

Bellingham City Council met in chambers Feb 28, 2011 at 7 p.m.

**Mayor Dan Pike** read a proclamation naming March 8 Womens' Day in Bellingham celebrating 100 years of National Womens' History.

**Introduction** of the new Port of Bellingham Executive Director, Charlie Sheldon.

**Public** hearing on the disposal of 3 surplus properties on Sunset Drive owned by the city. These properties were acquired in conjunction with the road improvements on Sunset Drive just West of McLeod Road. Council members voted to direct staff to pursue normal disposal channels.

**Finance Committee** chaired by Michael Lillquist reports that 5 environmental clean-up sites are currently underway. The total cost is estimated to come in at 9.3 million of which 3.7 million is already budgeted. The remainder will need to be funded to complete the clean-up of the listed toxic sites.

**Planning Committee** chaired by Jack Weiss reports Bellingham City Hall has been nominated to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Council voted unanimously to approve this application.

**Public Works** Committee chaired by Barry Buchanan proposed an ordinance amending the current statute relating to fire protection for single family homes. The new ordinance allows a 1-time hook-up charge for new construction to pay for system upgrades. Passed unanimously.

Committee proposed amendment to the standard for fire apparatus in new construction. There was a lot of discussion on this issue and it passed with an amendment allowing grandfathered exemptions. The new ordinance will establish a new grade standard for the determination of fire equipment requirements. The new standard will change from a 10% grade to a 15% grade. This ordinance passed 4 to 3

Committee reported on the Sunnyland area inflow and infiltration project. No action required.

A contractor has been selected for the Post Point Waste water Treatment Plant improvements.

**Committee of the Whole** reports a newly proposed sister city of Tsetserleg, Mongolia. Passed.

The second operating agreement between the City of Bellingham and the Bellingham Public Development Authority was passed.

New Business was proposed by Councilman Jack Weiss. He requested a report from staff regarding updated information on pipeline safety. Passed for discussion

**Mayor's Report** Diane Blake appointed to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Final consideration of Ordinances

1. AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE 2011 BUDGET APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL \$5,120.00 FROM ESTIMATED ENDING UNDESIGNATED RESERVES IN THE GENERAL FUND, AND \$1,705.00 FROM

ESTIMATED ENDING DESIGNATED RESERVES IN THE CLAIMS AND LITIGATION FUND, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECLASSIFYING TWO POSITIONS IN THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT            Passed.

2. AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE 2011 BUDGET CREATING A SPECIAL REVENUE FUND TO ACCOUNT FOR REVENUE AND EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT  
Passed.

3. AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE 2011 BUDGET RECOGNIZING AWARD OF A WASHINGTON TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION GRANT TO PROVIDE FOR SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING BEACONS FOR HAPPY VALLEY AND LARRABEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, AND APPROPRIATING \$15,000.00 FOR THEIR PURCHASE  
Passed.