

AGENDA BILL
CITY OF BREMERTON
CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT:

Resolution No. 3386 to rename the Eastside Village Subarea Plan to Harrison Heights Subarea Plan

Study Session Date: August 14, 2024

COUNCIL MEETING Date: August 21, 2024

Department: City Council

Presenter: Councilmember Denise Frey

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SUMMARY:

The community of the City of Bremerton desires to rename the Eastside Village Subarea to Harrison Heights Subarea in recognition of Angie and Benjamin Harrison, the founders of Harrison Hospital. In addition, there is desire for a memorial in honor of the Harrisons in the area of the old Harrison Hospital. The action before the Council is to approve a Resolution for the renaming and establishment of a memorial.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution No. 3386

FISCAL IMPACTS (Include Budgeted Amount):

There are no fiscal impacts associated with this request.

STUDY SESSION ACTION: Consent Agenda General Business Public Hearing

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move to pass Resolution No. 3386 and authorize the renaming of the Eastside Village Subarea Plan to Harrison Heights Subarea Plan.

COUNCIL ACTION: Approve Deny Table Continue No Action

RESOLUTION NO. 3386

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Bremerton, Washington, renaming the Eastside Village Subarea Plan to Harrison Heights Subarea Plan.

WHEREAS, the association of the Harrison name with Bremerton goes back to the flu pandemic of 1918, when Angie Harrison volunteered as a nurse at the First Methodist Church in Bremerton, a makeshift hospital for the sick and dying; and

WHEREAS, both Angie and her husband, Benjamin Harrison, Bremerton's First National Bank president, became committed hospital supporters and major shareholders in the first local hospital in 1942; and

WHEREAS, in 1942 the Harrisons formed a non-profit charitable corporation to which they donated generously, creating the first Harrison Memorial Hospital at Eighth Street and Chester Avenue; and

WHEREAS, a new, \$3.2 million, 150-bed Harrison Memorial hospital was built and opened on Cherry Avenue in 1965; and

WHEREAS, independent for 95 years, Harrison Memorial Hospital was merged into CHI Franciscan Health in 2013 and was relocated to Silverdale in 2020 and renamed St. Michael's Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, after the renaming of Harrison Hospital to St. Michael's Medical Center, the Kitsap History Museum and its board of directors called for formal recognition of the legacy of the Harrisons in a letter to the Kitsap Sun in 2020; and

WHEREAS, in support of honoring and recognizing the contributions of the Harrisons, the Kitsap History Museum conducted a social media poll with its nearly 6,000 followers regarding renaming the area surrounding the old Harrison Hospital, which resulted in a majority of support for a name change to "Harrison Heights;" and

WHEREAS, a memorial to the Harrisons was erected in Ivy Green Cemetery but the true memorial to their selflessness is the legacy of their name in our community; and

WHEREAS, the City identified the area surrounding the old Harrison Hospital in East Bremerton as the Eastside Village in its area redevelopment plan;

WHEREAS, the City Council of Bremerton would like to use this opportunity to memorialize the Harrisons and the impact they had on our community; NOW THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BREMERTON, WASHINGTON,
DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. *Name Change.* The City Council of the City of Bremerton resolves that the Eastside Village Subarea Plan is hereby renamed Harrison Heights Subarea Plan in honor of Angie and Benjamin Harrison.

SECTION 2. *Memorial.* The City Council hereby calls for the establishment of a memorial in honor of the Harrisons at the intersection of lower Wheaton Way and Cherry Avenue or otherwise adjacent to the site of the old Harrison Hospital on Cherry Avenue.

SECTION 3. *Severability.* If any one or more sections, subsections, or sentences of this Resolution are held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this Resolution and the same shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. *Effective Date.* This Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Bremerton, Washington this 21st
day of August, 2024.

Signed by:

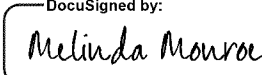
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JENNIFER CHAMBERLIN, Council President

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:

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