

RECORD OF PROCEEDING OF CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
Monday, February 10, 2014, 07:00 PM
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REGULAR MEETING

Called To Order The meeting was called to order by Council President Cathy Lehman 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:

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

- No special meetings scheduled at this time.

Bellingham City Council meets all requirements of the State of Washington Open Meetings Act.

PRESENTATION(S)

AB20293 1. Presentation of Employee Recognition Awards

FIRE			
30 YEARS	25 YEARS		
Brad Bannerman	Joseph Bertels		
Michael Hurlbut	Brian Flannelly		
	Robert Gray		
	Chuck Henkel		
	Anita Parks		
	Mark Tarabochia		

ITSD			
35 YEARS	20 YEARS		
Pat Lord	Rogert Neale		
	Jackie Rimmer		
LIBRARY			
30 YEARS	25 YEARS	20 YEARS	
Donna Grasdock	Sally Burmester	David Carter	
		Diane Formway	
PARKS & RECREATION			
35 YEARS	25 YEARS		
Greg Hatch	Wayne Carroll		
Dick Henrie	William Eickhoff		
	Steve Nordeen		
	Carleen Strasser		
POLICE			
35 YEARS	30 YEARS	25 YEARS	20 YEARS
Allan Jensen	Carr Lanham	Jana Bouzek	Allen Bass
	Melissa Locke	Carol Calonita	Clifford Jennings
		Lewis Leake	Claudia Murphy
		Jason Monson	Michael Scanlon
		Mark Stokes	Chad Wilson
		Mark Young	
PUBLIC WORKS			
35 YEARS	30 YEARS	25 YEARS	20 YEARS
David Evans	Kent Butenschoen	Terry Fahlstrom	Richard Alvarado
	Bill Dorn		Ralph Alvarado
	Ricky MacWilliams		Scott Brown-Davis
			David Gullock
			Karl Lowry
			Rich Nolan
			Rory Routhe
			John Saenz

Information only.

BREAK for reception.

Council President Lehman called the meeting back to order at 7:32 p.m.

15-MINUTE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Rick Hannam strongly disagrees with any actions taken with regard to landlord licensing.

Gaythia Weis President, Puget Neighborhood Association has concerns about:

1. wholesale sewer services outside the city limits. While there are specific problems with specific solutions for Lake Whatcom, she does not feel that the City should be abdicating its' role of oversight and possibly allowing greater numbers of sewer permits; and
2. while the grant for proposed work on the Lincoln Street, Maple to Byron Project [AB 20294] along with the proposed student housing behind Fred Meyer are exciting; they do not appear to segue well with regard to the impacts from increased traffic, pedestrians and bicyclists on Lincoln Street and the Lincoln/Maple intersection.

Yoshé Revelle shared his thoughts on homelessness.

Public Works / Public Safety

Terry Bornemann, Chair

Michael Lilliquist, Jack Weiss

AB20294 1. Ordinance Amending the 2014 Budget Appropriating \$335,000.00 in Unanticipated Grant and Intergovernmental Revenue for the Lincoln Street, Maple to Byron Project

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2014 BUDGET APPROPRIATING \$335,000.00 IN UNANTICIPATED GRANT AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE IN THE STREET FUND, AND \$15,000.00 FROM STREET FUND ESTIMATED ENDING UNDESIGNATED RESERVES, FOR THE LINCOLN STREET/MAPLE-BYRON PROJECT IN PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEERING.”

BORNEMANN / KNUTSON moved approval for first and second reading. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

AB20295 2. Ordinance Amending the 2014 Budget Recognizing \$650,000.00 Additional Grant Revenue in the Street Fund for the James/Woodstock Intersection Improvement Project

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2014 BUDGET RECOGNIZING \$650,000.00 ADDITIONAL GRANT REVENUE IN THE STREET FUND FOR THE JAMES/WOODSTOCK INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEERING, AND PLACING THESE FUNDS IN ESTIMATED ENDING UNDESIGNATED RESERVES.”

BORNEMANN / KNUTSON moved approval for first and second reading. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

AB20296 3. Ordinance Amending the 2014 Budget Appropriating \$2,250,000.00 in Unanticipated Grant Revenue in the Street Fund for the Mahogany Avenue/Arctic Avenue Project

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2014 BUDGET APPROPRIATING \$2,250,000.00 IN UNANTICIPATED GRANT REVENUE IN THE STREET FUND FOR THE MAHOGANY AVENUE/ARCTIC AVENUE PROJECT IN PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEERING.”

BORNEMANN / KNUTSON moved approval for first and second reading. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

tem 5 was heard before item 4.

AB20298 5. Wholesale Sewer Services Agreement with Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District

Discussion during committee. The proposed ordinance [AB 20297] aligns city code with state law. Information only.

AB20297 4. Ordinance Amending Bellingham Municipal Code 15.36.020 Relating to Wholesale Sewer Services Outside City Limits

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON AMENDING BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL CODE 15.36.020 RELATING TO WHOLESALE SEWER SERVICES OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS.”

BORNEMANN / WEISS moved approval for first and second reading. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

AB20299 6. Downtown Improvement Gardens (DIG) Project Update

Update provided during committee. Information only.

AB20300 7. Public Works Engineering Division Update

Item rescheduled, date to be determined.

AB20301 8. Clean Green Program Update

Council Member Bornemann reported that council had provided direction to staff to prepare a resolution for council consideration that would incorporate changes to staff's recommendations, as discussed during committee.

Council also directed staff to schedule further discussion on the future of the Clean Green Program.

Finance and Personnel

Michael Lilliquist, Chair

Gene Knutson, Terry Bornemann

AB20302 1. Ordinance Amending the 2014 Budget for New Custodial Maintenance Worker Position

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2014 BUDGET APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL \$48,172.00 IN THE FACILITIES ADMINISTRATION FUND AND ADDING ONE NEW POSITION IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, FACILITIES GROUP, FROM ESTIMATED ENDING UNRESERVED BALANCE.”

LILLIQUIST / WEISS moved approval for first and second reading. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

AB20303 2. Ordinance Amending the 2014 Budget for Reclassification of Office Assistant II to Administrative Secretary in the Public Works Department

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2014 BUDGET RECLASSIFYING ONE PART-TIME POSITION IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES GROUP, AND REALLOCATING EXPENDITURES IN THE STREET, WATER AND STORMWATER FUNDS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADDITIONAL COST.”

LILLIQUIST / WEISS moved approval for first and second reading. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

AB20304 3. Ordinance Amending the 2014 Budget in Order to Convert a Limited-Term Position to a Full-Time Position in the Public Works Engineering Department

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2014 BUDGET ADDING ONE NEW POSITION IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, ENGINEERING SERVICES GROUP, WHERE NO ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OR REALLOCATION OF FUNDS IS REQUIRED.”

LILLIQUIST / WEISS moved approval for first and second reading. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

AB20305 4. Ordinance Amending 2014 Budget Updating One Position Title, Reclassifying a Legal Assistant Position to a Legal Program Technician and Splitting One Full-Time Position into Two Part-Time Positions in the Legal Department

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2014 BUDGET RECLASSIFYING POSITIONS IN THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT WHERE NO ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OR REALLOCATION OF FUNDS IS REQUIRED.”

LILLIQUIST / BORNEMANN moved approval for first and second reading. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Lake Whatcom and Natural Resources

Pinky Vargas, Chair

Roxanne Murphy, Terry Bornemann

AB20306 1. Report from the February 3, 2014 Lake Whatcom Policy Group Meeting

Report provided during committee. Information only.

AB20307 2. Discussion of a Draft Joint Resolution of the Bellingham City Council, Whatcom County Council, and the Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District setting Lake Whatcom Planning Milestones for the 2014-2016 Period

Council Member Vargas presented a draft joint resolution for council's review. The joint resolution will be considered at the Joint Meeting scheduled for March 26, 2014. Information only.

AB20308 3. Ordinance Amending BMC 12.12.280 Relating to the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON AMENDING BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL CODE 12.12.280 REGARDING AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES.”

Ted Carlson, Public Works Director reiterated the discussion from the committee meeting. This ordinance reflects changes to the program to include inspection of non-motorized vessels. Staff will come back to council with suggestions that will deal with funding with full cost recovery in mind, equity issues and potential charges for inspections on private property.

VARGAS / WEISS moved approval for first and second reading. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Committee Of The Whole

Cathy Lehman, Chair

Jack Weiss, Gene Knutson, Pinky Vargas, Terry Bornemann, Michael Lilliquist, Roxanne Murphy

AB20309 1. Hearing Examiner's Annual Report to Council

Report provided during committee. Information only.

AB20310 2. Bellingham Public Development Authority 2013 Annual Report and 2014 Work Program

Report presented during committee. Information only.

AB20311 3. Public Opinion Survey of Bellingham Residents

Survey results presented during committee. Information only.

4. Approval of City Council Committee and/or Special Meeting Minutes

None submitted at evening meeting.

5. Approval of City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

KNUTSON / WEISS moved approval of the January 27, 2014 minutes of the regular City Council meeting as submitted. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

5. Old/New Business

The Council Retreat may be rescheduled.

Scheduling of Transportation Benefit District Meetings will, if possible, be scheduled adjacent to City Council Committee meetings.

Council President Lehman noted that the Council supports a joint letter of the Mayor and City Council in support of Aquatic Invasive Species legislation at the State Legislature.

Council Member Weiss praised the work of the Birchwood Neighborhood in their efforts to work with the Opportunity Council and Hope House to affect change for the homeless population in their neighborhood.

Council Member Knutson asked if the council would support a resolution, as proposed by Laine Wheatley on January 27th, dealing with Veterans and the affects of Agent Orange. The Council directed staff to prepare a resolution for their consideration.

MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Standing time for briefings, updates and reports to Council by the Mayor, if needed. Information only.

AB20312 2. Mayor's Appointment of Setsuko Buckley to the Bellingham Sister Cities Advisory Board for Council Information

Information only.

Mayor Linville reported that a letter of interest is being sent with regard to participating in the Georgetown University Energy Prize.

Mayor Linville said, that based on the request from Council Member Lilliquist during committee, staff will begin a review of the current Solid Waste Contract.

Interim Fire Chief, Bill Newbold, gave a brief report on the fire at Reid Boiler Works, which was most likely started by fireworks. No one was injured in the fire.

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and/or non-controversial items and may be approved in a single motion. A member of the Council may ask that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

AB20313 1. Authorization of Checks Issued for pay period January 17, 2014 through January 23, 2014

AB20314 2. Authorization of Checks Issued for pay period January 24, 2014 through January 30, 2014

AB20315 3. Authorization of Checks Issued for Payroll January 11, 2014 through January 24, 2014

KNUTSON / WEISS moved approval of the Consent Agenda in its entirety. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

FINAL CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES

AB20272 1. AN ORDINANCE CLOSING LITTLE SQUALICUM OESER SETTLEMENT FUND

BORNEMANN / LILLIQUIST moved approval for third and final reading. Upon motion, said bill was placed on final passage and approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: BORNEMANN, KNUTSON, LEHMAN, LILLIQUIST, MURPHY, VARGAS, WEISS

NAYS:

EXCUSED:

MOTION CARRIED 7-0 and was thereafter named **Ordinance #2014-02-001**

AB20288 2. AN ORDINANCE CLOSING THE SQUALICUM PARK / OLYMPIC FUND

LILLIQUIST / BORNEMANN moved approval for third and final reading. Upon motion, said bill was placed on final passage and approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: BORNEMANN, KNUTSON, LEHMAN, LILLIQUIST, MURPHY, VARGAS, WEISS

NAYS:

EXCUSED:

MOTION CARRIED 7-0 and was thereafter named **Ordinance #2014-02-002**

AB20280 3. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2014 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL \$57,000.00 IN THE GENERAL FUND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADDITION OF ONE NEW PART-TIME POSITION IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS GROUP AND ONE NEW PART-TIME POSITION IN THE POLICE ADMINISTRATION, FROM ESTIMATED ENDING UNDESIGNATED RESERVES

WEISS / KNUTSON moved approval for third and final reading. Upon motion, said bill was placed on final passage and approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: BORNEMANN, KNUTSON, LEHMAN, LILLIQUIST, MURPHY, VARGAS, WEISS

NAYS:

EXCUSED:

MOTION CARRIED 7-0 and was thereafter named **Ordinance #2014-02-003**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Cathy Lehman, Council President

ATTEST: Linda D. Anderson City Clerk Representative

APPROVED: 02/24/2014

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