

Bellingham City Council met in Chambers May 9, 2011

Announcement:

On May 23 at 7 p.m. in City Council Chambers there will be a Public Hearing regarding the Sunnyland Neighborhood Association request that the City docket for review in 2011 a proposed site specific comprehensive plan amendment and rezone for area 6.

- Presentation by Steve Hood from the Dept. of Ecology regarding the health of primary creeks in Bellingham. Temperatures are generally too high and the City is increasing shading in an on-going effort to improve conditions.
- AB19189 is an ordinance repealing all water and sewer service zones outside the city limits and amending BMC 15.36. The City is conferring with the County on this matter. Ordinance continued.
- AB19190 is an analysis of proposed bicycle lanes on Northwest Ave., Elm and Dupont Streets. Proposal is accepted by the council.
- AB 19191 is an Interlocal agreement settling dispute between the Port and the City and setting terms for utility service at the Bellingham Int'l Airport for the present and foreseeable future.. Passed 6-1
- Results were presented from 2010 survey of Bellingham residents and business leaders as well as satisfactory improvements in Permit Center efficiency. All results are available on the City of Bellingham's website.

New business:

Michael Lilliquist requests an Environmental Impact Statement for the Gateway Project including the proposed coal trains running through Bellingham.

Councilman Lilliquist also requests the inclusion of an Economic Development Component for the Waterfront Development Plan.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Pike stated that he is working to provide an opportunity for input from the residents of Bellingham regarding the Gateway Project. This is tentatively scheduled for June 1 at the Municipal Court. Date will be firmed up and announced at a later date.

Mayor appoints Richard Sale to the Transportation Commission

Mayor appoints Patricia Rose to the Community Development Advisory Board.

Mayor appoints Lynn Loveland to the Sehome Hill Arboretum Board of Governors.

FINAL CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES:

AB19180 An ordinance relating to the 2011 budget recognizing award of \$403,723.00 State of WA Dept of Ecology Grant to the solid waste fund for the Eldridge Municipal Landfill Project. (EC15) and placing this amount in estimated ending undesignated reserves. Passed 7-0