

BELLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL MET IN CHAMBERS JUNE 6, 2011 AT 7 P.M.

Announcement:

On Weds. June 8 at 10 a.m. in Council Chambers, the Planning and Community Development Committee will hold a work session regarding rental licensing options. This has been a hot topic in public comment for many months.

Public Comments:

The Sunnyland Neighborhood committee was again requesting docketing for their re-zoning issue. They feel they are being pushed out of the process by Planning Dept.

Presentation:

Appreciation for WWU Center for Canadian-American Studies.

Public Hearing:

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

This is a very detailed presentation for development over the next 6 years and is available in full on the city website at www.cob.org

Standing Committee Reports:

Lake Whatcom Reservoir and Nat'l Resources

Heard in committee an update on water quality from Dr. Robin Matthews and a natural resources committee quarterly update.

Finance

Michael Lilliquist reports that the outlook is less optimistic than might be desired. Revenues are less than expected and employment statistics remain flat. Projections indicate further management will be required to keep Bellingham in the black.

Parks and Recreation

An ordinance was passed budgeting 439K over the next two years for remediation of S. State Street manufactured gas plant environmental project.

Public Works

Approval for the Mayor to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Dept. of Ecology for provision of a source control program. Passed.

Planning

Continuing discussion of Sunnyland Neighborhood request for docketing a review of zoning for Area 8. Defeated 3-4

Proposal to revisit the docketing request in 4 months after planning dept continues to work with the developers. Passed 5 – 2

FINAL CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES

AB19209 An ordinance relating to criminal offenses, amending current Section 10.10.006 by adopting State Law criminal offences by reference. Passed

AB19213 An Ordinance relating to the collection of City property taxes by Whatcom county and directing the timely transfer to the City of taxes in the custody of the Whatcom County Treasurer. Passed

Adjourned