

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
 OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN
 MARCH 12, 2016

Roll Call

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Pullman was held on March 12, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. at the Hillside Inn, Pullman, Washington with the following present:

Glenn A. Johnson	Mayor
Leann L. Hubbard	Finance Director
Jeff Hawbaker	Councilmember
Fritz Hughes	Councilmember
Eileen Macoll	Councilmember
Ann Parks	Councilmember
Al Sorensen	Councilmember
Nathan Weller	Councilmember
Pat Wright	Councilmember

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

DISCUSSION

Goal-Setting Retreat

Mayor Johnson reviewed the procedure for this goal setting retreat. City Supervisor Workman reminded Council that the 2016 general fund budget was balanced with reserve cash and that interim efforts have since been taken by Council and staff to re-attain a reserve goal of 13 percent of the operating budget. The following is the preliminary list of goals that was developed in the initial City Council goal setting retreat. The City Council systematically reviewed the status of the 2015 goals as well as the goals submitted by citizens, employees, and department heads. Individual City Councilmembers also suggested goals of their own. Many suggestions were considered to be administrative or ongoing in nature, so the fact that a suggested goal was not included in the list that follows does not necessarily mean that the suggestion was rejected.

1. Continue to support the Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport Runway Realignment project and efforts to secure funding for the local match, including Pullman's commitment of \$2.5 million.
2. Continue to pursue the wastewater reuse project, including irrigation of City park grounds, Pullman School District grounds, and WSU green spaces and industrial applications.
3. Continue to promote economic development opportunities to increase the retail sales tax base and job creation through a broad range of initiatives in partnership with various agencies, groups, and entities. Hold joint meetings annually with the Whitman County Commissioners and District 9 State Legislators; meet in both spring and fall semesters with ASWSU; meet in an informal setting with Moscow City Council.
4. Continue to improve bicycle and pedestrian trails, including appropriate recommendations from Civic Trust, the WSU Bicycle and Pedestrian

Plan, and others. Continue to enhance bicycle accommodations in the downtown corridor and other commercial areas. Encourage Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to explore alternatives to abandoning the Pullman-to-Colfax and the Pullman-to-Fallon railroad corridors, most particularly as that relates to the continued existence of the railbanked Bill Chipman Trail.

5. In recognition of the importance of Pullman Regional Hospital to the City, work closely with the hospital in support of its Community Health 2020 Campaign in addressing the broad health needs of the community and the impacts of the Affordable Care Act, including any and all state funding that can contribute to that effort. Support increased funding for physician residency training programs in eastern Washington and recognize the importance of planning for elder care.
6. Continue to evaluate our information systems to meet the demands of technology. Consider promoting programs and successes using social media, taking into account Public Records Act implications. Investigate strategies to make the City's website more user friendly and strategies to solicit feedback on our website, including features that would track the number of clicks a user needed to complete their use of the website; promote the website through notices with utility bills and otherwise.
7. Continue to promote the value of our community's diversity. Support ways to increase understanding of our City's unique groups. Continue efforts to fund and construct the Welcome Park on Davis Way.
8. Complete the update of the City's ADA Transition Plan and present it for public review. At the completion of that review period, develop a final document. Pursue the recommendations in the final plan as funding and resources allow. Continue to support the development of Mary's Park and the inclusion of accessible playground equipment and other ADA features to the extent practicable.
9. Start the process of placing a bond issue on the 2017 November General Election ballot to replace the expiring 2007 Proposition 1 voter-approved bond.
10. Pursue next step options for promoting the South Bypass to become a reality.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Weller moved, Councilmember Wright seconded to adjourn the special meeting of the City Council.

Motion Carried.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council at 1:20 p.m.