



**City Council Workshop Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 4:30 PM**  
**REMOTE MEETING PARTICIPATION**

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**SPECIAL MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Barry McDonnell called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Excused: Melissa Smith

Staff: Bernie Bacon, Phil Bourquin, James Carothers, Sherry Coulter, Jamal Fox, Sarah Fox, Jennifer Gorsuch, Cathy Huber Nickerson, Mitch Lackey, Trang Lam, Shawn MacPherson, Bryan Rachal, Heather Rowley, Ron Schumacher, Nick Swinhart, Connie Urquhart and Steve Wall

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No one from the public wished to speak.

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

**WORKSHOP TOPICS**

1. Contract Authority  
Presenter: Shawn MacPherson, City Attorney

MacPherson provided an overview of the City's Contract and Agreement Thresholds. Discussion ensued.

2. Form of Government  
Presenter: Shawn MacPherson, City Attorney

MacPherson provided an overview of the Forms of Government in the State of Washington. Discussion ensued.

3. Request for Proposal for Facilitated Review of FD Merger  
Presenter: Nick Swinhart, Fire Chief

Swinhart provided an overview of the Facilitated Review of the Fire Department Merger Request for Proposals (RFP). This item will appear on a future Council agenda.

4. New Fire Department Capital Facilities Plan  
Presenter: Nick Swinhart, Fire Chief

Swinhart provided an introduction to the Fire Department's new Capital Facilities Plan, and introduced Jeff Humphreys of group Mackenzie Group. Humphreys gave an overview presentation of Mackenzie and their approach to this project. This item will appear on a future Council agenda.

5. Crown Road Water Booster Station Air Relief Improvements  
Presenter: James Carothers, Engineering Manager & Steve Wall, Public Works Director

Carothers provided information to Council about this improvements project. This item will be placed on the March 1, 2021 Consent Agenda for Council's consideration.

6. City of Camas Fourth Quarter 2020 Financial Performance Presentation  
Presenter: Cathy Huber Nickerson, Finance Director

Huber Nickerson provided an overview of the City's fourth quarter 2020 financial performance. Discussion ensued.

7. Utility Assistance Program Presentation  
Presenter: Cathy Huber Nickerson, Finance Director

Huber Nickerson provided an overview of the City's Utility Assistance Program and is supportive of the partnership with the Family Community Resource Center.

8. Staff Miscellaneous and Updates  
This is a placeholder for miscellaneous or emergent items.  
Presenter: Jamal Fox, City Administrator

Due to time constraints, comments were provided at the February 16, 2021 Regular meeting.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

Due to time constraints, comments were provided at the February 16, 2021 Regular meeting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Due to technical difficulties, Rodger Hauge was not able to provide comment in the meeting. His comments were provided it via email and are attached.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 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 with in 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,

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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