



**City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 21, 2020, 7:00 PM
REMOTE MEETING PARTICIPATION**

NOTE: Please see the published Agenda Packet for all item file attachments

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(Due to technical difficulties, the Pledge of Allegiance could not be heard during the meeting.)

ROLL CALL

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

Staff: Jerry Acheson, Bernie Bacon, Phil Bourquin, Sherry Coulter, Jamal Fox, Sarah Fox, Catrina Galicz, Jennifer Gorsuch, Cathy Huber Nickerson, Shawn MacPherson, Heather Rowley, Nick Swinhart, Connie Urquhart and Steve Wall

Press: Kelly Moyer, Camas-Washougal Post-Record

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one from the public wished to speak.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. August 31 and September 8, 2020 Camas City Council Special Meeting Minutes
2. \$2,159,681.12 Automated Clearing House and Claim Checks Numbered 145327 to 145464
3. 18th Avenue Reservoir Controls Contract (Submitted by Sam Adams, Utilities Manager)

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

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

4. Staff

Fox thanked staff for their efforts in handling recent storm events.

5. Council

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Anderson, Chaney and Carter thanked Chief Swinhart and the Fire Department staff for their help with regional wildfires.

Hogan thanked staff for their efforts during the storm events.

Burton asked about census results and thanked all staff for their efforts in recent storm and other events.

MAYOR

6. Mayor Announcements

Mayor commented about the City's 2021-2022 Biennial Budget effort.

MEETING ITEMS

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

It was moved by Chaney, and seconded, that the Mayor's Proclamation of Civil Emergency dated March 18, 2020, and the Supplement dated April 15, 2020, and the Amendment dated June 16, 2020, be reaffirmed. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Resolution No. 20-010 Adopting the North Shore Subarea Plan Vision Statement Presenter: Sarah Fox, Senior Planner

It was moved by Carter, and seconded, that Resolution No. 20-010 be read by title only. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Carter, and seconded, that Resolution No. 20-010 be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendments Presenter: Sarah Fox, Senior Planner

Fox provided an overview of the Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

Comments were provided by:

Martin Hetrich
Leanne Bremer
Jami Stevenson
Chris Williams
Ira Blumberg

Discussion ensued.

It was moved by Smith, and seconded, to approve the 2020 Comprehensive Plan Amendments as recommended by the Planning Commission, which includes CPA20-02 Mills Family and CPA 20-03 Lofts at Camas Meadows and direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance for Council's consideration. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Public Hearing for Cellco Partnership (d/b/a Verizon) Franchise and License Agreements

Presenter: Steve Wall, Public Works Director

Wall provided an overview of the franchise and license agreements.

Mayor McDonnell opened and closed the public hearing at 7:52 p.m. as no one from the public wished to speak.

It was moved by Smith, and seconded, to approve the franchise proposal and direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance for Council's consideration at a future meeting. The motion carried with six Yea votes and one Nay vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marie Callerame, 5724 NW El Rey Drive, Camas, commented about the Lacamas Shores biofilter.

Comments sent to publiccomments@cityofcamas.us will be provided to Council and included in these meeting minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Bernie Bacon

From: Marie Tabata-Callerame <aikotabcal@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 9:46 PM
To: Public Comments
Cc: Steve Hogan; Ellen Burton; Shannon Roberts; Don Chaney; Greg Anderson; Bonnie Carter; Melissa Smith; Barry McDonnell; Jamal Fox
Subject: Fw: City Council Comment Attachment - Lacamas Lake Algae and Lacamas Shores Biofilter
Attachments: IMG_0273.jpg; IMG_0274.jpg; 20200914_135858.jpg; 20200914_135846.jpg; 20200914_135645.jpg; 20200914_135420.jpg

Thanks, Bernie! Here is my notes from the comments.

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Marie Tabata-Callerame, 5724 NW El Rey Drive

I would like to discuss the Lacamas Shores Biofilter.

Right now, just know that **ONLY** the Lacamas Shores biofilter is known to be exceeding its Total Phosphorus and TSS standards **AND** entering the Lacamas Lake. This was by two standard deviations! Right now, we are the only **PROVEN** source **KNOWN** to be polluting the lake. And the solution is at **NO COST** to the City.

Quick summary of facts:

- Lacamas Lake toxins are increasing from 1 toxic algae bloom in 2018, to 3-4 in 2019, to 20+ in 2020. Algae toxins are now detectably present more often than not (Footnote 1). NOTE that January algae blooms are **NOT** due to climate change.
- The Lacamas Shores Biofilter was required to be built by an order from the [SHB Order and via permit](#) to protect the Lake from stormwater pollutants. The DOE at the time wanted to ensure that the development did not negatively affect water quality.
- The City of Camas normally requires HOAs to fix Biofilters, but it is not and has made clear that they will not, because of a 2018 letter from the DOE.
- The 2018 letter from Rebecca Rothwell, a DOE wetland specialist, was premised on a lack of information.

Since that letter, we have learned a lot and the City has agreed that the area in a storm water biofiltration system. Many other changes have happened since 2018:

1. We uncovered a letter from the [DOE from 1988](#) listing the DOE's original priorities, intentions, and concerns for the property;
2. The toxic algae blooms have increased exponentially for Lacamas and Round Lakes in the past two years (a phosphorus loading problem);
3. The [site-specific standards](#) (chart on p. 52) set in 1990's per permit have been re-discovered; and
4. **The Biofilter was documented to have exceeded those standards (for TP and TSS) by more than 2 standard deviations (Dec 2019 at point L-1)**, as well as exceeding other TP standards, guidelines and past results in every sample taken (over 0.070mg/L). See Footnote 2.

Due to new information and prior overlooked documents, we would like to have a face-to-face meeting with Mr. Fox and Mayor McDonnell.

We have done our research plus and need a conversation instead of email chains and/or conclusions. Please see our website at www.lacamashoresbiofilter.org.

We request that the City request the DOE to reverse its stance and allow the City to require the HOA restore the biofilter to original condition and stop polluting Lacamas and Round Lake.

Thank you for your time and attention!

Marie

Footnotes:

1. Lacamas Lake was tested 23 times this year. Only 20 times was algae toxin level below the "method detection limits." There were 10 times when toxin levels were "above state guidelines" of 8ppm for microcystin. Four of those ten were over 3 times the state guidelines (up to 77ppm).

<https://www.nwtoxicalgae.org/Data.aspx?SiteID=94>

2. Testing for the LS Biofilter since 1993:

- In 2018, COD grab samples suggested that the biofilter it is making the stormwater more polluted before entering the Lake. Bypassing the biofilter would be better.
- In December 2019, the City started testing two points of the water flowing out of the Biofilter and into the Lake. The plan was to test once in Dec, Apr, Sept, and Nov.
 - One point tests water from the 5.9-acres of Biofilter (L-1).
 - The other point tests water coming from the maintained bioswale and sediment pond (L-2). It should be working properly.
 - December 2019 Results
 - The Biofilter (L-1) levels were above the permit compliance criteria for Total Phosphorus, Total Suspended Solids **by over two standard deviations!** (Private companies would be required to shut down immediately and fix the problem, under fines and/or criminal penalties.) Conductivity was also above compliance levels
 - The Maintained Area (L-2) complied with the permit criteria.
 - May 2020 Results
 - Both samples were taken on the 9th day of 10 days of rainfall. This is outside of the standard protocol of testing within 12 hours of the "first flush" (first rain of September).
 - The Biofilter (L-1) was above permit levels for conductivity.
 - The Maintained Area (L-2) was above permit levels for conductivity.
 - ALL samples (both points and both days) were above the following TP levels:
 - 0.025 mg/L - 1986 EPA's TP level to prevent nuisance algal blooms and control eutrophication.
 - 0.050 mg/L - 2004 EPA standards for streams entering lakes.
 - 0.050 mg/L – the summer's HIGHEST Lacamas Lake reading in 2007. 0.042mg/L was the average. (see "Monitoring Report - Lacamas Lake Annual Data Summary for 2007")

From: Marie Tabata-Callerame

Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 3:17 PM

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Subject: City Council Comment Attachment - Lacamas Lake Algae and Lacamas Shores Biofilter
City Council, Mayor McDonnell and City Administrator Jamal Fox,

As a reminder of the seriousness of the problem with Lacamas Lake, I thought you would like to these pictures. They were taken at the Lacamas Shores boat dock.

- Two were taken yesterday around 11:45 am and were gone (washed downstream) before 5pm the same day.
- The rest were taken one week ago (Monday, 9/21/2020) around 2pm and were gone the next afternoon.

Algae toxins are no joke. I worry that testing once per week, with a 2-4 day delay of the notices is simply not enough. Perhaps a continuous monitoring system should be looked into.

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Bernie Bacon

From: Kimbal Logan <kimbal@kl-re.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 11:15 AM
To: Public Comments
Cc: Sarah Fox; Phil Bourquin; Robert Maul
Subject: Comments from Kimbal Logan and the Mills Family in support of the proposed Comp Plan Amendment for the remainder Mills Family Property in Lacamas North Shore

Dear Planning Staff and City Council,

The Mills Family and I want to thank the Planning Staff and the Planning Commission for their support of this approval. We are highly appreciative of the clarity this approval brings to the future uses of their property and the value that clarity creates for the Lacamas North Shore Area of Camas.

While the Staff Findings and recommendations lead to the result requested by the Mills Family, the Family has asked me to remind the Staff and the City Council that this approval is the result of the long relationship between the Mills Family and the City of Camas which has resulted in the sale of 26 acres of the Mill's waterfront property on Lacamas Lake, including the Leadbetter House, to the City at a significant discount and the donation of 7 acres of waterfront property to the City for conservation purposes.

The Mills Family believes that the benefits to the City of Camas of this approval include the following:

- The creation of much needed easily accessed low and medium density multiple family housing for the area including the future needs of the proposed business park to the North and BP property to the East,
- The resulting Systems Development Charges, sewer and water hookup fees, and late comer fees will help pay for some of the costs of the new sewer and water lines and other related road and infrastructure costs that will continue to arise as the Lacamas North Shore Vision Plan is realized,
- A major step in the fulfillment of the commitments made by the City to the Mills Family during the long relationship between the parties creating the public land owned by the City of Camas at the core of the North Shore,
- The first step to the future development of the remainder property,

The Mills Family looks forward to working with the City of Camas and their excellent staff to helping create the different multi-family projects envisioned.

Thanks again for your consideration and hoped full approval by the City Council.

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