

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN  
APRIL 13, 2010

**Roll Call**

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Pullman was held on April 13, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in the Large Conference Room, City Hall, Pullman, Washington with the following present:

Glenn A. Johnson	Mayor
William F. Mulholland	Finance Director
Francis Benjamin	Councilmember
Keith Bloom	Councilmember
Jeff Hawbaker	Councilmember
Bill Paul	Councilmember
Barney Waldrop	Councilmember
Nathan Weller	Councilmember
Pat Wright	Councilmember

**Call to Order**

Mayor Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Announcements**

Mayor Johnson made three announcements.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**Workshop**

Goal-Setting  
Retreat

The following goals were suggested by the City Council as they reviewed the goal-setting notebooks. Additional goals were suggested by individual City Councilmembers.

1. Within the scope of budget constraints, make every effort to keep present city employees fully employed during this recessionary period. Continue to carefully track financial trends and apply year-end reserves to address the 2011 budget. Be prepared to respond promptly and appropriately to city revenue shortfalls or expenditure increases that would trigger changes in the adopted 2010 budget. Continue to provide updates on current economic conditions and the city's financial status throughout 2010 and be prepared to establish budget priorities should the financial situation deteriorate to the point that adopted 2010 service levels cannot be sustained.

2. Use any 2009 year-end savings to maintain the 13 percent General Fund reserve. As a long-term goal, evaluate increasing the reserve to 16 percent in keeping with the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) suggestion for having a two-month operating reserve.
3. Document long-term capital needs and establish a plan to fund priority projects. Consider earmarking some of the new revenues generated by new businesses to address capital needs. Establish an enterprise or other fund to preserve new tax revenue for capital requirements.
4. Continue to support the following on-going activities:
  - a. Strengthen the economic growth of the city and surrounding area by encouraging private capital investment and development.
  - b. Highlight WSU and support higher education, including community colleges.
  - c. Support the Pullman-Moscow airport improvement projects.
  - d. Beautify highly visible public spaces including Grand Avenue and Davis Way.
  - e. Explore the concept of park & ride lots and vehicle storage lots.
  - f. Oppose the overwhelming stormwater regulation policies being enforced by the state.
  - g. Work with WSU to pursue the water re-use program, including utilization of water at the golf course.
  - h. Promote Pullman's sustainability.
  - i. Explore opportunities/partnerships for the acquisition of land or the shared use of recreational fields.
5. Address issues on all the hills in Pullman that

are typical of problems that are occurring on College Hill. Provide reports and make recommendations to the City Council on code enforcement and neighborhood improvements.

6. Continue to explore the creation of a self-supporting or shared grant writer position to explore opportunities such as constructing a trail between Pullman and Colfax.
7. Develop plans for a south loop pedestrian/bicycle trail.
8. Encourage promoting awareness of safe sledding areas in Pullman.
9. Continue to work on the installation of a new traffic signal at Bishop Boulevard and Klemgard Avenue near Franklin Elementary School.
10. Consider using lodging tax monies to design a plan for a Lawson Gardens wedding-meeting facility.
11. Review improvement and construction concepts for fire stations and fire station locations.
12. Support the wellness program and explore all opportunities available.
13. Explore options for improving electrical inspections including considering taking over electrical inspections within the city of Pullman.
14. Explore opportunities with Whitman County and Washington State University for establishing a Geographic Information System (GIS) for Pullman.
15. Explore broadcasting City Council meetings on a social network, such as YouTube.
16. Pave an asphalt path on the north side of Bishop Boulevard where there are gaps in the sidewalk system.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Bloom moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to adjourn the regular meeting of the City Council.

Motion Carried.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council at 8:19 p.m.