

## **RECORD OF PROCEEDING OF CITY COUNCIL**

### **CITY OF BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON**

Monday, April 07, 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**

#### **Committee Of The Whole**

AB20371 1. A multi-jurisdictional resolution regarding 2036 population and employment allocations

Jeff Thomas, Director of Planning & Community Development, and Greg Aucutt, Assistant Director of Planning & Community Development, presented on the comprehensive plan for growth that is to be finished by 6/30/16. Staff needs a decision from the Council. The intent of this non-binding resolution will allow changes; the number is simply a starting point in order to move forward. Greg reported that requirements for capital facilities planning are the same for every jurisdiction. Jeff stated that the difference between the medium and high figures is approximately 8,000 people relative to the employment forecast for 2036. Mayor Linville stated that this process began in November 2013 with a 6-0 vote, and that cities and the county have all adopted this preliminary number.

Jack Weiss expressed concern that he feels the analysis should be the same among all the cities in Whatcom County. He feels it is not a level playing field; the county needs to have impact fees that are on par with the other cities. Terry would like a Whereas clause to be added relating to impact fees in the county as a disincentive for growth. Roxanne Murphy expressed support for the high number because a higher population can boost economic development. Michael Lilliquist opposed the resolution because

he does not want to have to negotiate at the end, should that be necessary in the future. He advocates for a medium-high number with a concern for infrastructure and capital facilities stating that with a higher number comes increased spending.

**Gene Knutson/ Pinky Vargas moved to recommend approval.**

**MOTION CARRIED 6-1. Opposed: Michael Lilliquist**

Jack Weiss/ Gene Knutson moved to recommend administration to bring forward a resolution to discuss with small cities and other jurisdictions **mechanisms to reduce rural growth and traffic impact fees.**

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

AB20372 2. A presentation on the participation of the City of Bellingham in the Lean Academy  
INFORMATION ONLY

AB20373 3. A Presentation by Sustainable Connections  
INFORMATION ONLY

4. Approval of City Council Committee and/or Special Meeting Minutes  
Approval of 3/24/14 City Council Committee Meeting Minutes

**Gene Knutson/ Roxanne Murphy moved to recommend approval of 3/24/14 Committee Meeting Minutes.**

**MOTION CARRIED 6-0. Cathy Lehman out of the room.**

Approval of 3/15/14 City Council Retreat Meeting Minutes

**Gene Knutson/ Pinky Vargas moved to recommend approval of 3/15/14 Retreat Minutes with the correction of location as Woodstock Farms, not Mayor's Board Room.**

**MOTION CARRIED 6-0. Cathy Lehman out of the room.**

5. Old/New Business  
None reported

### **ADJOURNMENT**

\_Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 3:44 PM and Committee Meeting adjourned at 4:06 PM

**Cathy Lehman, Council President**

**ATTEST: Legislative Assistant**

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