



**City Council Workshop Minutes - Draft
Monday, March 15, 2021, 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.

ROLL CALL

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

Staff: Bernie Bacon, Phil Bourquin, James Carothers, Sherry Coulter, Jamal Fox, Jennifer Gorsuch, Cathy Huber Nickerson, Mitch Lackey, Trang Lam, Robert Maul, Bryan Rachal, Heather Rowley, Nick Swinhart, Connie Urquhart, and Steve Wall

Press: No one from the press was present

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gail Harrington, 3512 NW Sierra Drive, Camas, commented about the Discover Recovery Condition Use Permit.

Brent Erickson, Camas, commented about the Camas Cemetery.

Cassi Marshall, 1186 NW 10th, Camas, commented about Georgia-Pacific property.

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

WORKSHOP TOPICS

1. 2021 Spring Omnibus Budget Presentation
Presenter: Cathy Huber Nickerson, Finance Director

Huber Nickerson provided an overview of the 2021 Spring Omnibus and discussion ensued.

This Public Hearing will be opened at the April 5, 2021 Regular Meeting and closed at the April 19, 2021 Regular Meeting for Council's consideration.

2. Parks, Recreation and Open Space Comprehensive Plan (PROS) update – Consultant Contract
Presenter: Trang K. Lam, Parks & Recreation Director

Lam provided an overview of the plan and discussion ensued. This item will be placed on the April 5, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda for Council's consideration.

3. Backyard Habitat Certification Program Agreement Amendment
Presenter: Steve Wall, Public Works Director

This item has also been placed on the March 15, 2021 Consent Agenda for Council's consideration.

4. Citywide Traffic Signal Controller Upgrades Inter-Agency Reimbursable Agreement
Presenter: James Carothers, Engineering Manager

This item will be placed on the April 5, 2021 Consent Agenda for Council's consideration.

5. McNeley Annexation – 10% Notice of Intent
Presenter: Robert Maul, Planning Manager

This item will be placed on the April 5, 2021 Regular Agenda.

6. Draft Council Rules of Procedure
Presenter: Jennifer Gorsuch, Administrative Services Director

This item will be placed on the April 5, 2021 Workshop Agenda and the corresponding resolution will be placed on the April 5, 2021 Regular Agenda for Council's consideration.

7. Staff 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 March 15, 2021 Regular meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Chaney commented about Resolution 16-009. There was consensus to add this item to the March 15, 2021 Regular meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Due to time constraints, public comments were provided at the March 15, 2021 Regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Bernie Bacon

From: Scott McElhaney <scott@mcelhaney.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 11:34 AM
To: Bernie Bacon
Subject: Will City Council discuss privacy concerns for citizens of Camas during public meetings?

Bernie,

This is for public comment section for the 4:30pm Council Workshop for today's meeting 3/15/21.

I would like to see if the members of the City Council have thought about the subject of discussing within the Council, for individuals who want to make public comments during open, public meetings to keep their addresses out of public record in order to make public comments.

I do know there have been residents in the past who have asked to keep their addresses private during the request for public comment in addition to others who have expressed the same during in-person meetings. Where there are these use cases, anecdotally there other citizens who will not speak up due to this requirement. I know when I received a letter in the mail from a person who got my address from a public call made me a bit uneasy.

My request is the members of the City Council give thought to allowing residents privacy during public comments as opposed to the current requirement of giving addresses. There must be other ways around this i.e. saying they are or are not Citizens of Camas instead of their address, or other option.

Thank you,

Scott

Scott McElhaney | Camas, WA. | Cell 360.798.4248

----- Original Message -----

Subject:Re: Letter to Scott McElhaney

Date:2021-02-18 6:46 pm

From:Barry McDonnell

To:Scott McElhaney

Scott,

Thanks for reaching out. Great reminder on the DCA membership; I just signed up my family also, and like you, should have done so sooner. The DCA has done wonders for our downtown over the years, and helping form it into the gem it is.

Thank you also for your ongoing civic participation and being an involved citizen in our community. I truly appreciate that. At Council meetings you have shared some great insight, praise, and even at times a little

frustration, as have I. Sometimes your encouragement to myself, staff, or council is the highlight of our week, and I trust that your intentional commentary is provided with the intent to help make us all better. I am confident in the Council, our City's leadership team, and our combined ability to navigate the next few years and do what's best for this city - not just for now, but for generations to come. LPH.

Thank you,
Barry

On Feb 18, 2021, at 9:28 AM, Scott McElhaney wrote:

WARNING: This message originated outside the City of Camas Mail system. DO NOT CLICK on links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and are expecting the content. If you are unsure, click the Phish Alert button to redirect the email for ITD review.

Sarah,

I received your letter requesting a meeting or call. I do want to clarify on the two items you list as I feel this requires explanation specifically to your observations. I am also going to attach your letter so the folks can get perspective.

Regarding the Sip N Shop, I was referring to the Shop Local & Save, sponsored by the City of Camas Finance Department. While I completely support the DCA's function and know how important the DCA is I honestly don't remember the Sip & Save promotion at this time. I thought the Shop Local & Save was a great idea and hoping maybe it could be offered again.

The second item related to your email to the City Council. My concern was around the separation of duties and roles, specific to how the Council and Administration function within the guidelines described by Nan Henriksen and her supporting presentation. Since that was top of my mind, as it had just been the subject of her talk, it struck me as a potential area of mis-alignment within how the Council and Mr. Fox & Mayor should operate. Council member Carter, in my opinion and as stated on the call, appeared to cross the line as she continued to press and request to be involved in the planning of hiring front line staff. This, again in my opinion appeared to be an inappropriate request based on my understanding of Nan's presentation on how Gov't entities should function specific to this capacity (Administration of day to day versus Policy)

I have no issue what so ever with your email and have not sent in a request for public access to this as I feel whether you sent as a citizen or member of the DCA you have the right to request like we all do. My problem with the process was the framing and enhanced discussion to include what I stated above. The request from a City Council member to be included in what appeared to be of hiring front line staff, which I still feel and felt at that time to be out of line and not appropriate given the appropriate functions.

Now, having said all the above and because of your letter, I am going to hit send and become a supporter of DCA through the Household Membership - something our family should have done sooner. I have to be candid, I was a bit concerned from your letter from a personal perspective with you seeming to represent Fuel Medical and as a member of the Board for DCA. To be frank, my first gut reaction was, oh geez I guess I'll never apply for a job at Fuel. My glass went half-empty in this case. But I also very appreciate you being proactive in your upcoming role with DCA.

Regards,

Scott

--

Scott McElhaney | 4227 NW Sage Loop, Camas, WA. | Cell 360.798.4248

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: This e-mail account is public domain. Any correspondence from or to this e-mail account may be a public record. Accordingly, this e-mail, in whole or in part may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56, regardless of any claim of confidentiality or privilege asserted by an external party.

From: Public Comments

From: Nan Henriksen

Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 11:36 AM

To: Heather Rowley

Cc: nannon@lycanon.org

Subject: 3/15 Letter to Mayor and Council

WARNING: This message originated outside the City of Camas Mail system. DO NOT CLICK on links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and are expecting the content. If you are unsure, click the Phish Alert button to redirect the email for ITD review.

3/15 Letter to Mayor and Council

Mayor and Council,

I am Nan Henriksen, lifelong citizen of Camas and former Camas Mayor. I planned on making public comment this evening but am not feeling well.

Almost 40 years ago the Camas City Council and I worked together and took bold action to change our City's vision of itself and tried to ensure long term fiscal viability, focusing on an excellent quality of life for future generations of Camasonians.

Now you have a similar opportunity to alter our City's vision and destiny. Even though the mill property is currently zoned Heavy Industrial, I would be surprised if the City's future vision for that property is for more heavy industrial. If we have a vision for aesthetically pleasing and vibrant mixed use with waterfront access to all in the future, we must ensure NOW that required cleanup of the mill site is adequate and safe for mixed use and not just good enough for more heavy industrial usage. I will do all I can to make sure we keep our options open for a 21st century vision.

Right now you have the opportunity to take bold, well planned and decisive steps to ensure an even brighter future for Camas. Please seize the opportunity before it's too late.

Thanks so much for all you do for me and all Camas citizens now and into the future!

Nan Henriksen
2823 NW Alpine Lane
Camas WA 98607
Sent from my iPad

Bernie Bacon

From: Elaine&Brent Erickson <ericksonbase4@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 2:12 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: cemetery clean up/nonprofits

WARNING: This message originated outside the City of Camas Mail system. DO NOT CLICK on links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and are expecting the content. If you are unsure, click the Phish Alert button to redirect the email for ITD review.

Good afternoon Mayor and Council members.

This email is in regards to a request by local nonprofit that were willing to give back to the community by wanting to do their part in cleaning up the cemetery for the Memorial weekend. Their request was denied.

Past history on the cemetery. When the City of Camas took over the cemetery they (the city) encouraged the local nonprofits to help in maintaining the cemetery by getting it spruced up for the Memorial holiday. There were groups that stepped up last year for the effort to help out. The city does not have the man power on their own to handle the clean up and this was why the city has encouraged the help from the nonprofits over the years.

In closing, I would ask the city to continue getting the help from the nonprofits since it is a benefit for all involved.

Sincerely,

Brent Erickson
2739 NE Everett St.
Camas, WA 98607