



**City Council Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 16, 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 and Shannon Roberts

Excused: Melissa Smith

Staff: Bernie Bacon, Phil Bourquin, James Carothers, Sherry Coulter, Randy Curtis, Jamal Fox, Sarah Fox, Jennifer Gorsuch, Lauren Hollenbeck, Cathy Huber Nickerson, Mitch Lackey, Trang Lam, Shawn MacPherson, Robert Maul, Bryan Rachal, Heather Rowley, Madeline Sutherland, Nick Swinhart, Connie Urquhart and Steve Wall

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Judit Lorenz, 904 NW 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Camas, commented about the Lacamas Watershed Council.

Due to technical difficulties, Susan Oatney could not provide comments in the meeting. Her comments, as well as all others received via [publiccomments@cityofcamas.us](mailto:publiccomments@cityofcamas.us) are attached to these minutes.

**ITEMS ADDED TO THE AGENDA**

Staff Miscellaneous and Updates -

Fox commended staff and the City's partners for their efforts during the most recent weather event.

Wall provided an update to Council about Public Works response to the snow event.

Bourquin provided an update to Council about the [www.letstalkcamashousing.us](http://www.letstalkcamashousing.us) website.

Fox informed Council about the City's Covid-19 pandemic recovery, including Phase 2 staffing. Discussion ensued.

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

1. February 1, 2021 Camas City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
2. \$786,697.59 Automated Clearing House and Claim Checks Numbered 146676 to 146809
3. \$4,547.88 Unpaid Final Utility Bill Write-off from Previous Property Owner (Submitted by Cathy Huber Nickerson, Finance Director)
4. \$104,196.26 for December 2020 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Write-off Billings; which is \$91,663.24 for Monthly Uncollectable Balance of Medicare and Medicaid Accounts and \$12,533.02 for Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) funding (Submitted by Cathy Huber Nickerson, Finance Director)
5. Job Order Contracting Interlocal Agreements (Denis Ryan, Public Works Operations Supervisor)
6. Sunningdale Garden Sewer Lift Station Professional Services (Submitted by Sam Adams, Utilities Manager)
7. Camas School District (CSD) - Transportation Improvements Traffic Impact Fee Credits (James Carothers, Engineering Manager)
8. Sharp Electronics - Transportation Improvements Traffic Impact Fee Credits (James Carothers, Engineering Manager)

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

**NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

9. Staff

There were no further updates from staff.

10. Council

Council Members thanked City staff for their efforts during the weather event.

Burton attended the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) City Action Days event, the Downtown Camas Association's (DCA) Board meeting, the tour of the restoration of the Garfield/Garver Theater, the 2021 Clark County Economic Forecast Forum, and the Fire Joint Policy Advisory Committee (JPAC).

Roberts commented on resident emails about a pending facility on NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Roberts will participate in a Running Start Program student mock interview and attend the next Planning Commission meeting.

Anderson attended the C-TRAN Board meeting, Anderson commended City Administrator Jamal Fox and Washougal City Manager David Scott for their efforts surrounding the Fire Department's facilitated process in the JPAC meeting.

Chaney attended the Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency (CRESA) meeting, thanked Randy Curtis for his years of service on the Parks & Recreation Commission and commented about Officer Riedel's retirement.

Hogan thanked Randy Curtis for his years of service on the commission, attended the Columbia River Economic Development Council (CREDC) Board of Director's training, and commented about the Lacamas Lake Commission.

Carter thanked Clark Public Utilities for their efforts during the weather event, and thanked Officer Riedel and Randy Curtis for their service. Carter commented about meeting Trang Lam, Director of Parks & Recreation, about the County's entering Phase 2 of the Governor's reopening plan and its impact on City restaurants, and about the recent Camas School District levy. Carter attended the Port of Camas-Washougal Commissioner's meeting.

## **MAYOR**

Mayor recognized Administrative Support Assistant Heather Rowley for her five years of service at the City.

Mayor commented about attending the AWC City Action Days.

Mayor recognized City Administrator Jamal Fox for his first six months of achievements at the City.

### **11. 2021 Citizen Appointments**

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

## **MEETING ITEMS**

### **12. Ordinance No. 21-003 Amendments to the Camas Shoreline Master Program Presenter: Sarah Fox, Senior Planner**

**It was moved by Carter, and seconded, that Ordinance No. 21-003 be read by title only. The motion carried unanimously.**

**It was moved by Carter, and seconded that Ordinance No. 21-003 be adopted and published according to law. The motion carried unanimously.**

### **13. Public Hearing - Annual Code Amendments – Housing Mandates Presenter: Sarah Fox, Senior Planner**

**Mayor McDonnell opened and closed the public hearing at 8:10 p.m., as no one from the public wished to speak.**

**It was moved by Carter, and seconded, to approve the Annual Code Amendments for Housing Mandates and to direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance for Council's consideration at a future meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

14. Annual Code Amendments  
Presenter: Madeline Sutherland, Assistant Planner

**Mayor McDonnell opened the public hearing at 8:14 p.m. The following members of the public spoke:**

**Alicia King, Camas**

**The public hearing closed at 8:19 p.m.**

**It has been moved by Roberts, and seconded, to approve the Annual Code Amendments, with the exceptions as noted by staff, and to direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance for Council's consideration at a future meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

15. Public Hearing - Amendments to Flood Hazard Regulations  
Presenter: Lauren Hollenbeck, Senior Planner

**Mayor McDonnell opened and closed the public hearing at 8:30 p.m., as no one from the public wished to speak.**

**It was moved by Roberts, and seconded, to approve the Flood Hazard Regulations and to direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance for Council's consideration at a future meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

16. Ordinance No. 21-002 An Ordinance amending Ordinance 2529 to modify a Covenant Rezone Agreement  
Presenter: Robert Maul, Planning Manager

**It was moved by Chaney, and seconded, that Ordinance No. 21-002 be read by title only. The motion carried unanimously.**

**It was moved by Chaney, and seconded, that Ordinance No. 21-002 be adopted and published according to law. The motion carried unanimously.**

17. Resolution No. 21-001 Designating the City Clerk as Agent for Claims for Damages  
Presenter: Jennifer Gorsuch, Administrative Services Director

**It was moved by Roberts, and seconded, that Resolution No. 21-001 be read by title only. The motion carried unanimously.**

**It was moved by Roberts, and seconded, that Resolution No. 21-001 be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.**

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

**It was moved by Hogan, 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**

Alicia King, Camas, commented about the Garfield/Garver Theater renovation, the City's public notices, and about the property at NW 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and NW Sierra Street.

Susan Oatney, 5211 NW Valley Court, Camas, commented about the Lacamas Shores biofilter.

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

## Bernie Bacon

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**From:** Cynthia Hein <cthein89@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 15, 2021 6:56 PM  
**To:** Bonnie Carter; Steve Hogan; Public Comments  
**Subject:** Parking infraction message

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Hi Steve and Bonnie. I watched the recorded Feb. 1 City Council meeting. One topic in particular surprised me the most. The proposal to increase traffic violations from \$15 to \$45 dollars to reflect the rates in Portland. I read the current code from the City of Camas Code Enforcement website as:

"These are the areas with hourly **parking**. **Parking** Infractions are \$15.00. Tickets are due within 15 days of the violation. If not paid or postmarked within 15 days, tickets are subject to a \$25 penalty."

Questions:

1. Is there a current problem with tickets not being paid or repeated violations?
2. I heard the argument posed "the new rates would reflect Portland". I don't think that is a good rationale and personally not a lot of things to emulate in Portland right now.

I would propose:

1. First violation: \$15
2. If not paid within 15 days, \$25
3. If not paid within 30 days \$35

To me that seems more reasonable and hopefully has the desired results.

Thanks,

Tim Hein

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## Bernie Bacon

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**From:** Oatney, Susan <scoatney@ecolab.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 16, 2021 7:24 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Comments by Susan Oatney--Lacamas Shores Biofilter

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Hello Everyone!

My name is Susan Oatney, I live at 5211 NW Valley Court and I have lived in the Lacamas Shores Neighborhood for 12 years. This comment is concerning the Lacamas Shores Biofilter. I want to thank John Ley for the comprehensive article on the Lacamas Shores Biofilter published this week in Clark County today. I have spent 35 years as a Wastewater professional, working and consulting for some of the largest companies in the world. As of the last decade or so, wastewater has also included storm water, so I do have relevant experience in this field. I have worked on committees within the Lacamas Shores HOA, given presentations to Lacamas Shores HOA, also met with the City, and made my own quick study analysis known to the HOA, which showed the biofilter was contributing to pollution in Lacamas Lake. The Lake is our gem—it is one of the premier recreational destinations in Clark County, and a corner stone of the community. Often, residents within Lacamas Shores, the Lacamas Shores HOA and the City, have been at odds with each other concerning the Lacamas Shores Biofilter. Misinformation and misunderstanding concerning the status of the biofilter has abounded between the DOE, the Corp of Engineers, the City and the Lacamas Shores HOA. With incomplete information shared between all the groups, there has been a long standstill surrounding any work or improvements to the biofilter. This situation cannot be just left up to the HOA—boards change, positions change, and attitudes change based on friendships and feelings when it comes to a neighborhood board. The city needs to help push the HOA to move toward an improved and fixed biofilter. My sincere hope is that we all look at the end result, which is cleaning up our beautiful Lake, and work together to make the changes needed in the Lacamas Shores Biofilter to improve our water quality going into the Lake. The city is scheduled to spend a large amount of money on consultants and study. This time and money could be used to solve a big part of the problem right now. The biofilter at Lacamas Shores has undergone studies for years; we know the biofilter is a big source of pollution to Lacamas Lake; we know this is a problem and it can be fixed. Again, many thanks to John Ley for highlighting this issue, and being a spark to the fire we need to move forward on improvements to the Lacamas Shores Biofilter.

Best regards,

Susan C Oatney

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## Bernie Bacon

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**From:** Rodger Hauge <rhaug43@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 16, 2021 7:29 PM  
**To:** Bernie Bacon  
**Subject:** Remarks 2/21  
**Attachments:** Remarks 221.pdf

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Bernie, This should come through. Sorry for this. Rodger

Sent from my iPhone



Camas City Council

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the LLC

You will find us prepared

Most of us have read and digested the research of the last 30 years.

We understand the current conditions in the Lake

- Large populations of algae

- Frequent blue-green algae blooms in the growing season

- An anoxic hypolimnion

- Phosphate entering the lake from L Creek and the watershed

- Stormwater runoff that could be better managed

- A growing community around the Lake

- A desire on the part of the community to use the lake for recreation

Tasks ahead may include:

- Stormwater treatment

- Hypolimnion oxygenation

- Revegetation of the riparian zones of watershed creeks

- Community education

- Sediment basins

- Grants

- Rec upgrades

Communication is key

One goal that seems important is to move past the studies, analysis, and proposals to get to an implementation phase. The recommendations have been made. We would like to assist in the process of rejuvenating Lacamas Lake and the L L watershed