

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN
FEBRUARY 5, 2008

Roll Call

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pullman was held on February 5, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall, Pullman, Washington with the following present:

Glenn A. Johnson	Mayor
Troy Woo	Finance Director
Francis Benjamin	Councilmember
Ann Heath	Councilmember
Bill Paul	Councilmember
Barney Waldrop	Councilmember
Nathan Wright	Councilmember

Call to Order

Mayor Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Councilmember Paul moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to excuse Councilmember Bloom from the meeting.

Motion Carried.

Announcements

Mayor Johnson made three announcements. Councilmember Waldrop commented on the sexual assault forum. City Supervisor Sherman and Public Works Director Workman commented on the City's flood planning preparedness, improvements that have been made to prevent flood damage, and requests for the citizens of Pullman to remove snow from hydrants and storm drains.

Election of Mayor Pro Tempore and Alternate Mayor Pro Tempore

Councilmember Benjamin described his experience and service as Mayor Pro Tempore and nominated Councilmember Heath as Mayor Pro Tempore and Councilmember Bloom as Alternate. Councilmember Waldrop seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Confirmation of Appointment

Mayor Johnson announced that he had appointed Kristi Kurle to an indefinite term on the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee to be reviewed annually on December 31. Councilmember Paul moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to confirm the appointment. The motion carried unanimously.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of Recommendations of Consent Agenda Items

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Johnson reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda with the Council and audience. He stated that the items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by a single motion of the Council without separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda by Council request. Councilmember Heath moved, Councilmember Weller seconded to read the items on the Consent Agenda by title only.

Motion Carried.

City Attorney McAloon read the items on the Consent Agenda by title only. Mayor Johnson asked if there were any requests for removal of items from the Consent Agenda from either the Council or audience. There were none. Councilmember Paul moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried.

Motions

- Minutes - January 22, 2008 1. The Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of January 22, 2008, and approved them as submitted.
- Accounts Payable, Payroll, and Electronic Transfers - February 2. The Council approved disbursements represented by accounts payable checks numbered _____ through _____ totaling _____ inclusive, payroll checks numbered _____ through _____ totaling _____ inclusive, and electronic transfers totaling _____ and directed that they be paid upon approval of the Auditing Officer and Audit Committee.
- Change Order on Kamiaken/High Street Sewer 3. The Council ratified Change Order No. 1 on Contract No. 06-05, Kamiaken/High Street Sewer.
- Water System Security Improvements Complete 4. The Council accepted as complete Contract No. 05-10A, Water System Security Improvements.
- Claim for Damages - Barreda 5. The Council referred a Claim for Damages submitted by Victorino Lopez Barreda for an undetermined amount to the insurance carrier.

Resolution

- Resolution No. R-12-08 - Sensus as Sole Source Provider 6. Resolution No. R-12-08
A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING SENSUS AS A SOLE SOURCE SUPPLIER FOR WATER METERS.

Resolution No. R-12-08 was adopted unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

Resolution and Ordinance

- Resolution No. R-13-08 - Whispering Hills Subdivision No. 3 7. Mayor Johnson announced that a resolution and ordinance had been prepared adopting the final plat of Whispering Hills Subdivision No. 3 and the final plan of Whispering Hills No. 3 Planned Residential Development. Public Works Director Workman presented the first staff report which included a description of the preliminary plat for Whispering Hills Subdivision No. 3. There were no questions.
- Ordinance No. 08-3 - Final Plan of Whispering Hills Subdivision No. 3 Planned Residential Development Resolution No. R-13-08 by title only reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF WHISPERING HILLS SUBDIVISION NO. 3 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FINANCE DIRECTOR TO SIGN THE FINAL PLAT.

Councilmember Waldrop moved, Councilmember Weller seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-13-08. The motion carried unanimously.

Planning Director Dickinson presented a staff report which included a description of the planned residential development. There were no questions from Councilmembers.

Ordinance No. 08-3 by title only reads as follows:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FINAL PLAN OF THE WHISPERING HILLS NO. 3 PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT LOCATED SOUTH OF OLD WAWAWAI ROAD AND WEST OF SUNNYSIDE PARK ON SUNNYSIDE HILL.

Councilmember Heath moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 08-3. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion

- Goal-Setting Notebook Distribution
8. City Supervisor Sherman presented the staff report and suggested dates for the first City Council goal-setting retreat. City Council concurred to conduct its first retreat on March 22, 2008.

Council Selection

- Candidate Interviews
9. Mayor Johnson described the interview and selection process for the Council selection. The order of interviews was randomly selected with Patricia Wright going first, Dave Gibney second, and Terrence Day third. Each candidate made an opening statement, answered one question from each of the Councilmembers and made a closing statement. The questions asked by the City Councilmember were as follows:

Councilmember Paul asked what is your vision for the future of Pullman?

Councilmember Waldrop asked what are the most important issues facing Pullman?

Councilmember Benjamin asked in light of the City not being able to fund all of its budget requests what are Pullman's most critical services?

Councilmember Heath asked what, if anything, would you change about how the City Council conducts its business?

Councilmember Weller asked why didn't you run during the November election and what has changed since then?

- Executive Session
- Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting to enter Executive Session for:

To evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to public office.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m. and announced the Council would reconvene in 15 minutes. Mayor Johnson reconvened the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Nomination and Vote
on Appointment

Councilmember Waldrop moved, Councilmember Paul seconded to nominate Patricia Wright. The motion carried unanimously.

Oath of Office

Ms. Wright took the Oath of Office and took her place at the Council dias.

Mayor Johnson made closing statements on the selection process and thanked all of the candidates for their willingness to serve on the City Council.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Heath moved, Councilmember Wright seconded to adjourn the regular meeting of the City Council.

Motion Carried.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council at 8:47 p.m.