



**City Council Workshop Minutes - Draft
Monday, November 01, 2021, 4:30 PM
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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ellen Burton called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Staff: Bernie Bacon, Jennifer Gorsuch, Cathy Huber Nickerson, Connie Urquhart, Mitch Lackey, Trang Lam, Robert Maul, Bryan Rachal, Heather Rowley, Jeff Swanson, Nick Swinhart, Connie Urquhart and Steve Wall

Press: Kelly Moyer, Camas-Washougal Post-Record

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one from the public wished to speak.

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

WORKSHOP TOPICS

1. Equity Steering Group Presentation
Presenters: Greg Anderson and Bonnie Carter, Council Members; Ellen Burton, Mayor

Burton, Anderson and Carter reviewed the Equity presentation. Discussion ensued.
2. People Experiencing Homelessness - Discussion
Presenter: Trang K. Lam, Parks & Recreation Director

Lam reviewed the Homelessness presentation. Discussion ensued. This item will be placed on a future workshop agenda.
3. Northshore Subarea Plan Phase 2 Contract Amendment
Presenter: Robert Maul, Interim Community Development Director

This item will be placed on the November 15, 2021 Consent Agenda for Council's consideration.
4. City of Camas Third Quarter 2021 Financial Performance Presentation
Presenter: Cathy Huber Nickerson, Finance Director

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Huber Nickerson reviewed the Financial Performance presentation. Discussion ensued.

5. New Position Descriptions for the Finance Department
Presenter: Jennifer Gorsuch, Administrative Services Director and Cathy Huber Nickerson, Finance Director

Due to time constraints, this item was moved to the November 1, 2021 Regular Meeting.

6. 2022 Non-Represented Employee Salary Scales
Presenter: Jennifer Gorsuch, Administrative Services Director

Due to time constraints, this item was moved to the November 1, 2021 Regular Meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Due to time constraints, Council comments and reports were provided at the November 1, 2021 Regular Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one from the public wished to speak.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

From: [David Hardin](#)
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Good Afternoon,

I would like to address the “People Experiencing Homelessness” presentation:

1. The minimization of the safety concerns is astounding. Where does it address the drug use, drug distribution, larceny, indecent exposure, intimidation, open fires, etc.? These issues cannot be swept under the rug.

2. The Law: Per the *Martin V Boise* decision in the 9th Circuit, homelessness was ruled not a crime. A ludicrous decision. Somewhere along the way it was decided that “an individual facing homelessness must be offered available shelter before relocation is possible” is patently false.

Footnote 8 of Judge Berzon’s ruling opinion in *Martin* clearly states: “Nor do we suggest that a jurisdiction with insufficient shelter can never criminalize the act of sleeping outside. Even where shelter is unavailable, an ordinance prohibiting sitting, lying, or sleeping outside at particular times or in particular locations might well be constitutionally permissible.”

When will the City of Camas take safety measures seriously and act in its own self interest?

Thank you,

David Hardin
Camas, WA

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