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1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL 6:58 PM

Deputy Mayor Roth called the September 2, 2014 study session to order at 6:58 p.m. with Councilmembers Blair, Blossom, Bonkowski, Tollefson, Townsend, and Ward present. Records Management Coordinator Jahraus monitored the recording of the meeting and prepared the minutes.

2. ACCEPTANCE OR MODIFICATION OF AGENDA / CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE 6:59 PM

***MOTION:** I move we accept the agenda as amended with the addition of an executive session.
TOLLEFSON/BONKOWSKI: The motion carried 7-0.*

3. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT 7:00 PM

A. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN/NAVIGATE BAINBRIDGE UPDATE

City Manager Schulze spoke briefly about the Comprehensive Plan Update process; there have been no other meetings since the initial Comp Plan 101 meeting. The Planning Commission will be meeting on September 11 and the steering committee has met twice.

City Manager Schulze wanted to acknowledge city staff, the community and police department and their handling of the protest at the Visconsi site.

4. STAFF INTENSIVE 7:04 PM

A. TREE ORDINANCE AD HOC COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS, AB 14-135 – PLANNING

Councilmember Ward, chair of the ad hoc committee, made introductory comments. Special Project Planner Sutton addressed Council with background on the agenda item. The Ad Hoc Committee has met eleven times since the first meeting on January 28. The committee realized that reviewing the regulations in their entirety would be a large task; the Committee organized their work by first focusing on tree and landscaping regulations that apply to the Mixed Use Town Center/ High School Road zoning districts. The Ad Hoc Committee will begin to review the regulations that apply to residential, Business/ Industrial, and Neighborhood Service Center zoning districts, and will bring those recommendations to the City Council at a later date. The recommendation is that Council should accept or modify the recommendations, and direct staff to begin work on two ordinances. The first ordinance modifies BIMC Ch. 15.18 *Land Clearing*. The second ordinance would revise landscaping regulations in BIMC Title 18.

Public Comment

Robert Dashiell, Tolo Road, shared his concern that bigger trees would earn more points; he is mostly concerned with hemlocks and firs in the high-density area.

Olaf Ribeiro thanked the committee for their work. He also shared that he believes that developers should be required to retain trees.

Jacqueline _____, Blue Heron Ave, shared her concern over the removal of trees at the Visconsi site.

7:24 PM **MOTION:** *I move to accept the changes to the City's landscaping and tree regulations recommended by the Tree Ordinance Ad Hoc Committee, and direct City Planning staff to draft ordinances to implement those changes.*
BONKOWSKI/TOWNSEND: *The motion carried 7-0.*

B. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-19, MODIFYING REVIEW AUTHORITY FOR THE HERITAGE TREE PROGRAM, AB 14-136 – PLANNING 7:25 PM

The Ad Hoc Committee has met eleven times since the first meeting on January 28, 2014. The Committee recommended promoting the Heritage Tree Program, and transferring review and approval to the Historic Preservation Commission. The Heritage Tree Program is designed to recognize trees that are remarkable in one of many ways, such as uncommon species or cultivar, size, or historical/cultural significance. The Ad Hoc Committee decided that the Historic Preservation Commission was the best City body to review and approve applications for the Heritage Tree Program, with assistance from City staff and the applicant. The Historic Preservation Commission agreed to accept the responsibility at their May 1, 2014 meeting.

7:31 PM **MOTION:** *I move that the City Council forward Resolution 2014-19 to the September 9, 2014 consent agenda.*
BLAIR/BONKOWSKI: *The motion carried 7-0.*

**C. PEG (PUBLIC, EDUCATIONAL AND GOVERNMENTAL) CHANNEL UPDATE, AB 14-137
– EXECUTIVE 7:32 PM**

City Manager Schulze explained that currently, equipment used for cable casting City Council meetings is owned by the City of Bainbridge Island, but operated by a staff person provided through a contract with BKAT. The City of Bainbridge Island pays BKAT \$30,000 per year to produce the meetings. The equipment is the minimum needed for cable casting meetings and can only be used in the Council Chamber, which limits opportunities for other types of PEG content.

Next steps will be to discuss the report with a citizen group that has been formed to assist with PEG access. This citizen group has expertise in television production and will be able review the Needs Assessment. A recommendation for equipment purchases will be brought to the City Council in the next few months.

Public Comment

Barry Peters, Vineyard Lane, reminded Council that in 2009, they had no choice but to unfund BITV. He is pleased that Council is considering the channel update but urged Council to work on the sustainability of a program.

Carol LaFever, Bainbridge Island, stated there are other options that are cost-effective. Bainbridge could partner, along the aggregator model, with other PEG channels throughout the region to share programming.

Debbie Lester stated we have the funds to start with something modest.

Robert Dashiell, Tolo Road, was a volunteer at BITV for five years. He would like to see a PEG channel only if it is volunteer driven; he does not want to see public funds spent.

5. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

A. SMP MONITORING PROGRAM, AB 14-089 – COUNCILMEMBER WARD 7:52 PM

On June 16, 2014, Councilmember Ward shared an approach developed by the University of Washington based on similar Projects done in Tacoma, Olympia and Seattle. He suggested the City acquire multispectral aerial imagery and LIDAR concurrent with the start of the SMP which would capture conditions of the whole island, shoreline, and near shore conditions and to use these data sets to develop a detailed land use land cover project that is compatible with the City's GIS system. He briefly described what the data could be used for and provided detail on the four-phase project. David Sale, ETAC member, shared the Environmental Technical Advisory Committee's recommendations and a potential process for implementing the monitoring program using the overhead to present a PowerPoint.

Public Comment

Debbie Lester giving comment, stated when she was on the tree committee, they too wanted the LIDAR,

Robert Dashiell, Tolo Road, stated all of the items presented on Mr. Sales PowerPoint are discretionary and not required by law.

Elise Wright, Bill Point View, encouraged Council to do what they can to conduct the study as soon as possible.

Jacqueline _____ Blue Heron Ave, stated the City should pick one item we can take care of now for a benchmark.

Next steps are to commission ETAC and Councilmember Ward to return to Council with a near-term focus on photography and LIDAR to get a baseline.

B. SIERRA CLUB OP-ED STATEMENT ON RETHINKING COAL POWER, AB 14-138 – COUNCILMEMBER TOWNSEND 8:48 PM

Councilmember Townsend offered opening remarks on the agenda item. The adverse impacts of climate change on our environment are well documented, and migrating away from coal power generation is feasible, economically desirable and an important step to mitigate climate change. Puget Sound Energy's coal plant in Colstrip, Montana is a significant greenhouse gas producer. The Sierra Club OpEd is a measured but clear statement encouraging Puget Sound Energy to migrate away from coal for electronic power generation and investing in better energy alternatives.

Public Comment

Doug Howell, Sierra Club briefed Council on next steps for the Council to consider.

9:01 PM ***MOTION:** I move that the City Council authorize Sierra Club to include Bainbridge Island in the list of communities as encouraging Puget Sound Energy to rethink its reliance on coal for electric power generation.*
***TOLLEFSON/BONKOWSKI:** The motion carried 7-0.*

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS 9:02 PM

7. REVIEW UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING AGENDAS 9:03 PM

September 9: Fiscal Health Model (Center for Priority Based Budgeting), Resolution No. 2014-__, Cave Landing Final Plat Approval, Resolution No. 2014-20, Background Checks for Gun Purchases, Consent Agenda Items.

September 16: Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council Update, Kitsap Economic Development Alliance – Q 2014, Water Quality Monitoring Program, Ad Hoc Tree Committee Recommendations, McNabb Rezone, Interlocal Agreement, City of Bainbridge Island and City of Bremerton, Special Operations Group, Department of Ecology Capacity Stormwater Grant Opportunity Public Works Contracts, Proclamations.

September 23: Public Safety Facility Planning (Presentation and Discussion), 2015-16 Proposed Budget (Info), Ordinance Regarding Rezone, Police Department Oversight Recommendations, Resolution No. 2014-20 Regarding Initiative 594 Filipino-American History Month Proclamation, DOE Capacity Stormwater Grant Opportunity, Biosolids Services Agreement Award, Sound to Olympic Trail Amendment #1, Interlocal Agreement between COBI and City of Bremerton.

8. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER 9:13 PM

Deputy Mayor Roth recessed the meeting to an executive session with legal counsel to discuss to discuss property acquisition; pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b). No action was taken.

9. ADJOURNMENT 9:41 PM

The September 2, 2014 study session adjourned at 9:41 p.m.


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