



**City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 04, 2021, 7:00 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 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

Excused: Council Member Shannon Roberts

Staff: Bernie Bacon, Phil Bourquin, Sherry Coulter, Jennifer Gorsuch, Cathy Huber Nickerson, Mitch Lackey, Shawn MacPherson, Robert Maul, Heather Rowley, Denis Ryan, Nick Swinhart, Connie Urquhart and Steve Wall

Press: No one from press was present

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rick Marshall, 1186 NW 10th Avenue, Camas, commented about community walkability.

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

STAFF PRESENTATION

1. City of Vancouver Job Order Contract Interlocal Agreements
Presenter: Denis Ryan, Public Works Operations Supervisor

Ryan summarized the proposed agreement. Discussion ensued. This item will be placed on a future workshop agenda for further discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA

NOTE: Consent Agenda items may be removed for general discussion or action.

2. December 21, 2020 Camas City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
3. \$349,812.32 Automated Clearing House and Claim Checks Numbered 146294 to 146381; \$ 2,362,380.25 Automated Clearing House, Direct Deposit and Payroll

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Checks Numbered 7893 to 7895 and Payroll Accounts Payable Checks Numbered 146287 through 146293

4. Accept Gravity Thickener Project as Complete (Submitted by Sam Adams, Utilities Manager)
5. NW 12th Avenue Improvements CDBG Grant Agreement (Submitted by James Carothers, Engineering Manager)

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

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

6. Staff

There were no updates from staff.

7. Council

Smith will attend meetings of the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) and the Port of Camas-Washougal.

Chaney commented about citizen emails and the Communications Director and Parks and Recreation Director.

Carter proposed a drafting letter of support for business and restaurants.

Anderson will attend a C-TRAN meeting and commented about the Council Visioning Session and the Proclamation of Civil Emergency.

Hogan commented about the Lacamas Watershed Committee.

MAYOR

8. Mayor's Announcements

Mayor invited Council to attend the annual Association of Washington Cities (AWC) City Action Days.

MEETING ITEMS

9. Public Hearing for Draft Rezone Agreement Modification
Presenter: Robert Maul, Planning Manager

Maul provided an overview of the proposed rezone modifications. Discussion ensued.

Mayor McDonnell opened and closed the public hearing at 7:42 p.m. No one from the public wished to speak.

It was moved by Burton, and seconded, to approve the rezone agreement modification and to direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance for Council's consideration at a future meeting.

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

Fox provided a summary of the proclamation and discussion ensued.

It was moved by Carter, and seconded, to reaffirm the Mayor's Proclamation of Civil Emergency dated March 18, 2020, the Supplement dated April 15, 2020, and the Amendment dated June 15, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one from the public wished to speak.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

From: [Greg Anderson](#)
To: [Bernie Bacon](#); [Heather Rowley](#)
Subject: Fw: Public Comment for Meeting January 4, 2021
Date: Monday, January 4, 2021 3:13:27 PM
Attachments: [Fireworks Letter To Camas CC Jan 2021.docx](#)

From: Kathy Strabel <kspbappa@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 4, 2021 2:47 PM
To: City Council Members (GRP)
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting January 4, 2021

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Please acknowledge receipt of this public comment. I expect it to be presented at tonight's meeting. See attachment below.

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Have a good one!

Kathy Strabel

[Fireworks Letter To Camas CC Jan 2021.docx](#)

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From: [Douglas Strabel](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: Public Comments Follow Up / NW Lake Road and NW Sierra Street Traffic Signal
Date: Monday, January 4, 2021 4:01:34 PM

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Two (2) Items for the 1/04/2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Why do Comments/Questions to the City Council not get answered or even posted into the PUBLIC COMMENTS FOLLOW UP section of the City Website?

There has been zero activity since April/May 2020.

Maybe you should ask the question of yourselves on why the participation by the citizens in the Council Meetings has dropped off.

2. NW Lake Road and NW Sierra Street Traffic Signal:

This item was listed as a \$2.5M line item as part of the \$78M in the Failed Prop 2 in the 2019 Election.

This item is now listed as #8 on the City of Camas 2020-2025 Six Year Street Priorities.

Steve Wall said earlier this year that it was considered a "Priority Project".

It is not listed in the 2021/2022 Capital Decision Package.

We all understand the budgeting process and that if you don't ask for it and put the line item in the 2021/2022 Capital Decision Package then it will not happen in the next 2 years minimum.

You have to ask for it to get it approved.

The status on this project was asked of Steve Wall in an email 11/02/2020.

Douglas Strabel

4307 NW Oregon St.

Camas, WA

From: [Rick Marshall](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: Thanks for creating a walkable community!
Date: Monday, January 4, 2021 6:19:15 PM

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Happy New Year! I just wanted to thank the council and staff for their years of effort to help make Camas more walkable and accessible. Neither my sister nor mom are able to drive and being able to walk parts of Camas is really important to our family. And being able to go for daily walks has been a lifesaver for many of us during this year of Covid. Yesterday the weather was surprisingly good and it was wonderful to see so many residents out enjoying our trails and sidewalks. My wife and I made it downtown and we were encouraged to see the new wayfinding signage along 1st and 2nd Avenues. Thank you for that addition.

Some quick thoughts on protecting and improving walkability in Camas:

- Nudge property owners to keep sidewalks and ROWs clear
- Consider joining the 20's Plenty campaign to lower auto speeds and increase pedestrian safety <http://www.20splenty.org/>
- Look for easy connections to existing trails or sidewalk networks
- Consider road diets for NW 6th Ave on the west end of town and NE 3rd Ave on the east (both roadways could be reduced to one lane in each direction opening up opportunities for bike lanes, left turn lanes, parking, and much improved safety)
- Make walkability a key design principal for any new development especially downtown and near downtown (the lab property in particular is likely to develop sooner rather than later and is likely to be a key connection)

Thanks again for making Camas a wonderful place to live. We look forward to helping Camas become a world class walking community. Thanks!

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Also, the best quick reference on walkability we've found is Jeff Speck's [Walkable City Rules: 101 Steps to Making Better Places](#)