



**City Council Workshop Minutes - Draft
Monday, November 02, 2020, 4:30 PM
REMOTE MEETING PARTICIPATION**

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

SPECIAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Barry McDonnell called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Mayor commented about recent tragedies that have affected the Camas community.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Greg Anderson, Ellen Burton, Bonnie Carter, Don Chaney, Steve Hogan, Shannon Roberts and Melissa Smith

Staff: Bernie Bacon, Kevin Bergstrom, Phil Bourquin, James Carothers, Sherry Coulter, Catrina Galicz, Jamal Fox, Cliff Free, Jennifer Gorsuch, Jim Hodges, Cathy Huber Nickerson, Mitch Lackey, Heather Rowley, Nick Swinhart, Connie Urquhart, Steve Wall and Kevin West.

Press: Kelly Moyer, Camas-Washougal Post-Record

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Scott McElhaney, 4227 NW Sage Loop, Camas, commented about the City's budget.

Kevin Bergstrom, 1210 NE 277th Avenue, Camas, commented about Camas-Washougal Fire Department staffing.

Wayne Pattison, 2919 SE 2nd Avenue, Camas, commented about tax increases and the 2020 US election.

Jodi Vaughn, owner of Caffe Piccolo, Camas, commented about the Downtown Camas Association (DCA).

Brandon Green, owner of Grains of Wrath, Camas, commented about the DCA.

Ann Matthews, owner of Arktana, Camas, commented about the DCA.

Additional public comments received via publiccomments@cityofcamas.us are attached to these minutes.

WORKSHOP TOPICS

1. Downtown Camas Association (DCA) Presentation
Presenter: Carrie Schulstad, Executive Director

Schulstad provided an overview of the DCA's efforts in 2020.

2. Camas Washougal Fire Department (CWFD) Interlocal Agreement Amendment (ILA) Extension

Presenter: Nick Swinhart, Fire Chief

Swinhart provided an overview of the CWFD ILA Amendment. This item was also placed on the November 2, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda for Council's consideration.

3. City Website Update
Presenter: Sherry Coulter, Information Technology Director

Coulter provided an overview of City website redesign. Discussion ensued.

4. Importance of Lacamas Watershed Draft Resolution
Presenter: Steve Wall, Public Works Director

Wall provided an overview of the resolution. Discussion ensued. This item will be placed on a future Council meeting agenda for Council's consideration.

5. Public Works Miscellaneous and Updates
This is a placeholder for miscellaneous or emergent items.
Presenter: Steve Wall, Public Works Director

Due to time constraints, comments were provided at the November 2, 2020 Regular meeting.

5. Mayor's Recommended 2021-2022 Capital Budget Presentation
Presenter: Cathy Huber Nickerson, Finance Director

Huber Nickerson provided an overview of the Mayor's Recommended 2021-2022 Capital Budget. Discussion ensued.

Due to time constraints and with Council consensus, Mayor stated that agenda items 7 and 8, department updates, and Council Comments and Reports would be moved to the November 2, 2020 Regular meeting.

7. 2021 Fee Schedule Presentation
Presenter: Cathy Huber Nickerson, Finance Director

Due to time constraints, this item was presented at the November 2, 2020 Regular meeting.

8. City of Camas Third Quarter Financial Performance Presentation
Presenter: Cathy Huber Nickerson, Finance Director

Due to time constraints, this item was presented at the November 2, 2020 Regular meeting.

9. Community Development Miscellaneous and Updates
This is a placeholder for miscellaneous or emergent items.
Presenter: Phil Bourquin, Community Development Director

Due to time constraints, comments were provided at the November 2, 2020 Regular meeting.

10. City Administrator Miscellaneous and Updates
This is a placeholder for miscellaneous or emergent items.
Presenter: Jamal Fox, City Administrator

Due to time constraints, comments were provided at the November 2, 2020 Regular meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Due to time constraints, comments were provided at the November 2, 2020 Regular meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

From: 4256586520@mypixmessages.com
To: [Public Comments](#)
Date: Sunday, November 1, 2020 5:39:10 PM
Attachments: [text_0.txt](#)

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Camas Mayor and Council Members,

My comments concern item 9 (p.48) on tonight's council agenda. The city staff has presented adding utility taxes as one of the four options to raise approximately \$500,000 to fund four new firefighters. Camas has never relied on utility taxes to fill budget shortfalls. When the topic of utility taxes has been raised over the past 20 plus years, I have voiced my angst to the council. Utility taxes are one of the most, if not the most regressive taxes levied on the citizens. No taxes should be placed on life's necessities, which include but are not limited to, electricity and water.

In addition, even after the COVID restrictions have been lifted, unknown future financial repercussions will undoubtedly affect some Camas families for months and possibly years. The Camas City Council should not consider adding an additional financial strain on the Camas resident's family budgets.

Thank you,

Helen Gerde

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Camas, WA. 98607

From: kennavidi@frontier.com
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: Public Comment for Nov 2 City Council Workshop
Date: Sunday, November 1, 2020 10:28:54 PM

Ken Navidi

727NE Birch St. Camas, WA

I commend the city establishing and working with the City of Washougal on an interlocal agreement for Fire and Medical Response Teams. As the City of Camas and Washougal continue to grow at an alarming pace there will need to be a more concerted effort to work with our neighboring city to accommodate the impacts associated with growth. I live on the Crown Road Corridor, which happens to be the dividing line between the two cities. Two year ago Washougal Annexed over 240 acres of land and there are two developments built and another 100 acres that will be developed next year. The closest route to SR14 is through Camas, you will see a traffic impact due to Washougal's development and I do not believe there is any mechanism for the City of Camas to collect on the transportation impact. The City of Washougal and Camas have some of the highest Sewer and Water Rates in the county, last week residents of Washougal held a water rate protest. The City of Camas and Washougal have their own separate planning departments, individual water & sewer capital facility's plans, and transportation plans. I believe many of these plans overlap or contradict each other when it comes to Crown Rd. I would like to see an interlocal agreement in regards to planning, its time we establish a regional plan that favors the residents of both cities and the port. I also believe we need to start considering an interlocal agreement between Water, Sewer, and Transportation if we expect to collect the fees associated with impacts to these systems. I would welcome the opportunity to meet and discuss these concerns with council, mayor, and city administrator. I will be bringing these same concerns to the City of Washougal's council.

Ken Navidi

From: [Maria Gonser](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: The DCA has been invaluable for our business and the community throughout this pandemic.
Date: Monday, November 2, 2020 3:16:04 PM

As owners of a small business in downtown Camas, my husband and I have experienced first hand the positive impact that the DCA has had on our business. They have especially shown us their value as we had their help tremendously during three months of being closed.

Through their endless emails to all businesses they kept us informed every step of the way. From the different government regulations, education opportunities, financial grants and loans to the notes of moral support. We really don't know what we would have done with out this organization.

Carrie and Jan have kept the positive spirits up of not only businesses in town, but the entire community. In hosting virtual First Friday events they have shown the public that Downtown Camas Is still alive and well, ready for a party. The upcoming Annual Awards Ceremony is testimony to that fact!

In a nutshell, the DCA is the glue that holds the parts of downtown Camas together, united.

Maria Gonser
Attic Gallery

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

From: [Arktana a Women"s Boutique](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: Our thoughts on the DCA in Camas
Date: Monday, November 2, 2020 3:22:31 PM

Hi! Thank you for accepting my email. I'd love to share how important I believe our DCA is to the small businesses in Camas, I have had a business on 4th street for 7 years, and the DCA has stood side by side with me and all other small businesses, in support, partnership, education, growth and much more. They are so much more than a community support system, they feel almost like business partners, to us and I'm guessing many many more! I can only hope that they are receiving support from the City. I just want you all to know what a huge important group they are!!!!

Thank you in advance for your time!!!

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Ann Matthews - Owner

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Camas, WA 98607

From: [Douglas Strabel](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: Public Comments Follow Up / NW Lake Road and NW Sierra Street Traffic Signal
Date: Monday, November 2, 2020 4:59:01 PM

Two (2) Items for the 11/02/2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Why do Comments/Questions to the City Council not get answered or even posted into the PUBLIC COMMENTS FOLLOW UP section of the City Website?

There has been zero activity since April/May 2020.

Maybe you should ask the question of yourselves on why the participation by the citizens in the Council Meetings has dropped off.

2. NW Lake Road and NW Sierra Street Traffic Signal:

This item was listed as a line item as part of the \$78M in the Failed Prop 2 in last years Election.

This item is now listed as #8 on the City of Camas 2020-2025 Six Year Street Priorities.

Steve Wall said earlier this year that it was considered a "Priority Project".

It is not listed in the 2021/2022 Capital Decision Package.

We all understand the budgeting process and that if you don't

ask for it and put the line item in the 2021/2022 Capital Decision Package then it will not happen in the next 2 years minimum.

You have to ask for it to get it approved.

The status on this project was asked of Steve Wall in an email today and got a non answer response.

Douglas Strabel

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Camas, WA