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1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL. Mayor Pro Tem Ward called the meeting to order at 7:01:48 PM. A quorum was present consisting of Councilmembers Blossom, Lester, Ward and Mayor Bonkowski. Councilmember Blair was absent and excused. Councilmember Hytopoulos arrived at 7:17:54 PM, and Councilmember Scales arrived at 7:28:48 PM. Deputy City Clerk/Paralegal Brown monitored the recording of the meeting and prepared the minutes.

2. ACCEPTANCE OR MODIFICATION OF AGENDA / CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE. 7:02:55 PM Mayor Bonkowski requested the addition of a five-minute discussion on economic development under 5(d).

***MOTION:** I move that we approve the agenda as amended.*

***BONKOWSKI/LESTER** – The motion carried unanimously, 5 -0. 7:03:39 PM*

3. PRESENTATIONS.

A. 2010, 2011 AND 2012 HARBOR COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORTS. 7:03:46 PM Councilmember Lester said that Council has not accepted the many annual reports and work plans from committees and commissions. She recommended revising the Governance Manual to add guidelines regarding presentation of annual reports and work plans by committees and commissions.

***MOTION:** I move that the City Council accept the 2010, 2011 and 2012 annual reports from the Harbor Commission.*

***LESTER/BONKOWSKI** – The motion carried unanimously, 5-0. 7:08:08 PM*

B. WATERFRONT PARK / CITY DOCK DESIGN PROCESS. Mayor Pro Tem Ward invited public comment.

7:08:47 PM Tom Coble, President of Board of Directors of Bainbridge Island Rowing, spoke in favor of the Harbor Commission's dock proposal and asked the City to move forward with funding.

Don Sallerow spoke about potential water shortages.

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Harbor Commissioner Mark Leese introduced Bob Wise, Harbor Commissioner, and Adam Cole, Grant Manager from the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) in Olympia. Bob Wise summarized the history of the dock and its deficiencies. He presented the Harbor Commission's requested actions to extend the Department of Natural Resources lease; amend the Comprehensive Plan; and authorize preliminary design and grant applications for the dock. 7:26:06 PM He described the Harbor Commission's community outreach and support. He presented their preliminary design ideas, and described the projected financial benefits for the community. He explained that matching funds are available. He asked for Council action on allocating funds and staff support for the dock improvements. He presented a timeline for next suggested steps and addressed Council's questions.

Councilmember Lester gave a presentation on her concerns regarding the view corridor from Waterfront Park.

7:49:20 PM Community Development Administrator Wierzbicki presented a proposal for a way to analyze the project and a framework for decision-making. He described a four-step community planning process. Council discussed the timeline.

Adam Cole, Grant Manager from RCO, explained the grant process.

8:00:06 PM Terry Nolan, former chairman of a Waterfront Park Committee and a former Council member who was involved in the original dock, described the previous process used to determine community desires. He expressed concerns about the design.

8:04:46 PM Jonathan Davis, Sustainable Bainbridge, spoke in favor of further studies to increase the connection between the Waterfront park and Winslow.

8:06:15 PM Erin Leader, Ward Avenue, spoke in favor of new dock.

8:10:06 PM Jerry Elfendahl encouraged Council to solicit opinions on the plan. He spoke about the pier at Strawberry Plant Park and asked for funding.

8:12:30 PM Myra Hudson, Pine Street, spoke about fostering community by supporting young people and their activities such as rowing and sailing.

8:14:18 PM Doug Hatfield said he would like more focus on Strawberry Plant Park and the Island as a whole.

8:16:34 PM Rex Oliver, Chamber of Commerce President, said Council should update the Waterfront Park Plan first.

8:17:47 PM Mark McCann encouraged Council to commit to a new dock that the community can be proud of.

8:20:43 PM Ed Cannard encouraged Council to move forward with the dock plan.

8:22:39 PM Mark Leese, in response to an earlier comment, said the conceptual rendering was not meant to be a design.

8:23:38 PM Thom Hamilton, Harbor Steward, noted that the Harbor Commission meetings are open to the public. He talked about the need for a new dock and urged action.

Council discussed the process suggested by Community Development Administrator Wierzbicki and the project proposal. Council confirmed that the Washington State Ferry money allocated previously for park development is for Waterfront Park. Community Development Administrator Wierzbicki will prepare a schedule and outreach plan.

4. **STAFF INTENSIVE.**

A. ORDINANCE NO. 2013-03, BUSINESS LICENSES FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, AB 13-020.

8:35:22 PM Code Enforcement Officer Meghan McKnight introduced the ordinance relating to business licenses for non-profit organizations.

***MOTION:** I move the City Council schedule Ordinance No. 2013-03 relating to business licenses for non-profit organizations for 2nd reading on March 13, 2013.*

***BONKOWSKI/LESTER** – The motion carried unanimously, 7-0. 8:38:27 PM*

B. REVISIONS TO OFF-SITE / RIGHT-OF-WAY SIGNS. 8:38:53 PM Code Enforcement Officer McKnight described issues with the sign code. She defined commercial speech and presented examples of sign requests. She presented two options for consideration: Option 1 would prohibit commercial signs off site and/or within the right-of-way, and Option 2 would allow signs off-site and/or within the right-of-way. She presented recommended limitations on commercial signs if they are allowed.

8:42:44 PM Shaw Nichols, New Life Church representative, asked about religious speech. He said his church would like an allowance for directional signs.

8:45:02 PM Pam Connors, volunteer with Bainbridge Island F.C.'s Island Cup tournament, spoke about the need for directional signs. She suggested an exemption for nonprofit organizations.

8:49:32 PM Kevin DeLore, manager of Harbor Square, objected to the current Code that allows placement of commercial signs without permission of the abutting landowner.

8:52:09 PM Charles Schmid spoke in favor of limiting signs on the scenic highway.

8:54:02 PM Kai Hepburn, Sands Avenue, said it is important to him to have a sign directing people to his home business. He asked Council to choose Option 2.

8:56:35 PM Don Sallerow spoke about the process.

8:59:07 PM Rex Oliver, Chamber of Commerce President, suggested Option 2 with controls.

9:00:45 PM Council discussed the options. Council asked staff to bring back a draft ordinance based on Option 2 for review.

C. ANNUAL ROADS STRIPING UPDATE, AB 13-026. This item was removed from the agenda due to time constraints.

D. COUNCIL AD HOC COMMITTEES. This item was removed from the agenda due to time constraints.

5. **COUNCIL DISCUSSION.**

A. PROCLAIMING MARCH, 2013 AS BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH, AB 13-027. 9:24:09 PM Mayor Bonkowski introduced Suzanne Griffin who thanked Council for recognizing the issue and provided information on traumatic brain injuries. Mayor Bonkowski read the proclamation.

***MOTION:** I move to approve that Mayor Bonkowski sign the proclamation in recognition of March as Brain Injury Awareness Month.*

***BLOSSOM/LESTER** - The motion passed unanimously, 7-0. 9:30:10 PM*

Council adjourned for a five-minute break at 9:30:20 PM. Mayor Pro Tem Ward re-convened the meeting with all Council members, except Councilmember Scales, present.

B. RE-NAMING OF STRAWBERRY PLANT PARK. 9:38:31 PM Councilmember Ward introduced Jerry Elfendahl who spoke in favor of re-naming Strawberry Plant Park "John Nelson Park."

9:41:21 PM Doug Hatfield asked for clarification on the status of Section 5.2 of the Real Estate Exchange Agreement which requires a park on the original John Nelson property.

Mr. Elfendahl asked for historic signage and amenities at the park.

C. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS ON COST ALLOCATION. 9:45:36 PM Mayor Bonkowski said that Council should approve the cost allocation plan as part of the 2014 budget. He spoke about his concerns with respect to the cost allocations, especially in connection with the water and sewer funds. Council discussed the issues. City Manager Schulze will examine the issues further and look at other jurisdictions.

Councilmember Scales re-joined the meeting at 9:59:27 PM.

D. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT [ADDED]. Mayor Bonkowski informed Council of Governor Inslee's message regarding tourism. 10:04:41 PM Council opted to find out more information from the tourism organization Governor Inslee establishes.

6. REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS. 10:06:13 PM Councilmember Blossom reported that the Board of Health is looking into smoking regulations.

7. REVIEW OF UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING AGENDAS. 10:07:19 PM Mayor Pro Tem Ward reviewed the March 13, 2013 agenda. Council scheduled an executive session at 6:00 pm and scheduled the Transportation Benefit District meeting to commence at the end of the meeting. The Pritchard Park discussion was re-scheduled for April 3, 2013. Mayor Pro Tem Ward reviewed the long-range agendas.

8. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER. 10:15:36 PM Councilmember Lester announced items of local interest. She presented a slideshow on the Waypoint Park opening ceremony. City Manager Schulze noted that the City will have a booth at the Chamber of Commerce's Business and Home Exposition.

9. ADJOURNMENT. Mayor Pro Tem Ward adjourned the meeting at 10:18:48 PM.



Christine Brown, Deputy City Clerk/Paralegal



Steven Bonkowski, Mayor