



CITY OF
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION
TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2019

MEETING MINUTES

1) CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Mayor Medina called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Mayor Medina, Deputy Mayor Tirman, and Councilmembers Blossom, Deets, Nassar, Peltier and Schneider were present.

2) EXECUTIVE SESSION

2.A Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), to discuss with legal counsel matters relating to litigation or potential litigation to which the city, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.
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2.B Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for employment or to review the performance of a public employee.
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2.C Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(f), to receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee.
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3) [APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE](#)

Mayor Medina called the Executive Session to order at 6:02 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 6:58 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Medina.

Councilmember Nassar requested the addition of a new Item 7.B; review of her response to the Ethics Board.

Deputy Mayor Tirman moved and Councilmember Deets seconded to approve the agenda, as amended. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

4) MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Medina mentioned the North Ward Meeting at Seabold Hall on Saturday, July 20. A resident contacted Mayor Medina regarding WSDOT performing pest control on the island using glyphosate; Mayor Medina will send a letter to WSDOT discouraging the use of glyphosate. Thursday night at the Clearwater Casino, WSDOT is holding a meeting on proposed changes to Highway 305; the meeting will be noticed.

5) PRESENTATIONS

5.A Consider Changes to Annual Funding and Master Lease with Friends of the Farms - Executive

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Farm Property Management Funding Staff Memo

City of Bainbridge Island Farmland Map

FOF Operating Support Request for CC 07162019

COBI-FOF Master Lease - 1-1-12 to 1-1-42 - Executed 12-9-11

Amendment No. 1 to COBI-FOF Master Lease - Executed 2-6-19

Heather Burger, Executive Director of Friends of the Farm, Bruce Weiland and Deputy City Manager Schroer introduced the agenda item.

After discussion, the majority of Council is supportive of moving forward with changes discussed and request the revised lease return to a study session with more information and analysis of some of the questions raised.

6) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.A Ordinance No. 2019-04, Updating the City's Sign Code - Planning

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Sign Code Matrix and Definitions of Key Terms

Staff Memo - Sign Code Enforcement

Deputy City Attorney Sepler and Code Enforcement Officer Pool introduced the agenda item and provided a PowerPoint matrix of sign code options.

MOTION: I move to allow temporary sandwich boards outside of Winslow in the right-of-way if they are brought in at night.

Peltier/Tirman: The motion carried unanimously, 7 – 0.

AYES: Ron Peltier, Rasham Nassar, Matt Tirman, Joe Deets, Leslie Schneider, Sarah Blossom, Kol Medina

NOES:

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION: I move that in the right-of-way in Winslow, temporary noncommercial signs are allowed if safe and temporary and permanent commercial signs are not allowed.

Blossom: The motion failed for lack of a second.

MOTION: I move, for Winslow, in the right-of-way, that noncommercial signs, temporary, are allowed if safe and brought in at night and there is only one sign; permanent noncommercial signs are not allowed and commercial signs, temporary, are allowed if safe; permanent commercial signs are now allowed.

Deets/Nassar: The motion carried, 5 – 2.

AYES: Ron Peltier, Rasham Nassar, Matt Tirman, Joe Deets, Leslie Schneider

NOES: Sarah Blossom, Kol Medina

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION: I move to approve the non-durable sign table on page 99 of the agenda packet.

Tirman/Peltier: The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

City Manager Smith confirmed that this agenda item will return to Council during a Business Meeting.

6.B Update on Moratorium - Planning

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[Ordinance No. 2019-10 Extending the Development Moratorium](#)

[Development Moratorium Summary Effective April 3, 2019](#)

Planner Christy Carr introduced the agenda item and answered a few questions from Council.

7) NEW BUSINESS

7.A Consideration of Options Related to Shade Covenant on the Crawford Property - Executive

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[Shade Covenant Memo](#)

[Crawford Property Goals Policies Practices from Master Lease](#)

Deputy City Attorney Sepler introduced the agenda item.

Betsy Wittock, representative for Gerard and JoAnn Bentryn, provided comment.

Council discussed potential options and directed staff to return at a future meeting with cost estimates for each option for further Council discussion and consideration.

7.B Councilmember Nassar's Response to Ethics Complaint 2019-02 [added]

Mayor Medina introduced the added agenda item, a request from Councilmember Nassar to post her response to the complaint on the City's website.

MOTION: I move to allow Councilmember Nassar to respond, and in effect make this a remand back to the Ethics Board and to give them the discretion to evaluate and to amend their advisory opinion if they would like.

Deets/Schneider: Withdrawn

MOTION: I move to remand Complaint 2019-02 back to the Ethics Board.

Deets/Blossom: The motion fails, 3 – 3.

AYES: Sarah Blossom, Joe Deets, Leslie Schneider
NOES: Ron Peltier, Matt Tirman, Kol Medina
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN: Rasham Nassar

MOTION: I move to allow Councilmember Nassar to have her statement posted on the Ethics page as requested and leave it up to the discretion of the Ethics Board whether they want to take up the matter again and issue a new opinion.

Peltier/Schneider: The motion carried, 5 – 1.

AYES: Ron Peltier, Matt Tirman, Joe Deets, Leslie Schneider, Kol Medina
NOES: Sarah Blossom
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Rasham Nassar

8) CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION

8.A Discussion of Definition of Task Force and Committees in Governance Manual - Councilmember Schneider

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[Resolution No. 2018-13, Approving the Manual of City Governance Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines - Approved 041018](#)

Councilmember Schneider introduced the agenda item. Her goal is to clear up conflicting language in the Governance Manual.

Councilmember Blossom will work with Councilmember Schneider to bring back a draft document.

Councilmember Tirman suggested that a track changes document be provided.

9) FUTURE COUNCIL AGENDAS

9.A Future Council Agendas

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[City Council Regular Business Meeting 072319.pdf](#)

[City Council Study Session 080619.pdf](#)

[City Council Regular Business Meeting 081319.pdf](#)

City Manager Smith stated a discussion item on green building standards for the police and court facility will take place in the fall.

Councilmember Peltier would like to have an agenda item regarding solar installations.

Councilmember Nassar mentioned the 5G rollout and small cell wireless; this agenda item will be on the August 13 agenda.

10) FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilmember Nassar stated the Central Ward meeting was productive with conversation focusing on traffic concerns in Winslow and discussion on sea-level rise.

Councilmember Nassar also mentioned open reservoirs and retention ponds on Weaver Road; a concerned citizen brought this to the Councilmember's attention.

Councilmember Peltier reported on the Climate Change Committees' timeline of work. They would like support from the City for a survey and to conduct a workshop in November.

Councilmember Deets shared material on teen mental health efforts and at-risk youth.

Councilmember Tirman requested his fellow councilmembers send a letter to the County Commissioners supporting 550 Madison.

11) ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Medina adjourned the meeting at 10:34 p.m.

Kol Medina, Mayor

Kelly Jahraus, Deputy City Clerk