



**City Council Workshop Minutes - Draft
Monday, September 21, 2020, 4:30 PM
REMOTE MEETING PARTICIPATION**

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Staff: Jerry Acheson, Sam Adams, Bernie Bacon, Phil Bourquin, Sherry Coulter, Jamal Fox, Sarah Fox, Catrina Galicz, Jennifer Gorsuch, Cathy Huber Nickerson, Mitch Lackey, Shawn MacPherson, Robert Maul, Shyla Nelson, Heather Rowley, Nick Swinhart, Connie Urquhart and Steve Wall

Press: No one from the press was present

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one from the public wished to speak.

WORKSHOP TOPICS

1. Presentation by City Attorney
Presenter: Shawn MacPherson

City Attorney MacPherson provided an overview of establishing City of Camas Boards and Committees. Discussion ensued.

2. Draft Resolution to Approve Interlocal Agreement Related to Historic and Cultural Resources
Presenter: Sarah Fox, Senior Planner

This item was also placed on the September 21, 2020 Regular Meeting agenda for Council's consideration.

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

There were no miscellaneous updates.

4. Draft Rezone Agreement Modification
Presenter: Robert Maul, Planning Manager

Maul provided an overview of the agreement modification.

5. 18th Avenue Reservoir Controls Professional Services Agreement S&B Inc.
Presenter: Sam Adams, Utilities Manager

This item was also placed on the September 21, 2020 Consent Agenda for Council's consideration.

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

Wall provided updates about the recent storm events and about Lacamas Lake water quality.

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

Fox provided an update to Council about the Director of Communications position opening, the updated Council meetings agenda prep process, streamlining internal communications routing, and the current high-level City of Camas organizational review.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Smith thanked City Administrator Fox for efforts to improve communication.

Burton attended the Downtown Camas Association (DCA) Vitality Committee and the Columbia River Economic Development Council (CREDC) Investors and Executors Committee meetings. Burton commented about recent citizen engagement topics.

Roberts thanked staff for their handling of the recent storm events. Roberts commented about the DCA Merchant Outreach Program and about the request from the In God We Trust America Inc. group.

Carter commented about the Give More 24! Event and about the weekly Clark County Restaurant owner's meeting. Carter attended the Library Board of Trustees and the Finance Committee meetings. Carter commented about the equity consideration points added to the agenda process.

Anderson commented about the wildfire smoke and storm events.

Chaney commented about the City's annual legislative agenda.

Hogan attended Body Bliss Yoga's outreach program for families devastated by the wildfires and the Finance Committee meeting. Hogan thanked the Public Works Department staff for their efforts at Lacamas Lake.

Mayor McDonnell sought, and there was no consensus for the In God We Trust request. Mayor commented about City Administrator Fox's first few weeks at the City and commended many other staff for their efforts in all the challenges-to-date.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one from the public wished to speak. Comments sent to publiccomments@cityofcamas.us will be provided to Council and included in these meeting minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Bernie Bacon

From: Bob Eaton <bob.eaton45@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 5:10 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Flood damage from Friday, September18th

Public comments @ city of camas us

c/o Steve Wall, Public Works Director

To be distributed at September 21 council meeting

Mayor and City Council –

I am writing on behalf of five townhouse residents on NW Fargo Loop. On early last Friday morning each of us was inundated with rain water sufficient to break double pane windows, and send water throughout the lower level of our homes. In our seventeen years living here nothing like this had happened before.

On July 13 a call had been made (documented on e-mail) to ask that the drains be cleaned because the street had become a lake due to significant rain earlier on June 13. We have all spent the last four days getting contractors to assist in tearing out carpet, assessing sheet rock damage and moving all our downstairs things to the garage area. We are still getting estimates but preliminary estimates range from \$6,000 to \$10,000 per unit. We have photos for the June 13 lake and the recent damage to our homes.

We respectfully believe the City has some responsibility for our damage. We ask that a City representative come to Fargo Loop to view the damage and we can begin to talk about any redress that may be applicable at that time.

Thank you.

Bob Eaton

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Bernie Bacon

From: John Nohr <johnnohr@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 5:26 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Thank You for the Everett/Lake Road Roundabout

Mayor McDonnell and members of Council,

Thank you for your leadership in bringing the Everett Street/Lake Road roundabout fruition. I had the opportunity to drive through it several times this past weekend. This new roundabout will bring great relief to the daily traffic jams that used to occur at the intersection.

I recognize that the learning curve may be a bit steep for some drivers. But once they master the flow, I'm certain they will be pleased with the improvements. In addition, having sidewalks in this area will improve pedestrian safety.

I used to be a roundabout sceptic. However, since the 6th avenue roundabout was completed a few years back, I have come to appreciate the safety and efficiency that roundabouts bring to our roadway intersections.

Again, thank you for moving this project forward and thank you for your continued work to move our whole community forward.

John Nohr
1710 NE Dallas Street

Bernie Bacon

From: Marie Tabata-Callerame <aikotabcal@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 9:46 PM
To: Public Comments
Cc: Steve Hogan; Ellen Burton; Shannon Roberts; Don Chaney; Greg Anderson; Bonnie Carter; Melissa Smith; Barry McDonnell; Jamal Fox
Subject: Fw: City Council Comment Attachment - Lacamas Lake Algae and Lacamas Shores Biofilter
Attachments: IMG_0273.jpg; IMG_0274.jpg; 20200914_135858.jpg; 20200914_135846.jpg; 20200914_135645.jpg; 20200914_135420.jpg

Thanks, Bernie! Here is my notes from the comments.

9/21/2020

Marie Tabata-Callerame, 5724 NW El Rey Drive

I would like to discuss the Lacamas Shores Biofilter.

Right now, just know that **ONLY** the Lacamas Shores biofilter is known to be exceeding its Total Phosphorus and TSS standards **AND** entering the Lacamas Lake. This was by two standard deviations! Right now, we are the only **PROVEN** source **KNOWN** to be polluting the lake. And the solution is at **NO COST** to the City.

Quick summary of facts:

- Lacamas Lake toxins are increasing from 1 toxic algae bloom in 2018, to 3-4 in 2019, to 20+ in 2020. Algae toxins are now detectably present more often than not (Footnote 1). NOTE that January algae blooms are **NOT** due to climate change.
- The Lacamas Shores Biofilter was required to be built by an order from the [SHB Order and via permit](#) to protect the Lake from stormwater pollutants. The DOE at the time wanted to ensure that the development did not negatively affect water quality.
- The City of Camas normally requires HOAs to fix Biofilters, but it is not and has made clear that they will not, because of a 2018 letter from the DOE.
- The 2018 letter from Rebecca Rothwell, a DOE wetland specialist, was premised on a lack of information.

Since that letter, we have learned a lot and the City has agreed that the area in a storm water biofiltration system. Many other changes have happened since 2018:

1. We uncovered a letter from the [DOE from 1988](#) listing the DOE's original priorities, intentions, and concerns for the property;
2. The toxic algae blooms have increased exponentially for Lacamas and Round Lakes in the past two years (a phosphorus loading problem);
3. The [site-specific standards](#) (chart on p. 52) set in 1990's per permit have been re-discovered; and
4. **The Biofilter was documented to have exceeded those standards (for TP and TSS) by more than 2 standard deviations (Dec 2019 at point L-1)**, as well as exceeding other TP standards, guidelines and past results in every sample taken (over 0.070mg/L). See Footnote 2.

Due to new information and prior overlooked documents, we would like to have a face-to-face meeting with Mr. Fox and Mayor McDonnell.

We have done our research plus and need a conversation instead of email chains and/or conclusions. Please see our website at www.lacamashoresbiofilter.org.

We request that the City request the DOE to reverse its stance and allow the City to require the HOA restore the biofilter to original condition and stop polluting Lacamas and Round Lake.

Thank you for your time and attention!

Marie

Footnotes:

1. Lacamas Lake was tested 23 times this year. Only 20 times was algae toxin level below the "method detection limits." There were 10 times when toxin levels were "above state guidelines" of 8ppm for microcystin. Four of those ten were over 3 times the state guidelines (up to 77ppm).

<https://www.nwtoxicalgae.org/Data.aspx?SiteID=94>

2. Testing for the LS Biofilter since 1993:

- In 2018, COD grab samples suggested that the biofilter it is making the stormwater more polluted before entering the Lake. Bypassing the biofilter would be better.
- In December 2019, the City started testing two points of the water flowing out of the Biofilter and into the Lake. The plan was to test once in Dec, Apr, Sept, and Nov.
 - One point tests water from the 5.9-acres of Biofilter (L-1).
 - The other point tests water coming from the maintained bioswale and sediment pond (L-2). It should be working properly.
 - December 2019 Results
 - The Biofilter (L-1) levels were above the permit compliance criteria for Total Phosphorus, Total Suspended Solids **by over two standard deviations!** (Private companies would be required to shut down immediately and fix the problem, under fines and/or criminal penalties.) Conductivity was also above compliance levels
 - The Maintained Area (L-2) complied with the permit criteria.
 - May 2020 Results
 - Both samples were taken on the 9th day of 10 days of rainfall. This is outside of the standard protocol of testing within 12 hours of the "first flush" (first rain of September).
 - The Biofilter (L-1) was above permit levels for conductivity.
 - The Maintained Area (L-2) was above permit levels for conductivity.
 - ALL samples (both points and both days) were above the following TP levels:
 - 0.025 mg/L - 1986 EPA's TP level to prevent nuisance algal blooms and control eutrophication.
 - 0.050 mg/L - 2004 EPA standards for streams entering lakes.
 - 0.050 mg/L – the summer's HIGHEST Lacamas Lake reading in 2007. 0.042mg/L was the average. (see "Monitoring Report - Lacamas Lake Annual Data Summary for 2007")

From: Marie Tabata-Callerame

Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 3:17 PM

To: shogan@cityofcamas.us ; eburton@cityofcamas.us ; Shannon Roberts ; dchaney@cityofcamas.us ; Greg Anderson ; bcarter@cityofcamas.us ; msmith@cityofcamas.us ; Mayor Barry McDonnell ; jfox@cityofcamas.us

Subject: City Council Comment Attachment - Lacamas Lake Algae and Lacamas Shores Biofilter
City Council, Mayor McDonnell and City Administrator Jamal Fox,

As a reminder of the seriousness of the problem with Lacamas Lake, I thought you would like to these pictures. They were taken at the Lacamas Shores boat dock.

- Two were taken yesterday around 11:45 am and were gone (washed downstream) before 5pm the same day.
- The rest were taken one week ago (Monday, 9/21/2020) around 2pm and were gone the next afternoon.

Algae toxins are no joke. I worry that testing once per week, with a 2-4 day delay of the notices is simply not enough. Perhaps a continuous monitoring system should be looked into.

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Bernie Bacon

From: Marilyn Roggenkamp <mjroggenkamp@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 9:41 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Workshop discussion

Thank you to council members Roberts, Chaney and Hogan for being willing to discuss putting “In God We Trust” on the walls of the council chambers. I do not understand why the others were not willing to talk about it since that phrase is all over other public buildings and it is on our money. Frankly, in our current society with all of it’s challenges, I believe that He is the only one who can help.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Roggenkamp

373 NE Oak St

Camas

Bernie Bacon

From: Matt Rold <james.rolld75@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 8:18 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Flood damage 9/18 Fargo Loop

Mayor and City Council,

I was one of five townhomes located on NW Fargo Loop that was damaged because of our streets inability to properly drain storm water. Each of these residents were inundated with storm water and caused significant damage, breaking windows and flooding our basements. This has become a reoccurring issue that has been brought to the city's attention (July 13 call of June 13 incident). We feel the city has responsibilities with this issue. Our HOA pays for weekly landscape maintenance, which includes removal of leaves and debris from our street and storm drain openings. Our current drain system is insufficient to properly drain our street during intense rain periods and needs to be updated. We can't be expected to constantly worry about the next rain storm and wether or not our homes will be compromised.

Our current damage due to this one event, just for clean up alone, is over \$10,000 each.

We ask that this issue be addressed and that a representative from the city come to our street to view the damage and begin to talk about any redress that may be applicable at this point.

Thank you,

Matt and Kris Rold
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