



**City Council Workshop Minutes - Draft  
Tuesday, September 08, 2020, 4:30 PM  
REMOTE 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 4:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Excused: Council Member Melissa Smith

Staff: Phil Bourquin, Jamal Fox, Sarah Fox, Jennifer Gorsuch, Cathy Huber Nickerson, Heather Rowley and Steve Wall

Press: No one from the press was present

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Scott McElhaney, 4227 NW Sage Loop, Camas, commented about the workshop agenda items.

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

**WORKSHOP TOPICS**

1. City of Camas 2021 Budget Property Tax Presentation  
Presenter: Cathy Huber Nickerson, Finance Director

Huber Nickerson reviewed the property tax presentation. Discussion ensued.

2. Position Description Title Change  
Presenter: Jennifer Gorsuch, Administrative Services Director and Jamal Fox, City Administrator

Gorsuch and Fox provided an overview and discussion ensued. This item was also placed on the September 8, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda for Council's consideration.

3. North Shore Subarea Plan Vision Statement Draft  
Presenter: Sarah Fox, Senior Planner

Fox reviewed the vision statement. Discussion ensued. A resolution will be placed on the September 21, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda for Council's consideration.

4. Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendments  
Presenter: Sarah Fox, Senior Planner

Fox reviewed the proposed amendments and responded to Council's questions. A resolution will be placed on the September 21, 2020 Regular Meeting agenda for Council's consideration.

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

Bourquin deferred to Sarah Fox, who provided updates about the Shoreline Master Program and the Camas Housing Action Plan.

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

Wall announced the City was awarded grant funding for NW 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue improvements and an outstanding performance award from the Department of Ecology for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Carter thanked Operations staff for their efforts after the recent storm event.

Burton thanked staff for the Brady Road improvements.

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

Fox thanked staff from Public Works, Fire, and Police for their response during the storm event and fires. He commented about the Mill Mural dedication hosted by the Downtown Camas Association (DCA).

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

Carter attended and commented about meetings of the Port of Camas-Washougal, the Clark County restaurant owner round table, and the Finance Committee. She will attend the Library Board of Trustees meeting.

Hogan commented about the Wastewater Treatment Plant Award, the 38<sup>th</sup> Street project, the lake water quality efforts, the Heritage Trail parking area, and the businesses in Downtown Camas.

Acheson and Wall responded to Hogan about the Heritage Trail parking area.

Roberts attended and commented about meetings of the DCA and the Planning Commission. She also commented about Clark County Department of Health, COVID-19, and an email request from In God We Trust America Incorporated.

Mayor commented about the In God We Trust email request.

Carter commented about the proposed equity commission.

Chaney thanked Planning staff for their efforts and presentations. He commented about the Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency (CRESA) meeting he attended.

Burton attended the Columbia River Economic Development Commission (CREDC) meeting and provided an update.

Mayor commented about the proposed equity commission.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Scott McElhaney, 4227 NW Sage Loop, Camas, commented about the Wastewater Treatment Plant Award, the North Shore Vision Statement, and the Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned 6:19 p.m.

**From:** [Emilia Brasier](#)  
**To:** [Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Equity commission  
**Date:** Thursday, September 3, 2020 9:03:54 PM

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Hi. My name is Emilia Brasier. I live at 4132 Ne Hayes St, Camas, WA 98607.

I would like to state my support for a city equity commission.

Thank you,  
Emilia Brasier

**From:** [swati wilson](#)  
**To:** [Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Camas Needs An Equity Commission  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 8, 2020 6:16:06 PM

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Hello City of Camas,

In light of recent events that have moderate & liberal Whites and all People of Color (including me) on edge, some of us are trying to work out schedule complications to be at tonight's City Zoom Meeting to present the idea of an Equity Commission.

Incase we can't get back on time, some of us are emailing this to you as public comments before the City Mtg and those of us can attend will bring it up during public comments as well.

Here are many examples of Equity Commissions established by City Governments for you to look over please.

[https://www.google.com/search?q=why+does+a+city+need+an+equity+commission%3F&sxsrf=ALeKk0283s7uVbmCTt--NjUQu9Lm2NOx\\_w:1599594217895&source=Int&tbs=qdr:y&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwj8k5HppNrrAhVsFzQIHay1AEoQpwV6BAgMEB4&biw=1309&bih=657](https://www.google.com/search?q=why+does+a+city+need+an+equity+commission%3F&sxsrf=ALeKk0283s7uVbmCTt--NjUQu9Lm2NOx_w:1599594217895&source=Int&tbs=qdr:y&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwj8k5HppNrrAhVsFzQIHay1AEoQpwV6BAgMEB4&biw=1309&bih=657)

Sincerely,  
Mrs Swati Wilson  
Representing Camasonians who are Moderates, Liberals, People of Color

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