

## *Town of La Conner*

Town Council Special Meeting  
July 24, 2023, 9:30 a.m.  
Vaux Retreat Center  
3011 E. Fir Street  
Mount Vernon WA 98273  
In-Person Only

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Present: Councilmembers, Taylor, Carlson, Dole, Chamberlain and Wohleb

Also Present: Administrator Thomas, Finance Director DeGoede, Public Works Director Lease, Planner Davolio and Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Reinstra.

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hayes for the purpose of a Council and staff retreat to focus on strategic future goals and plans for the Town of La Conner.

The meeting was facilitated by Brian Murphy and Julia Tesch of Berk Consulting, who compiled information from a citizen survey and the Council input at the July 11, 2023, Special Council Meeting.

Two items at the top of the list are the mandated WWTP upgrades, which is in the engineering phase and the Comprehensive Plan Updates that are due in 2025.

Other priorities included the following:

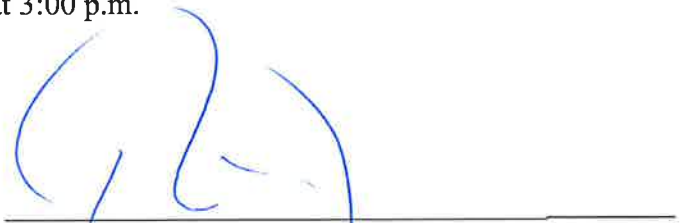
- 1<sup>st</sup> Street Access – the Town is in the process of condemning the Moore Clark building. This also ties into the flood protection on the South end of Town.
- The Phase II Waterline and Skagit Beach waterline upgrades
- New location for Public Works – Port will need the location for their future plans in the next five to seven years.
- Staff recruitment and training – in the next five years, several employees will retire out.
- New Fireboat and hire a grant writer for the Fire Department needs.

Burk Consulting will provide a complete strategic plan based on the input of the Council and staff.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 3:00 p.m.



Maria DeGoede, Finance Director



Ramon Hayes, Mayor