



**City Council Workshop Minutes
Monday, August 03, 2020, 4:30 PM
REMOTE MEETING PARTICIPATION**

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

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

Press: Jack Heffernan, The Columbian

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lori Lackland, 3553 NW 60th Avenue, Camas, commented about chalk art.

Charity Feb, 1401 NW 7th Avenue, Camas, commented about elections.

Jeryln Holland, 2535 NW Ogden Court, Camas, commented about equity.

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

WORKSHOP TOPICS

1. Removal of Markings and Graffiti
Presenters: Steve Wall, Public Works Director and Shawn MacPherson, City Attorney

Wall and MacPherson provided an overview of current code and potential public art options. Discussion ensued.
2. Lacamas Park Trail Bridge
Presenters: Steve Wall, Public Works Director and Shawn MacPherson, City Attorney

Wall and MacPherson provided an overview of the topic and possible options. Discussion ensued. This topic was referred to the Parks and Recreation Commission for further research and review.

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

Wall commented about the Slurry Seal Program.

4. City of Camas 2021-2022 Revenue Budget Projections
Presenter: Cathy Huber Nickerson, Finance Director

Huber Nickerson provided an overview of the revenue budget projections.

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

Bourquin provide updates regarding the Building and Planning divisions, the Planning Commission, and the Shoreline Master Plan.

6. City Administrator Miscellaneous and Updates
This is a placeholder for miscellaneous or emergent items.
Presenter: Jennifer Gorsuch, Administrative Services Director

There were no miscellaneous updates.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Anderson attended a C-TRAN meeting. He attended a discussion with Washougal about the Camas-Washougal Fire Department (CWFD). Anderson commented about a proposal for an equity commission

Hogan commented about working with staff and other local partners regarding water quality of the Camas lakes. He attended the Finance Committee meeting.

Carter attended the Finance Committee meeting and commented about inclusion and an equity commission proposal.

Smith will attend a Regional Transportation Council (RTC) meeting and the County's meeting about systemic racism. She commented about the retirement of Brent Erickson from the Camas Washougal Chamber of Commerce and his 20 years of service.

Chaney commented about C-TRAN and Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency (CRESA). He complimented City staff.

Roberts attended the July Planning Commission meeting and commented about the meeting in August. She commented about a webinar she attended and a request emailed to Council from In God We Trust America, Inc.

Burton commented about community, inclusion, and an equity commission proposal.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nate Jackson, 1123 NE Adams St, Camas, commented about chalk art.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

From: [Ryan Conroy](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: BLM Chalk Art
Date: Thursday, July 30, 2020 9:55:52 PM

To whom it may concern,

My name is Ryan and I live in Vancouver. I have grown up in this town my whole life. I served in the US military in the United States Marine Corps, but other than that I have lived here. I have always had friends who have lived in camas and i have always come to the port to launch my boat. I used to bowl as a junior bowler at riverside bowl. I have never in my 33 years of life thought of the city of camas as a racist or unequal opportunity town. As I have watched this BLM chalk war unravel over the past three weeks from my friend melissa's social media, I have thought wow I really dont like the city of camas anymore. This is a disgrace to the sw washington community as a whole. Sidewalk chalk is harmless and has never been an issue until multiple people have started expressing their feelings with it. Because it has offended someone it has been taken down. What happened to America the country in which I and many others have fought for and so many have died for? What happened to free speech and freedom of expression??? It is sidewalk chalk and it washes away after a few days. The leadership of the city of camas needs to step up and support this small sanction of people showing support for a good cause. Be thankful they arent rioting and burning down buildings and destroying businesses. This war needs to end and the BLM movement needs support from the city of camas and not just get washed away. Support racial inequality and make this America a fair country.

Thank you for your time
Ryan

From: [Brandii Heaward](#)
To: [Barry McDonnell](#); [Greg Anderson](#); [Ellen Burton](#); [Bonnie Carter](#); [Don Chaney](#); [Steve Hogan](#); [Shannon Roberts](#); [Melissa Smith](#); [Steve Wall](#); macphersonlaw@comcast.net; [Public Comments](#)
Subject: Support for our City and City Employees re: keeping our parks neutral areas
Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 8:19:45 AM

Good evening Council Members,

I've been listening to the 4:30 workshop today. I decided not to make my public comment by voice and instead wanted to email you all about an encounter I had with two individuals last Friday at the Crown Park wall. I want to thank all of you for addressing the ordinance re: chalk art/graffiti/tagging. I appreciate and support Council Member Bonnie Carter's suggestion for keeping the chalk art to the Camas Library and developing a future program that does not include Crown Park. With school being closed and parks having been closed, our children do not have many public places to go and play freely. I believe our parks, with playgrounds, should be left neutral zones where kids and families can go without fear of any kind.

Below is my brief description, from my social media post yesterday:

"Friday morning, before I was aware of any of this, I had a very disturbing in-person encounter with two men at the park. I was driving with my kids and passed the park. I saw two men, on ladders, putting "Black Lives Matter" with two fists in front of it, on the top portion of the wall, facing Everett St./Top Burger side. I was concerned as it appeared to be paint from afar because it looked solid compared to chalk, and also questioned their intentions being on a public park, where children play, and intentionally placing their work higher than any person could reach, at 8:45am.

I decided to pull over and called the city office to report what was happening, in case it was paint. I was told to call the police station to have an officer come out and check. I called the station directly, no answer, so I called 311. Before the officer arrived, the two men headed to their cars. I was parked on the side of the street. I had no idea the cars in front of me were theirs until they headed towards them. I decided to take the opportunity to ask them what they were doing, in hopes of gaining understanding of their intentions.

I asked them, "What were you guys doing?"

One of the men completely went off on me for simply asking that. He said, "Having fun. Why are you harassing us? We expected people like you. (laughing at me) We're Camas residents and you're a racist. Fuck off."

I immediately got back in my car, without responding to him. As he drove off, he flipped me off out his window. As my kids watched and heard it all.

I stayed there until an officer came to let them know what had happened and the man's offensive language towards me.

The officer thought it was paint as well from afar, but did discover it was chalk. The officer apologized for the person being so unpleasant to me. Shortly after, the officer called me to explain the city was going to send someone out to wash the wall, since they try to keep the parks a neutral place. I was surprised, impressed, and thankful for the city's response."

I do not believe these two men had good intentions, as their behavior and actions towards me showed. This is an example of why I think it's important that the city and Mayor address this and keep the ordinance for our parks to remain neutral while removing any markings, of any kind, if a complaint is made. Which then leads to the work order and it removed.

I've lived in Camas for over 20 years, as well as live on Everett St. myself. Thank you for the support and thank you to our city employees doing the work to keep our city going.

Thank you,

Brandii Heaward

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