



City Council Workshop Minutes
Monday, November 16, 2020, 4:30 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 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Staff: Bernie Bacon, Phil Bourquin, Sherry Coulter, Jamal Fox, Cliff Free, Catrina Galicz, Jennifer Gorsuch, Mitch Lackey, Cathy Huber Nickerson, Heather Rowley, Ron Schumacher, Nick Swinhart, Connie Urquhart and Steve Wall

Press: Kelly Moyer, Camas-Washougal Post-Record

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kevin Bergstrom, 1210 NE 277th Avenue, Camas, commented about the C-W Fire Department Master Plan.

Carrie Schulstad, Downtown Camas Association Director, commented about the Camas Public Library, Hometown Holidays collaboration, and supporting downtown businesses.

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

WORKSHOP TOPICS

1. Agreement With Clark County Sheriff's Dept. To Monitor NCIC/WACIC
Presenter: Mitch Lackey, Chief of Police

Lackey provided an overview of the agreement with the Clark County Sheriff's Department and there was overall consensus by Council to continue with this arrangement.

2. Camas-Washougal (CW) Fire Department Master Plan Discussion
Presenter: Nick Swinhart, Fire Chief

Swinhart provided an overview of the CW Fire Department Master Plan. Discussion ensued. This item will be placed on a future Council Workshop agenda.

3. 2020 Fall Omnibus Budget (Ordinance 20-009) Presentation
Presenter: Cathy Huber Nickerson, Finance Director

Huber Nickerson provided an overview of the Fall Omnibus. Discussion ensued.

4. 2021 Final Property Tax Levies
Presenter: Cathy Huber Nickerson, Finance Director

Huber Nickerson provided an overview of the Property Tax Levy. Discussion ensued. This item was also placed on the November 16, 2020 Council Regular Meeting agenda for Council's consideration.

5. 2021-2022 Final Budget Presentation
Presenter: Cathy Huber Nickerson, Finance Director

Huber Nickerson provided an overview of the 2021-2022 Budget. Discussion ensued. This item was also placed on the November 16, 2020 Council Regular Meeting agenda for Council's consideration.

6. Community Development Miscellaneous and Updates

This is a placeholder for miscellaneous or emergent items.
Presenter: Phil Bourquin, Community Development Director

There were no Community Development miscellaneous updates.

7. Public Works Miscellaneous and Updates

This is a placeholder for miscellaneous or emergent items.
Presenter: Steve Wall, Public Works Director

Wall provided an update about the Brady Road Improvements project.

8. Camas 2021 Legislative Agenda
Presenter: Jamal Fox, City Administrator

Fox and Halverson provided an overview of the 2021 Legislative Agenda. Discussion ensued. This item was also placed on the November 16, 2020 Council Regular Meeting agenda for Council's consideration.

9. City Administrator Miscellaneous and Updates

This is a placeholder for miscellaneous or emergent items.
Presenter: Jamal Fox, City Administrator

There were no City Administrator miscellaneous updates.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Due to time constraints, and with Council consensus, comments were deferred to the November 16, 2020 Council Regular Meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marilyn Roggenkamp, 373 NE Oak Street, Camas, commented about tax increases, small businesses and essential services.

Kevin Bergstrom, 1210 NE 277th Avenue, Camas, commented about the CW Fire Department Master Plan.

John Ley, 444 NW Fremont Street, Camas, commented about 2021 Legislative Agenda.

Marie Tabata-Callerame, 5724 NW El Rey Drive, Camas, commented about the Lacamas Watershed Committee and transparency in meetings.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Bernie Bacon

From: Zach Goodman <zbgood23@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 3:26 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Hire the 4 FF not 2 and 2.
Attachments: Public Comment 11-16.docx

WARNING: This message originated outside the City of Camas Mail system. **DO NOT CLICK** on links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and are expecting the content. If you are unsure, click the Phish Alert button to redirect the email for ITD review.

Camas City Council Meeting 11/16

My name is Zach Goodman, 1535 NW 34th Ave in Camas.

I am speaking tonight to press the Mayor and city council to hire 4 new FF's.

Some of you remember me as an outspoken citizen regarding firefighter staffing following the fatal Valentine's Day fire in 2018. Tonight, I have the same message as I did in 2018:

You will never go wrong investing in public safety. Your best return on your investment is with people. Don't forget that!!

As outlined in the study that concluded last year from ESCI, the cross staffing of station 42 is a huge liability for the city.

. I want to stress that this community can not wait another 3 years to end the cross staffing at station 42. The funding option that would take 3 more years to end station 42 cross staffing should not be seriously considered.

Someone mentioned the utility tax/property tax would be a difficult "public process". A public process would be a golden opportunity for the city of camas to educate and engage the public on why these funds are needed and how they will benefit everyone.

One of the council members mentioned that the council needs to ensure we are good stewards with our money. I would like to say that taking the money that has been given to you in the CARES Act and increasing your firefighter paramedic staffing is absolutely a good use of money.

Chief Swinehart says the most efficient way to go is to hire the 4 at once rather than 2 and 2. So, if we want to be good stewards of our money please do the right thing and be a good steward of our money--hire the 4 FF's at once not 2 and 2. I know \$500,000 is "a lot" but if station 42 is out on a call and my child is choking just down the street from 42 and it takes 8 or 10 minutes extra for the next closest rig to arrive, how do you explain that to the parent of that child?. This is why the elimination of cross staffing is so "compelling."

I think someone asked Chief Free what's the worst thing that can happen if we continue cross staffing. The answer is someone will die that didn't have to because station 42 was out on a call, and the next closest rig was too far away to make a difference. Kind of reminds me of the Valentines Day fire.

Please stop cross staffing station 42 immediately.

Thanks for your time and thanks for your service to the community.

Bernie Bacon

From: James Jang <jjang.eengineer@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 5:13 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Regulating the aesthetics: preserve our heritage while promoting economic advancement.

WARNING: This message originated outside the City of Camas Mail system. DO NOT CLICK on links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and are expecting the content. If you are unsure, click the Phish Alert button to redirect the email for ITD review.

Dear City Council:

I am concerned about how the aesthetics of our beautiful community may be impacted by the recent Ordinances No. 20-005 Cellco Partnership (d/b/a Verizon) Franchise Agreement and No. 20-007 Cellco Partnership (d/b/a Verizon Wireless) License Agreement.

I am an Electrical Engineer who fully supports economic and technological advancement and would like to ensure that current planning/zoning codes keep Camas beautiful for many generations. I am requesting the adoption of the following language to our local planning/zoning code.

- * All towers, antennas and associated structures shall have a matte finish to avoid reflection or glare, and be of a color and design that blends in with the surrounding background and neighborhood.**
- * Telecommunication towers and antennas shall not be located within 1,500 feet of any school (nursery, elementary, junior high, and high school), trail, park or outdoor recreation area, sporting venues, and residential zones.**

The need for antennas on towers and associated structures will continue to increase as our population density increases and need for wireless bandwidth rises. Let's keep Camas at the forefront of communities adopting similar language to keep the community interests a priority along with developers.

A recent court ruling upheld community rights to adopt and enforce these requirements:

Aesthetic Regulation

The Ninth Circuit panel struck down the FCC's restrictive standard for aesthetic requirements imposed by local governments. The Orders' requirement that aesthetic regulations be "no more burdensome" than regulations applied to other infrastructure deployment was vacated and remanded to the Commission. This is the one bright spot in the ruling. Cities may establish aesthetic standards for small wireless facilities regardless of whether a city has different regulations for electric or other utility facilities or indeed, none at all.

<http://mrsc.org/Home/Stay-Informed/MRSC-Insight/September-2020/The-9th-Circuit-Backs-the-FCC-in-Small-Wireless-Ap.aspx>

On a related side note: Verizon recently re-started the process of planning to construct a cell tower on a property adjacent to Woodburn Elementary school by distributing a letter to residents dated November, 12 2012 with information on a neighborhood meeting scheduled for December 3, 2020 with Zoom and call-in information. ALL children, parents, and faculty need to be notified of this meeting as soon as possible - they deserve to know and understand the aesthetic impacts of this construction project on our community. This location goes against

existing Clark County ordinances which require existing structures to be utilized. There are multiple power towers nearby.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
James Jang