann, Council Member, Fifth Ward
Michael Lilliquist, Council Member, Sixth Ward
Roxanne Murphy, Council Member, At Large

Excused:

PRESENTATION(S)

Swearing in of elected officials

Raquel Montoya-Lewis, J.D., M.S.W., Chief Judge, Nooksack Indian Tribe officiated at the swearing in of:

Gene Knutson, Bellingham City Council Member, Ward 2
Pinky Vargas, Bellingham City Council Member, Ward 4
Michael Lilliquist, Bellingham City Council Member, Ward 6
Roxanne Murphy, Bellingham City Council Member At Large

15-MINUTE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Bob Burr congratulated returning and new council members. He is concerned because he feels that many federal elected officials do not observe the constitution. Additionally, he said the Parks Commission has turned off many of the recharging plugs used for recharging vehicles and electronic equipment that are in public bathrooms and other places. He said that this convenience can only cost a few cents a day and asked that those be turned on again.

Yoshé Revelle discussed health issues.

Marian Beddill is concerned that in Lake Whatcom, the runoff water from roofs, driveways, etc., that is being redirected into routes that will clean the water before returning to Lake Whatcom, may not be effective and is working to bring scientific people together to check the situation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Committee of the Whole

AB20257 1. 2014 City Council Reorganization

Nomination/Election of Officers for 2014

LILLQUIST / KNUTSON moved to approve Cathy Lehman as Council President. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: CATHY LEHMAN

Council President Pro Tem Lilliquist turned the gavel over to Council President Lehman, who chaired the remainder of the meeting.

KNUTSON / WEISS moved to approve Terry Bornemann as Council President Pro Tempore. MOTION CARRIED 7-0

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE: TERRY BORNEMANN

BORNEMANN / LILLQUIST moved to approve Gene Knutson as Mayor Pro Tem. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

MAYOR PRO TEMPORE: GENE KNUTSON

A brief reception was held.

Council President Lehman called the meeting back to order at 7:41 p.m.

AB20258 2. Discussion regarding Council Standing Committees

Nomination/Election Standing Committees; Other Assignments

Nominations made during committee.

Council President Lehman reported that the following committee appointments had been recommended by the Committee of the Whole.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL (Elect 3)

1. Michael Lilliquist, Chair
2. Terry Bornemann
3. Gene Knutson

LAKE WHATCOM RESERVOIR & NATURAL RESOURCE (Elect 3)

1. Pinky Vargas, Chair
2. Roxanne Murphy
3. Terry Bornemann

PARKS & RECREATION (Elect 3)

1. Roxanne Murphy, Chair
2. Pinky Vargas
3. Jack Weiss

PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (Elect 3)

1. Jack Weiss, Chair
2. Gene Knutson
3. Roxanne Murphy

PUBLIC WORKS / PUBLIC SAFETY (Elect 3)

1. Terry Bornemann, Chair
2. Michael Lilliquist

3. Jack Weiss

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT(Elect 3)

. 1. Gene Knutson, Chair

2. Michael Lilliquist

3. Pinky Vargas

LEHMAN / LILLIQUIST moved to accept all of the committee assignments. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

EX-OFFICIO AND OTHER COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS:

Nominations made during committee.

Council President Lehman reported that the following committee appointments had been recommended by the Committee of the Whole.

Bellingham International Airport Advisory Committee (Elect 1)

Jack Weiss

Bellingham School District (Elect 1)

Roxanne Murphy

Bellingham/Whatcom Tourism Bureau (Elect 1)

Michael Lilliquist

Council of Governments (COG) (Elect 2) Full Council, Executive Board, Transportation Policy Board: Roxanne Murphy

Full Council Only: Michael Lilliquist

Downtown Bellingham Partnership (Elect 1)

Michael Lilliquist

EMS Oversight Board

Terry Bornemann

Firefighters Pension Board

Michael Lilliquist, Finance Committee Chair

Library Board (Elect 1)

Jack Weiss

Mount Baker Theatre Board (Elect 1)

Pinky Vargas

Museum Foundation

President Pro Tempore or delegate

Terry Bornemann

Open Space Committee (Same as Planning Committee)

Jack Weiss, Chair

Gene Knutson

Roxanne Murphy

Opportunity Council (Elect 1)

Pinky Vargas

Parks and Recreation Board (Same as Parks & Recreation Committee)

Roxanne Murphy, Chair

Pinky Vargas, Member

Jack Weiss, Member

Police Pension Board

Cathy Lehman, Council President

Port Marina Advisory Committee (Elect 1)

Terry Bornemann

Sister Cities Advisory Board (Elect 1)

Terry Bornemann

Sustainable Connections (Elect 1)

Michael Lilliquist

Tourism Commission – Allocation Sub-committee Chair

Michael Lilliquist, Finance Committee Chair or other designee

WHAT-COMM Communications Administrative Board – 911

Terry Bornemann, Public Works/Public Safety Chair

Whatcom Transportation Authority (Elect 2)

Jack Weiss

Roxanne Murphy

LEHMAN / KNUTSON moved approval of all Ex Officio and other Council assignments. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

AD HOC WORKING GROUPS:

WEISS / LILLIQUIST moved to continue the Marine Resources Group. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

WEISS / LILLIQUIST moved to nominate Gene Knutson to represent City Council on the Marine Resources Group.
MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Marine Resources Group

Gene Knutson

Nominations for the remainder of the appointments were made during committee.

Council President Lehman reported that the following appointments had been recommended by the Committee of the Whole.

Lake Whatcom Policy Working Group

Pinky Vargas, Lake Whatcom Reservoir & Natural Resources Committee Chair

Roxanne Murphy, Alternate

PEG TV Working Group

Jack Weiss

Gene Knutson

Parking Solutions Working Group

Jack Weiss

Terry Bornemann

Energy Working Group; Mark Gardner, Staff

Pinky Vargas

Michael Lilliquist

LEHMAN / BORNEMANN moved approval of the Ad Hoc working groups. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

AB20259 3. Guidelines for Public Comment Period

Discussion during committee. There will be further discussion at the Council Retreat.

AB20260 4. Code of Ethics for Municipal Officers - Contract Issues

LEHMAN / LILLIQUIST moved to include in the policy of the council that if a council member is appointed ex-officio to a non-profit board, that council member shall not become an officer of the board during their ex-officio assignment.
MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

5. Old/New Business

City Cell Phone Program for Council Members.

Discussion during committee. Options will be presented and discussed at the Council retreat.

Transportation Benefit District.

Scheduling was discussed during committee. Information only.

Council Retreat

The City Council retreat is scheduled for February 22, 2014. Location to be determined.

AWC City Action Days, January 29-31

At this time, Council Members Bornemann and Lehman will attend. Other council members may attend all, or part, of the conference, if their schedules permit.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Cathy Lehman, Council President

ATTEST: Linda D. Anderson City Clerk Representative

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