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CITY OF BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON

Monday, February 10, 2014, 01:00 PM

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Committee Meeting

Council Chambers

Called To Order The Committee Meetings were called to order.

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:

PURPOSE

DISCUSSION

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

Presented by: Ted Carlson, Public Works Director

ML/JW MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL. TB concurred

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

Presented by: Ted Carlson, Public Works Director

ML/JW MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL. TB concurred

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

Presented by: Ted Carlson, Public Works Director

ML/JW MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL. TB concurred

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

Presented by: Ted Carlson, Public Works Director
Eric Johnston, Assistant Public Works Director

JW/ML MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL. TB concurred

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

Presented by: Ted Carlson, Public Works Director
Eric Johnston, Public Works Assistant Director

INFORMATION ONLY

AB20299 6. Downtown Improvement Gardens (DIG) Project Update

Presented by: Freeman Anthony, Project Engineer
Rose Lathrop, Sustainable Connections

INFORMATION ONLY

AB20300 7. Public Works Engineering Division Update

Postponed to 2/24/14 meeting.

AB20301 8. Clean Green Program Update

Presented by: Ted Carlson, Public Works Director
Eric Johnston, Public Works Assistant Director

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ML/JW MOVED TO DIRECT ADMINISTRATION TO BRING FORWARD DISCUSSION OF LARGER ISSUES RELATING TO SOLID WASTE POLICIES AND CONTRACTS THIS YEAR. TB concurred

Ted Carlson reported that at the next meeting they would be bringing forward a resolution that would have a Clean Green start date in March ending in October and an increase to \$10 fee effective April 1st.

Finance and Personnel

Michael Lilliquist, Chair

Gene Knutson, Terry Bornemann

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

Presented by: Ted Carlson, Public Works Director

TB/GK MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL. ML concurred

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

Presented by: Ted Carlson, Public Works Director

GK/TB MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL. ML concurred

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

Presented by: Ted Carlson, Public Works Director

TB/GK MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL. ML concurred

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

Presented by: Peter Ruffatto, City Attorney

GK/TB MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL. ML concurred

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

Presented by: Pinky Vargas, Council Member

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

Presented by: Cathy Lehman, Council President

Kelli Linville, Mayor
Peter Ruffatto, City Attorney

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There is a Joint City/County/Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District Meeting scheduled for March 26th.

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

Presented by: Ted Carlson, Public Works Director
Clare Fogelsong, Environmental Policy Manager
Matt Stamps, Assistant City Attorney Senior
John Hutchings, Assistant Public Works Director

TB MOVED TO RECOMMEND STAFF TIME BE CHARGED FOR AT HOME INSPECTION ON PRIVATE PROPERTY. MIXED RECOMMENDATION.

TB/PV MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL FOR THE ORDINANCE. MIXED RECOMMENDATION

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

Presented by: Dawn Sturwold, Hearing Examiner
Kelli Linville, Mayor

ML/GK MOVED TO RECOMMEND THAT PLANNING DEPARTMENT REVIEW THE BOARDING HOUSE ORDINANCE AND SUGGEST ANY POSSIBLE REVISIONS TO THE REGULATIONS. Motion carried 7-0

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

Presented by: Jim Long, BPDA Executive Director

CL/PV MOVED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND BPDA SET GOALS AND OUTCOMES WITH DEADLINES ATTACHED TO THEM AND REPORT IN 6 MONTHS.

ML/TB MOVED TO AMEND THE SIX MONTHS TO NINE MONTHS.

Motion Passed 4-3 with GK, PV & CL opposed

Main Motion Passed 4-3, GK, TB, JW opposed

AB20311 3. Public Opinion Survey of Bellingham Residents

Presented by: Janice Keller, Mayor's Office Communications Manager
Pamela Jull, Applied Research Northwest

INFORMATION ONLY

4. Approval of City Council Committee and/or Special Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2014 Minutes
January 27, 2014 Minutes

GK/ML MOVE TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE MINUTES
CL not in room. Motion Passed 6-0

5. Old/New Business

Council Photos

Janice Keller reminded everyone that the City Council Photos would be taken at 6:30 in Council Chambers.

Retreat

Discussion of the currently scheduled retreat for February 22nd did not work for Gene Knutson, however Cathy Lehman would like for everyone to be there as she would like to do some exercises such as Strength Finders. Pinky Vargas agreed everyone should be there for the purpose of a full Council vote option. Cathy Lehman said she would send out another email to the group and see if there is another date available.

TBD (Transportation Benefit District)

Cathy Lehman brought up the TBD and reminded the Council that at the Re-Organization Meeting it was decided to have the meetings "on alternate evenings of City Council." The Council agreed that the meetings are so infrequent and fairly short that it makes sense to set the TBD adjacent to an existing meeting.

Aquatic Invasive Species Program

Michael Lilliquist reported that the Olympia Legislature is currently considering legislation that the Council is in support of for the Aquatic Invasive Species Program.

ML/JW MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR CO-SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES BEING HEARD IN LEGISLATURE. Motion passed 7-0

Cathy Lehman suggested that Mark Gardner and the Mayor's Office draft this letter.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 PM.

Cathy Lehman, Council President

ATTEST: Legislative Assistant

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