



**City Council Regular Meeting Minutes - DRAFT**  
**Monday, July 20, 2020, 7:00 PM**  
**REMOTE MEETING PARTICIPATION**

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*NOTE: Please see the published Agenda Packet for all item file attachments*

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor McDonnell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Staff: Jerry Acheson, Sam Adams, Bernie Bacon, James Carothers, Sherry Coulter, Catrina Galicz, Jennifer Gorsuch, Cathy Huber Nickerson, Mitch Lackey, Shawn MacPherson, Heather Rowley, Nick Swinhart, Connie Urquhart, and Steve Wall

Press: No one from the press was present.

Mayor McDonnell announced that the Executive Session will not occur.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Scott McElhaney, 4227 NW Sage Loop, Camas, commented about the Council Workshop meeting, Lacamas Lake water quality, robotics process automation, the equity commission, and the City Administrator hiring.

Bryce Sinner, 14512 NW 51st Court, Vancouver, commented about agenda item 13. NE 3rd Avenue Bridge Seismic Retrofit Consideration of Bids.

Additional public comments received via [publiccomments@cityofcamas.us](mailto:publiccomments@cityofcamas.us) are attached to these minutes.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*NOTE: Consent Agenda items may be removed for general discussion or action.*

1. \$1,011,759.82 Automated Clearing House and Claim Checks Numbered 144636, 144643 to 144768; \$2,157,745.12 Automated Clearing House, Direct Deposit and Payroll Checks Numbered 7847 to 7850 and Payroll Accounts Payable Checks Numbered 144637 through 144642; \$10,288,313.22 June Electronic Payments; \$3,500,419.65 Automated Clearing House and Claim Checks Numbered 144769 to 144925
2. June 15, 2020 Camas City Council Special Meeting Minutes
3. Interlocal Agreement with Clark County for Monitoring of Fallen Leaf Lake (Submitted by Jerry Acheson)

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4. \$380,489.90 for June 2020 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Write-off Billings; Monthly Uncollectable Balance of Medicare and Medicaid Accounts of \$99,869.76 and GEMT accounts of \$280,620.14 (Submitted by Cathy Huber Nickerson)

**It was moved by Council Member Carter, and seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.**

## **NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

5. Staff

There were no items from staff.

6. Council

Chaney commented about the Fire Master Plan and will attend the City-Schools meeting

Hogan commented about the Camas Schools and Lake Study group.

Roberts commented about writings/tagging on public property and the City Municipal Code.

## **MAYOR**

7. Mayor Announcements

Mayor introduced Jamal Fox as the next City Administrator for the City of Camas. Mr. Fox commented about looking forward to being confirmed on August 3, 2020.

## **MEETING ITEMS**

8. City of Camas Proclamation of Civil Emergency COVID-19  
Presenter: Jennifer Gorsuch, Administrative Services Director

**It was moved by Council Member Roberts, and seconded, that the Mayor's Proclamation of Civil Emergency dated March 18, 2020, the Supplement dated April 15, 2020, and the Amendment dated June 16, 2020, be reaffirmed. The motion carried unanimously.**

9. Resolution No. 20-008 Interlocal Agreement for Coronavirus Relief Funds  
Presenter: Cathy Huber Nickerson, Finance Director

**It was moved by Carter, and seconded, that Resolution No. 20-008 be read by title only. The motion passed unanimously.**

**It was moved by Roberts, and seconded, that Resolution No. 20-008 be adopted. The motion passed unanimously.**

10. Ordinance No. 20-004 Amending Terms and Conditions of the City's Limited GO Bond Anticipation Note 2014  
Presenter: Cathy Huber Nickerson, Finance Director

**It was moved by Roberts, and seconded, that Ordinance No. 20-004 be read by title only. The motion passed unanimously.**

**It was moved by Roberts, and seconded, that Ordinance No. 20-004 be adopted and published according to law. The motion carried by the following Vote:**

**Council Member Carter - Yea**

**Council Member Chaney - Yea**

**Council Member Smith - Yea**

**Council Member Anderson - Yea**

**Council Member Burton - Yea**

**Council Member Roberts - Yea**

**Council Member Hogan - Yea**

11. Recycling and Yard Debris Contract  
Presenter: Sam Adams, Utilities Manager

**It was moved by Roberts, and seconded, to approve the contract for recycling and Yard Debris. The motion carried unanimously.**

12. Resolution No. 20-007 Authorizing Grant Application  
Presenter: Jerry Acheson, Parks and Recreation Manager

**It was moved by Carter, and seconded, that Resolution No. 20-007 be read by title only. The motion passed unanimously.**

**It was moved by Carter, and seconded, that Resolution No. 20-007 be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.**

13. NE 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Bridge Seismic Retrofit Consideration of Bids  
Presenter: James Carothers, Engineering Manager

**It was moved by Chaney, and seconded, that the bid of Conway Construction Company be rejected as non-responsive due to a major irregularity as outlined in the Staff Report and that the bid be awarded to Stellar J Corporation for the amount of \$2,140,510 and authorize the Mayor or designee to sign the contract and change orders up to ten percent of the original contract amount, contingent on WSDOT Local Programs concurrence. The motion carried unanimously.**

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Marie Tabata, 5724 NW El Rey Drive, Camas, commented about the City Administrator hiring and Lacamas Lake water quality.

Scott McElhaney, 4227 NW Sage Loop, Camas, commented about the new trail grant and the NE 3rd Bridge bid award.

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## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

14. Executive Session – Topic: Potential Litigation (RCW 42.30.110)

The Executive Session was canceled.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

## Bernie Bacon

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**From:** Susan Oatney <camaskidsrun@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 20, 2020 6:48 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Text of verbal comments by Susan Oatney  
**Attachments:** Lacamas shores Biofilter.docx

City Council,

I apologize for the technical problems during my comment section. I have provided a text of my comments for your review. Thank you for all you are doing for Camas! Stay safe and healthy!

Best regards,

Susan Oatney

Hi, my name is Susan Oatney, and my family and I have lived in Camas since 2008. I have been working for 35 years in the industrial WW treatment industry, solving waste treatment issues for my customers. Many of my customers have direct discharge permits, meaning they do not discharge to a city system, they discharge to a body of water, like a lake, stream, river, ocean, etc. Their permits are exceedingly strict and as part of the “Waters of the US ACT”, they, along with the guidance of Federal EPA, are continually trying to improve and better their own discharge to what is now called “Navigatable Waters”.

The number of nights I have spent on customer sites fighting to keep them in compliance are incalculable. The number of sleepless nights my customers have endured are again incalculable. Not violating their discharge permits is not only important—it is the most important thing they do. Production will shut down, personnel will go without sleep, 100,000's of thousands will be spent on consultants and outside support to keep industry in compliance. Why—the stakes are very high. Not only for the environment, but for plant management itself. Continued violation of the Clean Waters Act, which as of June 22 was amended to be the “Navigatable Waters Protection Act” can result in a felony and jail time for management. Based on the information shared by Marie Callerame, we have not only exceeded permit guidance for the Lacamas Shores biofilter, but we have violated the maximum threshold for Phosphate and TSS in December and the City Council was notified verbally in June. This is an incredibly serious situation. As mentioned above, industrial customers knowingly violating this act can and do go to jail!

Those permit guidelines were set for a reason—the Total Suspended Solids, Phosphate, and Conductivity levels are set by determining the safe amount that particular stream can contribute to the lake without harming biology. Health advisers currently warn about using our lake. —we can't let our dogs swim and play in it, we are advised not to swim in it, fish from it must be cleaned a certain way. I myself, along with others, have gotten sick after accidentally ingesting water from the lake. It is the crown jewel of our community; yet day in and day out, the Lacamas Shores biofilter and other contributors are allowed to continue polluting it. I know that many within Lacamas shores have been pleading for nearly a decade to get the biofilter fixed. However there is a very loud, yet minority, contingent in the HOA and the city that continually refers to the biofilter as a Wetland. It is not—it cannot be both and is excluded from the navigatable waters protection act. That undeniable factual exculsion is as a storm water control feature. The biofilter is an award winning engineered storm water system that disparately needs maintenance.

I know these are crazy times, but we can do something about this!