

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN  
MARCH 29, 2011

**Roll Call**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pullman was held on March 29, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall, Pullman, Washington with the following present:

Glenn A. Johnson	Mayor
William F. Mulholland	Finance Director
Francis Benjamin	Councilmember
Bill Paul	Councilmember
Barney Waldrop	Councilmember
Nathan Weller	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 Councilmembers Bloom, Hawbaker, and Wright from the meeting.

Motion Carried.

**Announcements**

Mayor Johnson made four announcements and Councilmember Weller made one announcement.

**Confirmation of Appointments**

Mayor Johnson announced that he had appointed Vicki Leeper to a term on the Arts Commission expiring December 31, 2013.

Councilmember Waldrop moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to confirm this appointment. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Johnson announced he had appointed John Anderson, Tom Handy, and Anita Hornback to terms on the Historic Preservation Commission expiring December 31, 2014. Robert R. McCoy and Allison Munch-Rotolo to terms on the Historic Preservation Commission expiring December 31, 2013. Matthew J. Root and Ned Warnich to terms on the Historic Preservation Commission expiring December 31, 2012.

Councilmember Paul moved, Councilmember Weller seconded to confirm these appointments. The motion carried unanimously.

**Report**

Public Works 2010  
Annual Report

Mayor Johnson announced that the Public Works 2010 Annual Report was the next item of business. Public Works Director Workman went through his report highlighting several areas. Transit had a total ridership on the fixed routes of 1,420,148 which was an increase of 87,970 or 6.6 percent from 2009. Dial-A-Ride decreased a total of 230 to 16,310 or 1.4 decrease. He notated that water operations had pumped 834,684,000 gallons in 2010 and in 2009 they pumped 894,000,000 gallons. He attributed the reduced pumping to the weather; 2010 was a little wetter than the previous years so not as much irrigation was used. The other contributing factor was conservation efforts pushed by the City to change to water-saving toilets. He also emphasized the discharge permit violation and indicated that disinfection upgrades

planned for this year will definitely help reduce some of the DCBM violations.

Councilmember Waldrop thanked the Public Works Department with keeping the streets cleared during this past winter. He mentioned he had recently been in both Spokane and Missoula whose streets were just loaded with potholes, something that we don't have here. He also wanted clarification of Mark's report. There is an indication of 20 housing complaints and he wanted to know what that involved. Public Works Director Workman indicated that they were building code violations reported by the renters.

**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 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 Benjamin moved, Councilmember Paul 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. There were none. Councilmember Waldrop moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried.

**Motions**

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| Minutes - February 23, 2011                         | 1. | The Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the special meeting of February 23, 2011, and approved them as submitted.                                    |
| Minutes - March 1, 2011                             | 2. | The Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 1, 2011, and approved them as submitted.  |
| Minutes - March 3, 2011                             | 3. | The Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the special meeting of March 12, 2011, and approved them as submitted.                                       |
| Claim for Damages - Blevins                         | 4. | The Council referred a Claim for Damages submitted by Diana Blevins for an undetermined amount to the Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA).                   |
| Claim for Damages - Fendley                         | 5. | The Council referred a Claim for Damages submitted by Patrick Fendley for the sum of \$2,000 to the Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA).                     |
| Claim for Damages - State Farm for Katherine Garcia | 6. | The Council referred a Claim for Damages submitted by State Farm for Katherine Garcia for the sum of \$22,999.12 to the Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA). |
| Claim for Damages - Keeton                          | 7. | The Council referred a Claim for Damages submitted by Angela Keeton for an undetermined amount to the Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA).                   |

- Agreement with WSU to Submit a Grant 8. The Council authorized an agreement with Washington State University to participate as a sub-grantee in a grant application with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women.
- Smart Policing Initiative Application 9. The Council authorized an application for a "Smart Policing Initiative" grant with the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance for crime analysis, statistics, and performance measures.
- Transit Break Facility Complete 10. The Council accepted as complete Contract No. 10-08, Transit Break Facility.
- Agreement with Beasley Real Estate 11. The Council authorized an agreement with Beasley Real Estate Company for the purpose of stationing City personnel at Beasley's "Home Sweet Home" Spring Workshop.

**Resolutions**

- Resolution No. R-15-11 - Motorola as a Sole Source Provider 12. Resolution No. R-15-11  
 A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MOTOROLA, INC. AS A SOLE SOURCE SUPPLIER FOR MOBILE TWO-WAY RADIOS FOR THE CITY OF PULLMAN.  
 Resolution No. R-15-11 was adopted unanimously.
- Resolution No. R-16-11 - Radio Equipment Purchase 13. Resolution No. R-16-11  
 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PULLMAN AND MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECURING RADIO EQUIPMENT FOR PULLMAN POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS.  
 Resolution No. R-16-11 was adopted unanimously.
- Resolution No. R-17-11 - Manhole Rehabilitation 14. Resolution No. R-17-11  
 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF SUN COAST ENVIRONMENTAL NW, INC. FOR THE MANHOLE REHABILITATION 2011 PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE CONTRACT FOR SAID PROJECT.  
 Resolution No. R-17-11 was adopted unanimously.
- Resolution No. R-18-11 - WWTP Head End Study 15. Resolution No. R-18-11  
 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PULLMAN AND CH2M HILL FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING THE WWTP HEAD END STUDY.  
 Resolution No. R-18-11 was adopted unanimously.
- Resolution No. R-19-11 - Microwave Radio System Design 16. Resolution No. R-19-11  
 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF FIRST STEP INTERNET, LLC FOR THE MICROWAVE RADIO SYSTEM DESIGN AND INSTALLATION PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE CONTRACT FOR SAID PROJECT.  
 Resolution No. R-19-11 was adopted unanimously.

## Ordinance

Ordinance No. 17. Ordinance No. 11-6  
11-6 - Albion Road

AN ORDINANCE RENAMING PULLMAN-ALBION ROAD WITHIN THE CITY OF PULLMAN AS ALBION DRIVE.

Ordinance No. 11-6 was adopted unanimously.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### Discussions

Bishop Boulevard 18. Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion is  
Presentation scheduled on Bishop Boulevard. Public Works Director Workman talked about the project briefly and then turned it over to Ron Pace with Taylor Engineering. He presented a PowerPoint presentation on various segments and stretches of Bishop Road and the expansion to two lanes in each direction with median and sidewalks which will fill up virtually the whole 88 foot easement right-of-way. In the report it was mentioned that small slivers of land would have to be purchased for the easement or they could avoid this by putting up retaining walls. Councilmember Weller also wanted to make certain that sidewalks were planned for the south side which gets pretty muddy during the winter.

Councilmember Paul wanted to know if there were any restrictions for people riding bikes on the 6-foot sidewalk. Public Works Director Workman indicated all he was aware of were the restrictions on riding on sidewalks downtown. Councilmember Paul indicated maybe a portion of the sidewalk could be dedicated to bicyclists. Public Works Director Workman did not seem to think there was problem due to the fact there is not a whole lot of walkers in that area to begin with.

Pullman-Moscow 19. Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion is  
Regional Airport scheduled on the Pullman-Moscow Airport. Airport  
Presentation Manager Parish gave an airport update. He indicated that the Pullman population from 2000 to 2010 had increased by 20.8 percent. The Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport enplanements had a solid decrease from 2000 to 2004 of 37.1 percent, but from 2004 to 2007 a decrease of 68.8 percent and since 2007 they have had a compound annual growth rate of 14 percent. He indicated the long-term plans were replacement of runway, terminal improvements, and new ARFF facilities which are Aircraft, Rescue, Firefighting facilities. He indicated they do have a new ARFF Firefighting vehicle that they received this week. Also they need new aircraft rescue firefighting facilities. The Runway Project Master Plan should be completed by the end of 2011, an environmental assessment from 2011 to 2013, design from 2014 to 2015, and construction from 2015 to 2016. The runway project has been approved for 7,100 feet with plans for 8,000 feet, and all-weather landing and lighting systems. Long-term plans include terminal improvements to the terminal, which was built twenty years ago and they are running out of room. As for airport all-weather reliability, changes to the landing system coming up will enable flights to land in weather with ceilings below 200 feet and visibility of a half-mile which will greatly improve the number of landings that will

not have to be canceled.

Councilmember Waldrop wanted to know how early somebody needed to arrive at the airport. Airport Manager Parish indicated, unlike a lot of the other airports, if you have your boarding pass and carry-on you need to be there at least a half-hour ahead of time and if you have bags to check or need a boarding pass then at least a little over an hour to take care of that. He also indicated that the daily parking was only \$4.00 a day which is almost half what Spokane charges.

2011 Property Tax 20. Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion is scheduled on 2011 Property Tax. Finance Director Mulholland went through his statistical information charts and graphs. Councilmember Benjamin wanted to know which of the levies were voter approved. The voter approved ones for the City are the G.O. Bond, EMS Levy, and the Metropolitan Park Levy as well as the General City Tax Levy. He also indicated that all the levies are below the maximum we could have. The rate for 2011 is at \$2.9106 for the General Levy and that can go up to \$3.60. Metropolitan Park and EMS Levy were initially approved for \$.50 and they are both at \$.4044. School Districts, of course, are voter approved and the Port and Hospital were initially approved, but there has been no update or mandate that they be periodically reviewed.

Second Goal Setting Retreat 21. Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion is scheduled on the second Goal-Setting Retreat. City Supervisor Sherman proposed April 26 as the date. He also wanted to expand the special session to include a presentation that Bobbie Ryder, WSU Capital Planning & Development, had requested.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Johnson announced that since the Transit contract was settled on Sunday they had the labor contract between the City and Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1015 for 2011. Staff recommended to approve the contract. The Mayor requested a motion. Councilmember Weller moved, Councilmember Waldrop seconded. There was no discussion and Councilmember Weller voted aye and Councilmembers Benjamin, Waldrop, and Paul voting nay. The contract was not approved.

Jo Mark wanted to ask some questions about the Bishop project. Public Works Director Workman answered part of her questions and held over until after the meeting to complete the rest of the conversation.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Motion Carried.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council at 8:54 p.m.