



**City of Bellingham**  
**City Council Regular Meeting Action Summary**  
05/04/2015, 7:00 PM

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Mayor Kelli Linville  
Council Members Jack Weiss, Gene Knutson, Daniel Hammill, Pinky Vargas, Terry Bornemann, Michael Lilliquist and Roxanne Murphy

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### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Knutson at 7:00 p.m.

### **Announcements & Upcoming Meetings**

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

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Led by Mike Smith.

### **Roll Call**

#### ***Present:***

Jack Weiss, Council Member, First Ward  
Gene Knutson, Council Member, Second Ward  
Daniel Hammill, 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:***

### **15-Minute Public Comment Period**

## Public Hearing

- 20812 1. Consideration of amendments to the Samish Neighborhood Plan and Bellingham Municipal Code to create a new Area 1A in the Samish Neighborhood with a Commercial land use designation and a Commercial, Planned zoning designation**

Public hearing held.

Jack Weiss / Roxanne Murphy moved to continue to next meeting of the Planning Committee for further review and consideration. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

- 20813 2. A Public Hearing Regarding a Resolution Declaring Certain Whatcom Medic One Property Surplus to the City of Bellingham**

"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM DECLARING CERTAIN WHATCOM MEDIC ONE PROPERTY SURPLUS."

Public hearing held.

Michael Lilliquist / Pinky Vargas moved final approval of Resolution #2015-06. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

## Public Works / Public Safety

- 20814 1. Discussion on Transportation Network Companies**

Terry Bornemann / Roxanne Murphy moved to direct staff to proceed with a draft ordinance that includes issues discussed in the staff memo. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

- 20815 2. Consideration of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County Regarding Division of Whatcom Medic One Assets and Liabilities**

Terry Bornemann / Michael Lilliquist moved to authorize the Mayor to execute the Interlocal Agreement with Whatcom County Regarding Division of Whatcom Medic One Assets and Liabilities. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

- 20816 3. A Resolution in Support of the City of Bellingham's Application to Obtain Financing Through the Washington State Treasurer's Local Option Capital Asset Lending Program to Pay for the Retrofitting of Approximately 3,600 City Street Lights with LED Fixtures**

"A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM'S APPLICATION TO OBTAIN FINANCING THROUGH THE WASHINGTON STATE TREASURER'S LOCAL OPTION CAPITAL ASSET LENDING PROGRAM TO PAY FOR THE RETROFITTING OF APPROXIMATELY 3,600 CITY STREET LIGHTS WITH LED FIXTURES."

Terry Bornemann / Roxanne Murphy moved final approval of [Resolution #2015-07](#).  
MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

- 20817 4. An Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Approximately 3,600 LED Street Light Fixtures and Execution of a Financing Contract and Related Documentation Relating to the Acquisition of Said Personal Property Through the Washington State Treasurer's Local Option Capital Asset Lending (LOCAL) Program**

"AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY 3,600 LED STREET LIGHT FIXTURES AND EXECUTION OF A FINANCING CONTRACT AND RELATED DOCUMENTATION RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION OF SAID PERSONAL PROPERTY THROUGH THE WASHINGTON STATE TREASURER'S LOCAL OPTION CAPITAL ASSET LENDING (LOCAL) PROGRAM."

Terry Bornemann / Pinky Vargas moved approval for first and second reading.  
MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

- 20818 5. Presentation of the Fairhaven Parking Task Force final draft report and recommendations**

Council Member Bornemann reported that consideration would be continued, to allow council additional time to review the report, and consider a resolution adopting the report along with funding recommendations.

## Planning

- 20819 1. Review of the Planning and Community Development Department's 2015-2016 current planning and permitting work program**

Review presented during committee. Information only.

- 20781 2. Consideration of amendments to the Samish Neighborhood Plan and Bellingham Municipal Code to rezone Area 9 in the Samish neighborhood from Commercial, Planned, Non-retail to Commercial, Planned**

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM RELATING TO BELLINGHAM'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AMENDING THE SAMISH NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AND SECTION 20.00.150 OF THE BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL CODE TO REZONE AREA 9 OF THE SAMISH NEIGHBORHOOD FROM COMMERCIAL, PLANNED, NON-RETAIL TO COMMERCIAL, PLANNED."

Jack Weiss / Pinky Vargas moved approval for first and second reading. MOTION CARRIED 6-1, Terry Bornemann opposed.

- 20782 3. Consideration of amendments to the Samish Neighborhood Plan and Bellingham Municipal Code to rezone 801 Samish Way in Area 4 of the Samish Neighborhood from Residential, Single to Commercial, Planned, office uses only**

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM RELATING TO BELLINGHAM'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AMENDING THE SAMISH NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AND SECTION 20.00.150 OF THE BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL CODE TO REZONE 801 SAMISH WAY IN AREA 4 OF THE SAMISH NEIGHBORHOOD FROM RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE TO COMMERCIAL, PLANNED, OFFICES ONLY ALLOWED, AND CREATING A NEW AREA 10 IN THE SAMISH NEIGHBORHOOD."

Jack Weiss / Pinky Vargas moved approval for first and second reading. MOTION CARRIED 6-1, Terry Bornemann opposed.

### **Community and Economic Development**

- 20820 1. Resolution Authorizing 2015 HUD Annual Action Plan**

"A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE 2015 ACTION PLAN, THE USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG), HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME) AND BELLINGHAM 2012 HOUSING LEVY FUNDS, THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO SUPPORT SELECTED CITY HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCIES AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT THE 2015 ACTION PLAN TO THE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT."

Michael Lilliquist / Roxanne Murphy moved final approval of **Resolution #2015-08**.  
MOTION CARRIED 6-0-1 Jack Weiss out of Chambers.

**20772 2. One Percent for the Arts Ordinance**

"AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 4.92 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A ONE PERCENT FOR ART PROGRAM."

Michael Lilliquist / Roxanne Murphy moved approval for first and second reading.  
MOTION CARRIED 6-0-1, Jack Weiss out of Chambers.

**20788 3. Urban Village Redevelopment Incentives**

Continued to worksession of the Community and Economic Development Committee.

**20821 4. Presentation on the Economic Contribution of Outdoor Recreation Study**

Presentation during committee. Information only.

**Committee Of The Whole**

**20822 1. Annual Update from Bellingham Whatcom County Commission Against Domestic Violence**

Update presented during committee. Information only.

**20789 2. An Ordinance amending Chapter 10.28 BMC to authorize voluntary compliance agreements with property owners where the violation does not create an imminent risk of harm to public health or safety**

"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10.28 BMC TO AUTHORIZE VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE AGREEMENTS WITH PROPERTY OWNERS WHERE THE VIOLATION DOES NOT CREATE A RISK OF IMMINENT HARM TO PUBLIC HEALTH OR SAFETY."

Gene Knutson / Roxanne Murphy moved approval for first and second reading.  
MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**20757 3. Discussion of Proposed New Jail Facility**

Gene Knutson / Pinky Vargas moved that the administration present the entire memorandum, as presented in the agenda packet (pps. 519-522), to the County Executive for a response on each item. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Roxanne Murphy/ Dan Hammill moved to approve the April 13, 2015 minutes of the City Council regular meeting as submitted. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Roxanne Murphy / Dan Hammill moved to approve the April 20, 2015 minutes of the City Council regular meeting as submitted. MOTION CARRIED 5-2, Gene Knutson, Terry Bornemann abstained.

**5. Old/New Business**

Council Member Murphy praised the presentation by Author Timothy Egan of the works, *Images from The North American Indian* by Edward S. Curtis held recently at the Mt. Baker Theatre. The Edward S. Curtis exhibit is on display at The Whatcom Museum.

Council Member Hammill expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to ride along with Officer Stevens, Community Paramedic Program, and described the diverse circumstances that the program attends to.

Council Member Vargas noted that the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee has chosen the Bellingham Waterfront and Seafood Festival as a new signature event for the community.

Council Member Vargas expressed her appreciation for the Western Washington University journalism students.

**Executive Session - Cancelled.**

**1. Potential Property Acquisition: Cancelled**

2. **Potential Property Acquisition: Cancelled**
3. **Potential Property Acquisition: Cancelled**

### **Mayor's Report**

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

- 20823 1. Mayor's Appointment of James York and Megan Lee to the Greenway Advisory Committee (Approval)**

Jack Weiss / Terry Bornemann moved to approve the Mayor's appointment of James York and Megan Lee to the Greenway Advisory Committee, terms ending May 4, 2018. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

- 20824 2. Mayor's Reappointment of Steven James as the Puget Neighborhood Primary Representative and Kate Nichols as the Happy Valley Neighborhood Primary Representative to the Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Commission (Information)**

Information only.

- 20825 3. Mayor's Appointment of Nina Talbot and Cheryl Ann Myers and Reappointment of Meredith Ross and Karen Stuen to the Bellingham Sister Cities Advisory Board (Information)**

Information only.

### **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.

- 20804 1. Amend the Public Works Natural Resources budget for the addition of a .25 FTE of the Environmental Monitoring Coordinator Position**

"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2015/2016 ADOPTED BUDGET RECLASSIFYING ONE FULL TIME POSITION BUDGETED IN MULTIPLE

FUNDS IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, REPLACING THE FULL TIME POSITION WITH TWO PART TIME POSITIONS AND REALLOCATING EXPENDITURES IN THE WATER, STREET, STORM AND SURFACE WATER AND OLYMPIC PIPELINE INCIDENT FUNDS TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE CHANGE."

**20826 2. An ordinance appropriating remaining funds in the Park Site Acquisition Fund and closing the fund**

"AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$84,868.00 REMAINING FUNDS IN THE PARK SITE ACQUISITION FUND AND CLOSING THE FUND."

**20827 3. Authorization of A/P checks issued April 17, 2015**

**20828 4. Authorization of A/P checks issued April 24, 2015**

**20829 5. Authorization of Payroll labor cost payments dated April 11, 2015 - April 24, 2015**

Roxanne Murphy / Terry Bornemann moved to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**Final Consideration of Ordinances**

**20801 1. AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE 2015/2016 BIENNIAL BUDGET RECONCILING THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN BUDGETED ESTIMATED 2015 BEGINNING RESERVE BALANCES AND ACTUAL 2015 BEGINNING RESERVE BALANCES, AND PLACING THE DIFFERENCES IN THE ENDING RESERVE BALANCES FOR A NET RESERVE INCREASE OF \$45,574,784.00**

Terry Bornemann / Michael 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, HAMMILL, KNUTSON, LILLIQUIST, MURPHY, VARGAS, WEISS

NAYS:

EXCUSED:

MOTION CARRIED 7-0 and was thereafter named **Ordinance #2015-05-014**

**20802 2. AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE 2015 BUDGET APPROPRIATING**



\$11,751,064.84 IN ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO PAY FOR GOODS AND SERVICES ORDERED IN 2014 BUT UNPAID AT YEAR END CLOSING, FROM REVENUE AND ESTIMATED ENDING RESERVE BALANCES

Roxanne Murphy / Terry 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, HAMMILL, KNUTSON, LILLIQUIST, MURPHY, VARGAS, WEISS

NAYS:

EXCUSED:

MOTION CARRIED 7-0 and was thereafter named **Ordinance #2015-05-015**

**20803 3.** AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE 2015 BUDGET APPROPRIATING \$53,154,416.00 FROM ESTIMATED RESERVES AND OUTSTANDING REVENUE TO PAY FOR GOODS AND SERVICES THAT WERE AUTHORIZED IN 2014 BUT WERE NOT OBLIGATED BY PURCHASE ORDER OR CONTRACT BY YEAR END, AND PLACING \$949,015.00 IN ESTIMATED ENDING RESTRICTED RESERVES

Michael Lilliquist / Roxanne Murphy 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, HAMMILL, KNUTSON, LILLIQUIST, MURPHY, VARGAS, WEISS

NAYS:

EXCUSED:

MOTION CARRIED 7-0 and was thereafter named **Ordinance #2015-05-016**

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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