

July 26, 2018

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Steve Sexton called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present: Joe DeGloria, Rick DeGloria, Chris Loving, and James Stavig. Staff present: Jennifer Berner, Bryan Harrison, Geoff Hawes, Leif Johnson, Mike Luvera, Kristen Morrison, Renee Sinclair, and Levon Yengoyan.

A motion was made to excuse **Councilor Bill Aslett, Councilor Edie Edmundson, and Councilor Ted Montgomery** by **Councilors R. DeGloria/Loving**. All in favor; motion carried.

MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2018 council meeting by **Councilors Loving/J. DeGloria**. All in favor; motion carried.

AUDIT OF BILLS:

A motion was made by **Councilors R. DeGloria/J. DeGloria** to approve Accounts Payable invoices to be paid as reviewed on July 26, 2018 in the amount of \$419,791.04. All in favor; motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jim Jameson, Attorney – 3409 McDougall Avenue, Suite 201, Everett, WA stated that he is representing Steve Mains, owner of the Varsity Inn, and discussed the delay in completion of and of aspects of construction work performed on the street and area surrounding the Varsity Inn, and of financial damages to his client. **Mayor Sexton** stated that these types of issues should be discussed with staff. **Jameson** asked whether there was a plan for financial compensation for business owners in the road construction area; **City Attorney Leif Johnson** stated that there is a claim form to be submitted to the City for such claims. **Jameson** discussed Mains' completion of the claim and a need for expedient response, due to his client's finances.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilor Loving requested an update on the progress and timeline for completion of the road construction on Fairhaven Avenue and on the Moratorium on day center human services facilities. **City Administrator Bryan Harrison** stated that information on both topics would be provided in the Officer's Report portion of the meeting's agenda.

MAYOR'S UPDATE:

Mayor Sexton discussed the recent change in Emergency Medical Services (EMS) structure, stating that there will be a lot of work required to transition to Burlington Fire Department's providing of Advanced Life Support (ALS), and that there will be a lot of information coming back to Council. Discussion was held on some logistics of the transition; **Fire Chief Levon Yengoyan** discussed existing relationships with surrounding Fire Districts.

PROCLAMATION:

No proclamation.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

No special presentation.

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS:

Parks & Recreation Director Jennifer Berner stated that the Parks Board Chairperson could not be present to give the quarterly report as planned, but would give the report at the next Council Meeting.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Public Works Director Marv Pulst updated Council on the Sharon Ave. sewer line project, where further exploration has revealed a need for additional repairs, that the bid document produced by Gray & Osborne engineering firm will be rejected, as the firm estimated the first phase of repair costs to be approximately \$475,000, but the lowest bid response was approximately \$833,000.

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Pulst discussed the causes for the delay in the completion of the Fairhaven Avenue intersection: the derailment of 5-6 railcars on the Burlington Northern Sante Fe (BNSF) railroad, which caused decreased availability of the required BNSF flaggers. **Pulst** discussed his efforts in contacting BNSF officials to expedite and increase the availability of said flaggers. **Pulst** discussed the need for additional, deeper excavation which revealed obstacles such as tree stumps, which caused additional delay. **Pulst** discussed the paving schedule, which is to begin Wednesday or Thursday of next week, with total completion of all elements scheduled for 2-3 weeks. The derailment of the rail cars was further discussed.

City Administrator Bryan Harrison discussed the Moratorium on day center human services facilities, stating that a meeting was held with Community Action, wherein Community Action representatives were made aware of pertinent dates on when related topics would be discussed at the Planning Commission, as well as what possible options Community Action has for moving forward, including formally applying for a building use permit under the current Burlington Municipal Code.

Harrison reminded Council of and invited all to attend Quidditch Fest, which will take place on Saturday, July 28th at Skagit River Park.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No Unfinished Business.

CONSENT AGENDA:

No Consent Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE 2019 LODGING TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE

City Administrator Bryan Harrison discussed the proposed resolution, and the change in the Burlington Chamber of Commerce CEO, who is now Peter Browning, who is being recommended for appointment to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

A motion was made by Councilors Loving/J. DeGloria to approve the appointment of Peter Browning to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee and approve the Resolution appointing all voting and alternate members to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, and authorize the Mayor to sign. All in favor; motion carried.

STREET CLOSURES FOR 2018 TOUCH A TRUCK EVENT

Parks & Recreation Director Jennifer Berner discussed the street closures requested for the expanded Touch A Truck Event. **Councilor J. DeGloria** asked whether there would be accommodations made for homeowners on the closed streets; **Berner** confirmed that there would be.

A motion was made by **Councilors Loving/Stavig** to approve the street closures and helicopter landing zone for the 2018 Touch A Truck Event and authorize the Mayor's signature on appropriate documents. All in favor; motion carried.

Fire Chief Levon Yengoyan addressed Council to inform them that the City has been awarded a for \$100,000 Assistance to Firefighters Grant, for which Yengoyan applied for last February and requires a 5% match which would be approximately \$5,000, and would allow for the purchase and installation of an exhaust system for the Fire Department's apparatus bays.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Steve Sexton adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

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Renee Sinclair
Director of Budget & Accounting

Steve Sexton
Mayor