



BATTLE GROUND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 4, 2021

The regular meeting of the Battle Ground City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Cortes via Zoom meeting, Meeting ID 9030851775.

City Clerk Kay Kammer called the roll. The following were:

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Adrian Cortes, Deputy Mayor Philip Johnson, Council members Cherish DesRochers, Shane Bowman, Brian Munson, and Shauna Walters.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Erin Erdman, Finance and Information Services Director Meagan Lowery, Police Chief Mike Fort, Public Works Director Mark Herceg, Community Development Director Sam Crummett, Fire District No. 3 Chief Scott Sorenson, City Attorney Christine Hayes, and City Clerk Kay Kammer.

SUMMARY REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Council member(s) reported on the following:

7:01 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Johnson

- ❖ Discovery Clean Water Alliance (DCWA) Board meeting

Mayor's Report

- ❖ Appointment: Parks and Community Engagement Board: Kendra Laratta, Position No. 4, term expiring 12-31-2021

MOTION: Council member Bowman moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Kendra Laratta to the Parks and Community Engagement Board.

SECOND: Council member Walters.

AYES: Walters, Bowman, Johnson, Cortes, DesRochers, Munson.

NAYS: None.

VOTE: Motion carried.

- ❖ Appointment: Clark County Arts Commission: Liz Dauw

MOTION: Council member Munson moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Liz Dauw as the Battle Ground representative to the Clark County Arts Commission.

SECOND: Council member Bowman.

AYES: Walters, Bowman, Johnson, Cortes, DesRochers, Munson.

NAYS: None.

VOTE: Motion carried.

- ❖ Proclamation: Fire Prevention Week
- ❖ Proclamation: National Community Planning Month
- ❖ Proclamation: Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- ❖ Proclamation: National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Presentations

7:06 p.m.

MOTION: Council member Bowman moved to waive executive privilege from the executive session from the September 20, 2021 meeting and have the City Attorney provide the legal opinion in the open public meeting.

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Johnson.

AYES: Walters, Bowman, Johnson, Cortes, DesRochers, Munson.

NAYS: None.

VOTE: Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Johnson requested to add a business item to discuss sign poles on Main Street.

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS

7:10 p.m.

Corrine Williams

- ❖ Unprofessional and non-partisanship demonstrated

Kelly Thielen

- ❖ Expressed this is a great city, feels safe, and gave full support

Anonymous

- ❖ Domestic Violence Proclamation and request censure of council member

Josh VanGelder

- ❖ Free Speech and rights

Mayor Cortes provided an opportunity to council member to address comments

Deputy Mayor Johnson

- ❖ Have agreed more than disagreed with Council member Munson

Council member Munson

- ❖ Point of an inquiry regarding Governance Manual, citizen communications, and engagement by council members. Inquiry was noted and denied by Mayor Cortes.

CONSENT AGENDA

7:22 p.m.

- A. Council meeting minutes from September 20, 2021.
- B. Payroll vouchers dated 09/24/2021, #28904 through #28909 in the amount of \$4,982.40 and direct deposits in the amount of \$211,313.61.

- C. Claim Vouchers dated 09/17/2021, #89107 through #89132 and bank drafts, in the amount of \$688,218.50.
- D. Claim Vouchers dated 09/24/2021, #89133 through #89155 and bank drafts, in the amount of \$174,877.88.

MOTION: Council member Bowman moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

SECOND: Council member Walters.

AYES: Walters, Bowman, Johnson, Cortes, DesRochers, Munson.

NAYS: None.

VOTE: Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Sarkinen Annexation: Presentation/Public Hearing

7:35 p.m.

Presented by Community Development Director Sam Crummett.

Summary: Council was presented information and accepted public testimony regarding the proposed Sarkinen Annexation of approximately 79 acres in the northeastern portion of the city.

Mayor Cortes opened the public hearing at 7:37 P.M.

No testimony was received.

Mayor Cortes closed the public hearing at 7:38 P.M.

7:40 p.m.

Hockinson School District Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) & Impact Fees: Presentation/Public Hearing

Presented by Community Development Director Sam Crummett.

Summary: Council was presented information and accepted public testimony regarding the collection of school impact fees.

Mayor Cortes opened the public hearing at 7:43 P.M.

No testimony was received.

Mayor Cortes closed the public hearing at 7:44 P.M.

Comprehensive Plan Map and Zoning Map: Presentation/Public Hearing

7:47 p.m.

Presented by Community Development Director Sam Crummett.

Summary: Council was presented information and accepted public testimony regarding updates to the plan and maps.

Mayor Cortes opened the public hearing at 7:49 P.M.

No testimony was received.

Mayor Cortes closed the public hearing at 7:50 P.M.

Park Plan Amendment: Presentation/Public Hearing

7:51 p.m.

Presented by Community Development Director Sam Crummett.

Summary: Council was presented information and accepted public testimony regarding changes to the plan including pocket parks and Neighborhood Service Areas.

Mayor Cortes opened the public hearing at 7:55 P.M.

No testimony was received.

Mayor Cortes closed the public hearing at 7:55 P.M.

BUSINESS

8:03 p.m.

Eaton Blvd/157th Ave. Intersection Update: Presentation

Presented by City Engineer Ryan Jeynes.

Summary: Council was presented information regarding the intersection and findings.

Executive Sessions

8:07 p.m.

Mayor Cortes announced at 8:07 p.m. that pursuant to RCW 42.30.110, Council will enter an executive session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss potential litigation or legal risks of a proposed action or current practice that the City has identified when public discussion of the litigation or legal risk is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the City for approximately 30 minutes with possible action to be taken.

Council member Bowman announced at 8:39 P.M. that council would need to extend the session an additional approximately 10 minutes.

Mayor Cortes reconvened the regular meeting at 8:50 P.M. and no action was taken.

Mayor Cortes announced at 8:50 p.m. that pursuant to RCW 42.30.110, Council will enter a second executive session to discuss potential litigation or legal risks of a proposed action or current practice that the City has identified when public discussion of the litigation or legal risk is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the City for approximately 30 minutes with no action to be taken or possible action to be taken.

Mayor Cortes reconvened the regular meeting at 9:10 P.M.

MOTION: Council member Bowman moved to waive executive privilege and have Legal Counsel their legal advice in the open public meeting.

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Johnson.

AYES: Walters, Bowman, Johnson, Cortes, DesRochers, Munson.

NAYS: None.

VOTE: Motion carried.

Ordinance 2021-19, Medical Freedom: Presentation/Motion

9:09 p.m.

Presented by Brian Munson, Council Member.

Summary: Council Member Munson presented information and council considered adoption of an ordinance in regards to Medical Freedom as it relates to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Citizen communications

Anonymous

- ❖ Oppose to a medical freedom ordinance

Kay Moran

- ❖ Oppose a medical freedom ordinance

Martha Wiley

- ❖ Opposed a medical freedom ordinance

Meg Home

- ❖ Opposed a medical freedom ordinance

Bill Jackson

- ❖ Oppose a medical freedom ordinance

Christina Green

- ❖ For a medical freedom ordinance

Felix Hansen

- ❖ For a medical freedom ordinance

MOTION: Council member Walters moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-19 as presented.

SECOND: Council member Munson.

AYES: Walters, Munson.

NAYS: Cortes, Johnson, Bowman, DesRochers.

VOTE: Motion fails.

Ordinance 2021-20, Juneteenth Holiday: Motion

9:39 p.m.

Presented by City Manager Erin Erdman, 360-342-5005.

Summary: Council considered adoption of an ordinance authorizing recognition of the Juneteenth holiday.

MOTION: Council member Bowman moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-20 as presented.

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Johnson.

AYES: Bowman, Johnson, Cortes, DesRochers, Munson, Walters.

NAYS: None.

VOTE: Motion carried.

Banner Poles: Council direction

9:42 p.m.

Summary: Council discussed and considered including costs for replacement of the banner poles on Main Street in the budget.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Johnson moved to include \$40,000 in the budget for the pole replacement as presented.

SECOND: Council member Bowman.

AYES: Cortes, DesRochers, Munson, Walters.

NAYS: Johnson, Bowman.

VOTE: Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

9:56 p.m.

No reports received.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

9:57 p.m.

Council member DesRochers

Thanked council for the flowers and apologized for crying during the public comments as overwhelmed with feelings from lost family member to COVID recently.

Council member Bowman

Thanked Senator Rivers for her service and efforts on behalf of Battle Ground.
Reminded Council regarding the use of electronic devices during the meetings and would be subject to the Public Records Act.

Mayor Cortes

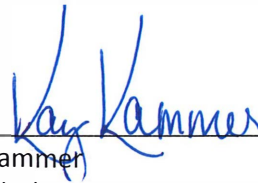
Asked that Council not to use electronic devices during meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.



Adrian Cortes
Mayor



Kay Kammer
City Clerk

Date of approval by the City Council: October 18, 2021

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