



**City Council Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft**  
**Monday, March 15, 2021, 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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**SPECIAL MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**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, Sherry Coulter, Jamal Fox, Jennifer Gorsuch, Lauren Hollenbeck, Cathy Huber Nickerson, Mitch Lackey, Trang Lam, Shawn MacPherson, Bryan Rachal, Heather Rowley, Nick Swinhart, Connie Urquhart, and Steve Wall

Press: Kelly Moyer, Camas-Washougal Post-Record

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Randal Friedman, Camas, commented about the Georgia-Pacific property.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. March 1, 2021 Camas City Council Workshop and Regular Meeting Minutes
2. \$674,811.66 Automated Clearing House and Claim Checks Numbered 146908--147061
3. \$64,213.32 for January 2021 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Write-off Billings; \$59,152.92 for Monthly Uncollectable Balance of Medicare and Medicaid Accounts and \$5,060.40 for Ground Emergency Medical Transport funding. (Submitted by Cathy Huber Nickerson, Finance Director)
4. \$94,556.65 for February 2021 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Write-off Billings; \$84,800.40 for Monthly Uncollectable Balance of Medicare and Medicaid Accounts and \$9,756.25 for Ground Emergency Medical Transport funding. (Submitted by Cathy Huber Nickerson, Finance Director)

5. NW 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Improvements Bid Award (Submitted by James Carothers, Engineering Manager)
6. Backyard Habitat Certification Program Agreement Amendment (Submitted by Steve Wall, Public Works Director)

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

## **NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

7. Staff

Fox commented about staff working on an American Rescue Plan (ARP), commended staff for all their efforts as the City is moving through the COVID-19 Phases to a safe re-opening.

8. Council

Anderson commended Council on Council's COVID-19 response efforts, requested, with consensus, that adding an Alternate for the Mayor Pro Tem be placed on a future Council agenda, and attended an Association of Washington Cities (AWC) webinar.

Anderson, Chaney and Carter, and recommended including a City staff or Council member be included on the advisory committee about Georgia-Pacific's (GP) Camas mill site remediation.

Chaney requested, with consensus, that Resolution No. 16-009 be placed on a future Council meeting agenda.

Roberts commented about the Discover Recovery Conditional Use Permit (CUP) hearing, citizen inquiries about Lacamas Park bike ramps, and about sidewalks to and from Camas High School. Roberts commented about COVID Phase 3 guidelines and in-person Council meetings.

Burton attended the Shoreline Management Review Committee hearing, thanked Mayor McDonnell and City Administrator Fox for their support of volunteerism in the community, reminded everyone about the annual downtown Camas clean-up event on April 25, 2021, attended the Southwest Washington Red Cross orientation and briefing, and a COVID update by the Washington State Department of Health.

Carter commented about the CUP hearing, attended each of the Finance Committee, Library Board of Trustees, and the Camas School District Equity meetings.

Hogan attended each of the Finance Committee, Lacamas Creek Watershed Committee, and the Denis Hayes presentation at Clark College.

## **MAYOR**

9. Mayor Announcements

Mayor attended the monthly Clark County Mayor's meeting and met with a representative from Governor Inslee's office about moving through the States Phases to reopening. Mayor commended all the Library staff for their all their re-opening efforts, recognized the 2020 Camas Police Officer of the year, Elliott Sundby, and commended Camas Police Captain Shyla Nelson for heading up the effort towards being accredited by the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC). Mayor stated that he met with Representative Wylie from the 49<sup>th</sup> District about the Lacamas Lake clean-up efforts and Slough Bridge improvements.

10. 2021 Citizen Appointments

**It was moved by Burton, and seconded, to confirm the Mayor's 2021 Citizen Appointments as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

## MEETING ITEMS

11. Ordinance No. 21-004 Amendments to Camas Municipal Code, Titles 3.86 and 18 Related to Housing Mandates  
Presenter: Phil Bourquin, Community Development Director

**It was moved by Carter, and seconded, that Ordinance No. 21-004 be read by title only. The motion carried unanimously.**

**It was moved by Carter, and seconded, that Ordinance No. 21-004 be adopted and published according to law. The motion carried unanimously.**

12. Ordinance No. 21-005 Annual Code Amendments  
Presenter: Phil Bourquin, Community Development Director

**It was moved by Roberts, and seconded, that Ordinance No. 21-005 be read by title only. The motion carried unanimously.**

**It was moved by Roberts, and seconded, that Ordinance No. 21-005 be adopted and published according to law. The motion carried unanimously.**

13. Ordinance No. 21-006 Amending CMC Title 16 and 18 relating to Flood Hazard Regs  
Presenter: Phil Bourquin, Community Development Director

**It was moved by Chaney, and seconded, that Ordinance No. 21-006 be read by title only. The motion carried unanimously.**

**It was moved by Chaney, and seconded, that Ordinance No. 21-006 be adopted and published according to law. The motion carried unanimously.**

14. City of Camas Proclamation of Civil Emergency COVID-19  
Presenter: Jamal Fox, City Administrator

**It was moved by Carter, 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.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Yoshi McClanahan, 2234 NW Treetop Court, Camas, commented about the Discover Recovery CUP.

Maggie Koch, Prune Hill, Camas, commented about the Discover Recovery CUP.

Hannah Rogers, Camas, commented about the Discover Recovery CUP.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

## Bernie Bacon

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**From:** Scott McElhaney <scott@mcelhaney.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 15, 2021 12:00 PM  
**To:** Bernie Bacon  
**Subject:** Is City Council breaking quorum rules and giving residents improper advice?

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Bernie,

This is for the public comments for today's City Council meeting at 7:00pm 3/15/21.

Members of the City Council and City of Camas Administration, in review of numerous internal and external City of Camas emails specific to the community issue around the review and upcoming Hearings Examiner meeting on 3/24 of the Discovery Recovery Center I see a couple of concerns:

1. Potential issues around City Council enforcing and following rules around quorum.
2. Potential issue where a member of City Council appears to show support for and advice to a resident for the upcoming review of the Discover Center application. I did see this was dealt with internally within the Council after the fact.

I will not call out specific emails or persons at this time but I would request the Council to ensure going forward to diligently follow the process for quorum through the email/phone process and ensure members are not improperly advising residents on matters in which would appear in conflict and no matter personal feelings otherwise.

Thank you,

Scott

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