



City of Bellingham
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2024, 3:00 PM

Mayor: Kimberley Lund
Council Members: Hannah Stone, Hollie Huthman,
Daniel Hammill, Edwin H. "Skip" Williams, Lisa Anderson,
Michael Lilliquist and Jace Cotton

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Call to Order

The City Council Regular meeting was called to order by Council President Lilliquist at 3pm.

Announcements & Upcoming Meetings:

Bellingham City Council meets all requirements of the State of Washington Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call

Present:

- Council President Michael Lilliquist, Sixth Ward
- Council Member Hannah Stone, First Ward
- Council Member Hollie Huthman, Second Ward
- Council Member Daniel Hammill, Third Ward
- Council Member Edwin H. "Skip" Williams, Fourth Ward
- Council Member Lisa Anderson, Fifth Ward
- Council Member Jace Cotton, At Large

Presentation

- 23971 1. An Ordinance of the City Of Bellingham, Washington, Suspending All Future Meetings of the Immigration Advisory Board (IAB) and Its Subcommittees Until City Council Adopts an Ordinance Rescinding the Suspension p. 3**

Council Member Stone presented the draft ordinance to temporarily suspend the Immigration Advisory Board (IAB) and its subcommittees to allow the City to realign its work with the immigrant community in Bellingham. **Council Member Stone** will further discuss the ordinance with the IAB at their next meeting on January 16, 2024, and Council will discuss again on January 19, 2024. Council Members discussed the draft ordinance.

- 23970 2. 2024 City Council Reorganization p**

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Council President:

Hannah Stone nominated Daniel Hammill as Council President.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Council President Lilliquist turned the gavel over to newly elected **Council President Daniel Hammill**, who chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Council President Pro Tempore:

Daniel Hammill nominated Hollie Huthman as Council President Pro Tempore.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Mayor Pro Tempore:

Daniel Hammill nominated Edwin H. "Skip" Williams as Mayor Pro Tempore.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Climate Action:

Edwin H. "Skip" Williams nominated Michael Lilliquist as Chair of the Committee.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Daniel Hammill moved approval of committee member assignments as follows,

1. Michael Lilliquist (Chair)
2. Lisa Anderson
3. Jace Cotton

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Community & Economic Development:

Jace Cotton self-nominated for Chair of the Committee.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Daniel Hammill moved approval of committee member assignments as follows,

1. Jace Cotton (Chair)
2. Hannah Stone
3. Hollie Huthman

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Parks & Recreation:

Edwin H. "Skip" Williams self-nominated for Chair of the Committee.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Daniel Hammill moved approval of committee member assignments as follows,

1. Edwin H. "Skip" Williams (Chair)
2. Hollie Huthman
3. Jace Cotton

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Planning:

Lisa Anderson self-nominated for Chair of the Committee.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Daniel Hammill moved approval of committee member assignments as follows,

1. Lisa Anderson (Chair)
2. Michael Lilliquist
3. Edwin H. "Skip" Williams

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Public Health, Safety, and Justice:

Edwin H. "Skip" Williams nominated Hollie Huthman as Chair of the Committee.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Daniel Hammill moved approval of committee member assignments as follows,

1. Hollie Huthman (Chair)
2. Edwin H. "Skip" Williams
3. Hannah Stone

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Public Works & Natural Resources:

Hannah Stone self-nominated for Chair of the Committee.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Daniel Hammill moved approval of committee member assignments as follows,

1. Hannah Stone (Chair)
2. Lisa Anderson
3. Michael Lilliquist

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

EX-OFFICIO AND OTHER ASSIGNMENTS

Bellingham International Airport Advisory Committee:

Jace Cotton self-nominated to the committee.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Bellingham School District:

Hannah Stone self-nominated to the committee.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Bellingham / Whatcom County Tourism Board:

Hollie Huthman self-nominated to the board.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Chamber of Commerce:

Lisa Anderson self-nominated to the committee.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Community Development Advisory Board:

Jace Cotton self-nominated to the board.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Downtown Bellingham Partnership:

Hollie Huthman self-nominated to the committee.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

EMS Oversight Board:

Michael Lilliquist self-nominated to the board.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Fire Pension Board:

Daniel Hammill is appointed as Chair of the Finance/Committee of the Whole.

Greenways Advisory Committee:

Edwin H. "Skip" Williams self-nominated to the committee.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Higher Education:

Lisa Anderson self-nominated to the committee.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Immigration Advisory Board:

Michael Lilliquist nominated Jace Cotton to the board.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Incarceration Prevention Task Force:

Daniel Hammill will continue as primary and Hollie Huthman will serve as proxy to the task force.

Lake Whatcom Policy Group:

Hannah Stone nominated herself and Edwin H. "Skip" Williams to continue serving on the committee.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Library Board of Trustees:

Hannah Stone self-nominated to the board.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Marine Resource Committee

Jace Cotton self-nominated to the committee.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Mt. Baker Theatre Board:

Edwin H. "Skip" Williams self-nominated to the board.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Open Space Committee - Joint City/County:

The following are appointed as members of the Planning Committee:

1. Lisa Anderson
2. Michael Lilliquist
3. Edwin H. "Skip" Williams

Opportunity Council:

Hannah Stone will continue to serve as representative.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board:

Daniel Hammill nominated Edwin H. "Skip" Williams to the board.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Police Pension Board:

Daniel Hammill is appointed as Council President.

Port Marina Advisory Committee:

Edwin H. "Skip" Williams nominated Jace Cotton to the committee.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Sister Cities Advisory Board:

Hannah Stone self-nominated to the board.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Sustainable Connections:

Daniel Hammill nominated Hollie Huthman to the board.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Tourism Commission/LTAC:

Edwin H. "Skip" Williams nominated Hollie Huthman as designee.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

WHAT-COMM Communications (911) Admin Board:

Hollie Huthman self-nominated to the board.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Whatcom Council of Governments (WCOG):

Edwin H. "Skip" Williams nominated Michael Lilliquist to the Executive Committee and himself to the Policy Committee.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Whatcom Museum Foundation Board:

Lisa Anderson self-nominated to the board.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Whatcom Transportation Authority:

Edwin H. "Skip" Williams nominated Michael Lilliquist and himself to serve on the committee.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Working Waterfront:

Michael Lilliquist self-nominated to the coalition.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Council discussed other business, including the hire of a new Legislative Policy Analyst, long-term staff reorganization, and Council's seating chart.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:32pm.

Daniel Hammill, Council President

ATTEST: Kelley Goetz, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED: 1/29/2024