

August 28, 2008

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Brunz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present: Aslett, Bensen, Doyle, Edmundson, Loving, Montgomery and Valentine. Staff present: Aarstad, Harmon, Martin, Sheahan, Thomas, Thrumer, VanWieringen and Acero.

Mayor Brunz asked those in attendance to please stand for a moment of silence in remembrance of **Sewer Supervisor Roger LaRue** who passed away unexpectedly this week.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

City Administrator Aarstad noted a correction to the minutes of the August 14, 2008 Council meeting, second item under Officer Reports. A motion was made by **Councilors Loving/Valentine** to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2008 Council workshop, the corrected minutes of the August 14, 2008 Council meeting and the minutes of the August 18, 2008 Special Council meeting. All agreed. Motion carried.

AUDIT OF BILLS:

Councilor Montgomery presented the bills. A motion was made by **Councilors Montgomery/Aslett** to approve vouchers 53365 – 53442 in the amount of \$281,639.86. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Current Expense	\$ 32,995.31
Current Expense Cumulative Reserve	5,122.61
Fire Equipment Cumulative Reserve	825.67
City Street	160,921.37
Hopper Construction Fund	218.75
Parks & Recreation	12,805.88
Cemetery Fund	88.63
Stadium Fund	3,000.00
Local Capital Improvement Fund	33,729.59
Park & Recreation Reserve	4,293.00
Storm Drainage Utility	27,639.05
Total	\$ 281,639.86

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Thomas Flack, 1011 Burlington Heights Drive, read a letter regarding his concerns about the use of public right-of-way, curb height on Fairhaven Avenue, the City Administrator, no parking signs on Burlington Hill and a rock wall out-cropping on Burlington Hill.

Mr. Mark Kramer, 506 South Cherry, spoke to the comments by Mr. Flack. He complimented the City Administrator and other City staff for their work.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Public Works Director/Engineer Martin noted that he is forming a consultant selection committee for levee certification. He asked if any council members were interested in serving on this committee. **Councilor Loving** and **Councilor Bensen** volunteered for the committee.

Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer Harmon presented an update on the status of the North Burlington Boulevard project. He noted that the contractor is on-time to

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complete the project by the deadline. The final lift of paving is scheduled for the week of September 22, 2008.

Finance Director Thramer noted that sales tax revenue to date is down 7.1%. He presented a graph showing the sales tax revenues for the past 12 months. He found that revenues were down in ten of the twelve past months.

Finance Director Thramer announced that the State Auditor's have been examining the 2007 records for about two weeks. He expects they will be here for another few weeks. There will be an Exit Conference scheduled at the end of the audit so that Council can be informed of their findings prior to the final report being issued.

Finance Director Thramer noted that the next report of sales tax revenue from the State will be for the period July 1 – 31, which is the first month under the Streamlined Sales Tax.

City Administrator Aarstad stated that as soon as he is aware of when services are scheduled for **Sewer Supervisor Roger LaRue**, he will let council members know.

City Administrator Aarstad noted that the Council/Department Head retreat is scheduled for Wednesday September 10, beginning at 7:30 am to 4:30 p.m. The location is the Padilla Bay Center on Bayview-Edison Road. Following the retreat, the council and Mayor will move to the Farmhouse Restaurant for a dinner meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING TRAFFIC IMPACT FEES.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Martin stated that the Committee has met several times and reviewed the projects. The revised traffic impact fee is a result of these meetings with developers and the consultant. **Mayor Brunz** opened the public hearing. Mr. Wayne Krieger, Skagit-Island Builders Association, requested that the Council review the fees every twelve to eighteen months. Mr. Jason Easton, Washington Association of Realtors, thanked Council for the opportunity to work through this process. He reminded them that any increase to fees affects affordability of homes. Mr. Mark Kramer, 506 S. Cherry, thanked Council for the opportunity to serve on the review committee. A motion was made by **Councilors Aslett/Doyle** to close the public hearing. All agreed. Motion carried. A motion was made by **Councilors Bensen/Loving** to approve the ordinance to amend the traffic impact fees. Voting in favor were **Councilors Bensen, Loving, Aslett, Valentine, Edmundson** and **Montgomery**. Voting against was **Councilor Doyle**. Motion carried.
(Ordinance #1655)

NEW BUSINESS:

CONTRACT WITH SKAGIT CONSERVATION DISTRICT TO FULFILL NPDES PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR STORMWATER EDUCATION AND OUTREACH.

Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer Harmon stated that this contract will begin a partnership with Skagit Conservation District for stormwater education and outreach to fulfill requirements from the City's NPDES permit. A motion was made by **Councilors Aslett/Valentine** to approve the contract with Skagit Conservation District. All agreed. Motion carried.

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO BURLINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE 2.60 – OFFICAL DEPOSITORIES.

Finance Director Thramer stated that this ordinance is a "housekeeping" measure to update the Burlington Municipal Code to accurately reflect the names of the banking institutions located within the City of Burlington. A motion was made by **Councilors Valentine/Doyle** to approve the ordinance to amend BMC 2.60. All agreed. Motion carried.
(Ordinance # 1656)

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was not an Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m. by **Mayor Brunz**

Greg Thramer
Finance Director / City Clerk

Edward J. Brunz
Mayor