



**City Council Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, June 21, 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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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Burton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

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

Staff: Bernie Bacon, Phil Bourquin, James Carothers, Jamal Fox, Sarah Fox, Jennifer Gorsuch, Cathy Huber Nickerson, Shawn MacPherson, Bryan Rachal, Heather Rowley, Nick Swinhart and Connie Urquhart

Press: Kelly Moyer, Camas-Washougal Post-Record

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. June 7, 2021 Camas City Council Workshop and Regular Meeting Minutes
2. \$580,915.95 Automated Clearing House and Claim Checks numbered 147761-147885
3. Staffing Amendment to the Washougal/Camas Fire Department Merger ILA (Submitted by Nick Swinhart, Fire Chief)

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

**NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

4. Staff

There were no items from staff.

5. Council

Carter announced resigning as the Mayor Pro Tem alternate.

## **MAYOR**

6. Recognition of Rafa Lavignino and Tenzin Kelsang

Mayor Pro Tem Burton commended Mr. Lavignino and Mr. Kelsang for their efforts in the creation of the Algaegator and who presented an overview of their invention.

7. Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month Proclamation

Mayor Pro Tem Burton proclaimed June 2021 as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness month.

8. Love Thy Neighbor Month Proclamation

Mayor Pro Tem Burton proclaimed June 2021 as Love Thy Neighbor month.

## **MEETING ITEMS**

9. Public Hearing for Camas Housing Action Plan

Presenters: Sarah Fox, Senior Planner and Mosaic Community Planning

Mayor Pro Tem opened the public hearing at 7:19 p.m. The following members of the public spoke:

Randal Friedman, Camas

Alicia King, Camas

John Svilarich, Camas

Emailed comments to [publiccomments@cityofcamas.us](mailto:publiccomments@cityofcamas.us) are attached to the meeting minutes.

The public hearing was closed at 7:43 p.m.

**It was moved by Carter, and seconded, to approve the Housing Action Plan and direct the City Attorney to prepare a resolution for Council's consideration at the next meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

10. Resolution No. 21-004 Revising and Extending the Comprehensive Street Program for an Additional Six (6) Years

Presenter: James Carothers, Engineering Manager

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

**It was moved by Carter, and seconded, that Resolution No. 21-004 be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.**

11. Resolution No. 21-005 Authorizing the City to accept Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA)

Presenter: Cathy Huber Nickerson, Finance Director

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

**It was moved by Carter, and seconded, that Resolution No. 21-005 be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.**

12. Interim Mayor Appointment Process  
Presenter: Jennifer Gorsuch, Administrative Services Director

Gorsuch and Anderson provided an overview of the process.

13. City of Camas Proclamation of Civil Emergency COVID-19  
Presenter: Jamal Fox, City Administrator  
Time Estimate: 5 minutes

**It was moved by Carter, and seconded, that the Mayor's Proclamation of Civil Emergency dated March 18, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### **ITEMS ADDED TO THE AGENDA**

14. Mayor Pro Tem Alternate Appointment

**It was moved by Carter, and seconded, to appoint Steve Hogan as Mayor Pro Tem Alternate. The motion carried by the following vote:**

<b>Yea –</b>	<b>Carter</b>
	<b>Anderson</b>
	<b>Chaney</b>
	<b>Roberts</b>
<b>Abstained -</b>	<b>Hogan</b>
	<b>Smith</b>

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No one from the public wished to speak. Public comments emailed to [publiccomments@cityofcamas.us](mailto:publiccomments@cityofcamas.us) are attached to the meeting minutes.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

## Bernie Bacon

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**From:** Douglas Strabel <dstrabel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 21, 2021 7:29 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Northshore Development Phase 2 Consultant Contract

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Below are my comments which I was going to talk to EXCEPT you did not figure out how to unmute the 2 people that called in at the start of the 7:00 regular meeting. In addition the instructions are for option 2 Join by Phone are incorrect. There is no # sign in front of the 937.....#.

It is no wonder people give up and don't get heard.

### **Northshore Development Phase 2 Consultant Contract:**

**This item is on the Agenda today at a starting price of \$225K to WSP.**

If memory serves, the majority of Camasonians were not in favor of this project.

There are approx 25K people in Camas. Less than 1K (4%) participated in the Visioning portion of Phase 1.

**When did the MAJORITY of 25,000 citizens ask for this Development?**

**Why are CONSULTANTS constantly being used to SELL ideas to the taxpayers/citizens?**

**The only winners when this is all said and done will be the Consultants (WSP), the Developers, the Contractors and those that have sold land to the city of Camas.**

**Not the CITIZENS.**

**What is the REAL PLAN for the almost 900 acres that are 25% owned by the City of Camas?**

**When do the citizens FIND OUT?**

Douglas Strabel

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Camas, WA

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**From:** Carrie Schulstad <director@downtowncamas.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 21, 2021 6:14 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Hearing for Camas Housing Action Plan

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Thank you City Council and staff for this opportunity to give comment.

It is imperative for Downtown Camas to have more close-in housing to truly thrive. For a historic downtown to be the most robust, it should be an "18 hour downtown", 6pm-12MN and this happens when you have people living in and very close to downtown and supporting businesses during these hours.

The healthier and more robust our downtown core is, the more amenities and offerings and strength we have for our entire community.

It's so very important that we are visioning the future for our downtown including housing. The mill property will have significant future potential and it's important to be considering best future uses for our community now. It is key as we move forward to have housing options so people can live and work in close proximity. We want people who work in downtown to be able to afford to live in Camas, and for people with diverse income levels and ages to have the option to live close to downtown.

We appreciate that you are already looking at the downtown commercial zone as you're considering different housing options. The DCA encourages the City to include all of downtown including future mill properties in the housing visioning and planning process. It can help satisfy housing mandates and needs, and also bolster the economic health of our downtown. Thank you.

Carrie

Carrie Schulstad

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*Let's Talk Possibilities!*

*"The mission of the Downtown Camas Association is to develop and promote historic Downtown Camas by creating a vibrant social, cultural and economic center of the community while emphasizing preservation of our city's historic features."*