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CITY OF BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON

Monday, March 10, 2014, 01:00 PM

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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
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

AB20330 1. Ordinance Amending Bellingham Municipal Code 15.08 to Create a New Service Classification and Rate for Bulk Water Filling Stations

Presented by: Eric Johnston, Assistant Public Works Director

Ted Carlson, Public Works Director

JW/ML MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL. TB concurred.

AB20331 2. Whatcom Falls Water Filtration Plant Pretreatment Update

Presented by: Ted Carlson, Public Works Director

Eric Johnston, Assistant Public Works Director

INFORMATION ONLY.

AB20332 3. Interlocal Agreement Between City of Bellingham and Whatcom Council of Governments to help fund the Whatcom Smart Trips Program

Presented by: Ted Carlson, Public Works Director

ML/TB MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL. JW opposed. MIXED RECOMMENDATION

Residential Metering Update (Added Discussion Item)

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

3,800 customers will be receiving their first new bill based on their consumption for Jan/Feb.

Public Works has observed that 20 of those customers have high consumption. Public Works has reached out to those customers with a letter.

Planning

Jack Weiss, Chair

Roxanne Murphy, Gene Knutson

AB20333 1. Consideration of a lease agreement of 707 Astor Street with Home Port Learning Center

Presented by: Jeff Thomas, Planning and Community Development Director

GK/RM MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL. Jack concurred.

Finance

Michael Lilliquist, Chair

Gene Knutson, Terry Bornemann

AB20334 1. 2013 Year End Financial Review

Presented by: Brian Henshaw, Interim Finance Director

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Lake Whatcom and Natural Resources

Pinky Vargas, Chair

Roxanne Murphy, Terry Bornemann

AB20335 1. Discussion of draft joint resolutions of the Bellingham City Council, Whatcom County Council, and the Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District setting Lake Whatcom milestones and inviting Sudden Valley to join the Policy Group

Presented by: Pinky Vargas and Cathy Lehman

TB/RM MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL. PV concurred.

AB20346 2. Report from the March 3, 2014 Lake Whatcom Policy Group Meeting

Presented by: Pinky Vargas

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Committee Of The Whole

Cathy Lehman, Chair

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

AB20336 1. Community Solutions Workgroup – Downtown Health and Safety Presentation

Presented by: Mayor Kelli Linville

Vanessa Blackburn, Community Outreach Coordinator

INFORMATION ONLY

Additional Comments:

Terry Bornemann commented that when looking at the youth drop-in center, he would like the age to not cut off at 18 just because they become an adult, maybe extend it to 22.

Kelli Linville commented that Pete Smiley could come and do a presentation to Council.

Michael Lilliquist commented that he would like to see the report for the Parks Plan that was done in August 2013.

Roxanne Murphy commented that she would like the vacant buildings to be a point of focus to eliminate crime.

Jack Weiss commented on the excellent work, but is concerned of the funding aspect. He would like the work to be tied into other areas of town.

AB20337 2. Closed Record Hearing and consideration of an ordinance for Kulshan Community Land Trust (KCLT) to use the Demonstration Program for Innovative Permanently Affordable Homeownership code to build three affordable homes

Presented by: Alan Marriner, Assistant City Attorney
Lindsay Kershner, Planner I

TB/GK MOVED TO ADOPT THE HEARING EXAMINER'S FINDINGS OF FACT AND FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

TB/GK MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE ORDINANCE. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Alan introduced the Hearing Examiner's findings of fact, project site, the request for exemption from transportation, school and stormwater impact fees.

Hearing Examiner recommended approval subject to conditions and denial of impact fees.

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

2/24/14 Minutes

TB/ML MOVED TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Motion Passed 7-0

4. Old/New Business

Modifications to Municipal Code 20.27

Based on the Closed Record Hearing, Michael Lilliquist made the following motion.

ML/TB MOVED TO REQUEST THAT STAFF BRING forward to the Planning Committee possible modifications to Bellingham Municipal Code 20.27 to have the ability to take advantage of provisions in the RCW. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Marijuana Legislation

Discussion of supporting marijuana legislation that provides revenue sharing with local governments.

ML/TB MOVED TO authorize the Council President to sign a draft letter to express interest in supporting marijuana legislation that provides revenue sharing with local governments for implementation oversight and enforcement. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

At 3:23 PM Council President Lehman adjourned the meeting to Executive Session to hear the following:

Executive Session

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

1. Labor Relations Update – (Klemanski – Approx. 5 min)
2. Potential Litigation - (Kraham – Approx. 5 min.)
3. Potential Litigation - (Kraham – Approx. 5 min.)
4. Potential Litigation - (Kraham – Approx. 5 min.)
5. Potential Litigation - (Kraham – Approx. 15 min.)
6. Potential Litigation - (Brady – Approx. 15 min.)

ADJOURNMENT

_The meeting was called back to order and adjourned at 4:29 PM.

Cathy Lehman, Council President

ATTEST: Legislative Assistant

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