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CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pro Tempore Bill Aslett called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present: Bill Aslett, J. DeGloria, R. DeGloria, Edie Edmundson, Chris Loving, and James Stavig. Staff present: Mike Ganz, Leif Johnson, Michael Luvera, Kristen Morrison, Marv Pulst, Joe Stewart, Sarah Ward, and Greg Young.

Mayor Pro Tem Aslett stated that he would be Mayor Pro Tem for the meeting as Mayor Sexton is currently attending an Association of Washington Cities conference in Spokane.

MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2019 council meeting by **Councilors Loving/R. DeGloria**. All in favor; motion carried.

AUDIT OF BILLS:

Councilor J. DeGloria discussed an addition to the Accounts Payable Invoices in the amount of \$1,496.01 which was submitted last-minute by the Parks & Recreation department, and that the Payroll Expenses amount is larger than normal due to the amount covering two pay periods.

A motion was made by **Councilors J. DeGloria/Loving** to approve Accounts Payable invoices to be paid as reviewed on June 27 2019 in the amount of \$406,782.46 and Payroll Expenses for Pay Period Ending May 10 & 25, 2019 in the amount of \$1,165,031.29. All in favor; motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

No special presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No Public Comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilor J. DeGloria discussed his concerns after the last Council workshop regarding the City's 2018 beginning and ending fund balances discrepancy, the inaccuracy in the budgetary numbers previously presented to Council, and detailed his requests for a 2018 budget booklet. **Councilor Edmundson** asked staff when a 2018 budget booklet might be available, discussed the need for accurate number figures, and stated that Council will wait for the accurate numbers and the 2018 budget booklet. **Finance Director Joe Stewart** detailed his efforts in attempting to find the 2018 budget booklet, which was not produced at any time prior to his employment; **Interim City Administrator Greg Young** discussed his efforts in compiling a budget booklet, and stated that Council has been supplied with information contained in the booklet, but without a narrative or it being in booklet format. Discussion was held on the need for accurate numbers. **Young** discussed Accrual vs. Cash accounting systems. **Mayor Pro Tem Aslett** stated that he appreciates the conversation had, and the strong level of confidence found after the day's Audit and Finance Committee meeting. **Councilor DeGloria** stated he feels narratives are important for understanding the budgetary figures, discussed the trouble with inconsistent numbers, and stated that numbers need to be accurate to be relied upon.

MAYOR'S UPDATE:

Mayor Pro Tem Aslett discussed his driving home and seeing a citizen with a ladder in the back of a pickup truck, picking cherry trees, and how he is glad there are great Emergency Medical Services available in the City.

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PROCLAMATION:

No proclamation.

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS:

No Committee & Board Reports.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Interim City Administrator Greg Young discussed sales tax history information which was distributed to Council just prior to the evenings meeting. **Councilor Edmundson** and **Councilor Aslett** described historical aspects of the Great Recession, including how well the City weathered the crisis, how well City staff responded, and that many other municipalities in the State were not as fortunate as Burlington in that situation. **Councilor Aslett** discussed his home's recent 1.5% drop in assessed property value.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

OPEN COUNCIL SEAT APPOINTMENT

City Attorney Leif Johnson detailed the process in appointing an applicant to the Ward One open Council seat. **Mayor Pro Tem Aslett** stated that Council has agreed to have him read all questions to each candidate during the interview process; there was no objection. **L. Johnson** stated that there are two candidates who have applied for the seat: **Dyllan McGeever** and **Scott K. Green**, and that **Staff Assistant I Kristen Morrison** will draw names to determine the order of who will be interviewed by Council. In drawing names, it was determined that **McGeever** is to be interviewed first; **Green** was escorted by staff to a sequestered area for the duration of the first interview.

Mayor Pro Tem Aslett read **McGeever** all questions pertaining to the open Council seat; **McGeever** responded as asked. Following the interview, **McGeever** was escorted by staff to a sequestered area for the duration of the second interview.

Mayor Pro Tem Aslett read **Green** all questions pertaining to the Open Council Seat; **Green** responded as asked.

Councilors thanked the applicants for their willingness to participate in the interview process and for their involvement in the community.

A motion was made by **Councilors Loving/Edmundson** to appoint Scott K. Green to the open Council seat effective July 11, 2019. All in favor; motion carried.

6-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mayor Pro Tem Aslett opened the public hearing.

Public Works Director Marv Pulst discussed the perpetual six-year plan for coordinated transportation program expenditures, in which the City utilizes this plan as a tool from which the Federal Highway Administration authorizes funds. **Pulst** described all projects contained in the Six Year Transportation Program (TIP). **Councilors Stavig** and **J. DeGloria** spoke in favor of projects including a frontage road from George Hopper Rd. to

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Cascade Mall Dr. **Councilor Loving** spoke in opposition of a modified Costco/George Hopper Rd. intersection and “partial clover leaf” freeway entrance, and of the particular location of the proposed Railroad Overpass. **Councilor Stavig** spoke in opposition of the particular location of the proposed Railroad Overpass, the Spruce Street bridge, and the location of sidewalks along Alder Street and Highway 20—preferring that with the latter, the sidewalk be placed on the south side of the Highway in order for it to adjoin the existing Highway 20 non-motorized trail. **Councilor Aslett** discussed feedback from constituents who desire additional non-motorized trails.

Tana Wood—1745 Monroe St., spoke in favor of George Hopper Rd. improvements, and a Railroad Overpass, and asked that Council consider the City as a whole when considering particular projects.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by **Councilors Aslett/J. DeGloria**. All in favor; motion carried.

A motion to pass the proposed resolution approving the 2020-2025 Transportation Improvement Program with the exception of the Spruce St. bridge and authorize the Mayor’s signature was made by **Councilors Stavig/Aslett**. All in favor; motion carried.

CANTON PARKING LOT LEASE

Interim City Administrator Greg Young discussed the proposed terms of the City’s lease of the Canton parking lot on Fairhaven Avenue, which is set to expire in July 2019. **Young** discussed the negotiation with the property owner, and stated that a market analysis of real-estate value was done to determine the proper lease rate.

A motion was made by **Councilors Loving/J. DeGloria** to approve the lease agreement for the parking lot at 423 Fairhaven Street in Burlington, and authorize the Mayor’s signature. All in favor; motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Aslett adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Joe Stewart
Finance Director

Steve Sexton
Mayor