MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN
FEBRUARY 2, 2010

Roll Call

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pullman was held on February 2, 2010, 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
Keith Bloom	Councilmember
Jeff Hawbaker	Councilmember
Barney Waldrop	Councilmember
Nathan Weller	Councilmember
Pat Wright	Councilmember

Call to Order

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

Motion Carried.

Announcements

Mayor Johnson made one announcement.

Employee Recognition

Mayor Johnson recognized several individuals that were in attendance. Dee Stiles and Heidi Lambley from the Police Department were recognized for five years of service. Don Heroff and Dan Hargraves from the Police Department, Bob Sanders from Transit, Sam Nasralla from Public Works, and Jim Ackley from Finance were each recognized for ten years of service. Pete Dickinson was recognized for twenty-five years of service, and Rod Thornton from Transit and Police Chief Weatherly were each recognized for thirty years of service.

Stormwater Report

Mayor Johnson announced that a report is scheduled on stormwater. City Supervisor Sherman presented the staff report. He mentioned recent meetings and stated that on January 27 the Governor stated, in her speech at the AWC conference, that she had heard loud and clear from AWC President Glenn Johnson about Pullman's concerns. We were exempted from the original Phase II implementation. The State of Washington decided to include us and 9 other cities that had not been on the initial Federal Phase II list. There was a bill before the legislature to give us a few more years for implementing Phase II. But the bill is dead since there are no state funds. The only hope on delaying the timeline is a budget proviso and that is a long shot.

Election of Mayor Pro-Tempore and Alternate Mayor Pro Tempore

Mayor Johnson announced that the Council will now elect a new Mayor Pro Tempore and Alternate Mayor Pro Tempore. Councilmember Bloom nominated Councilmember Wright as Mayor Pro Tempore. Councilmember Benjamin seconded the nomination. Councilmember Bloom nominated Councilmember Weller as Alternate Mayor Pro Tempore. Councilmember Benjamin seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations and the motions 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 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 Weller moved, Councilmember Wright 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 the Council. There were none. Councilmember Wright moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Motion Carried.

Motions

Accounts Payable, Payroll, and Electronic Transfers - February, 2010

1. 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.

Tourism Grant

2. The Council approved a tourism grant submitted by the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

Resolutions

Resolution No. R-8-10 - Chamber of Commerce

3. Resolution No. R-8-10

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PULLMAN AND PULLMAN CHAMBER OS COMMERCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF TOURIST AND CONVENTION PROMOTION.

Resolution No. R-8-10 was adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. R-9-10 - Lease Agreement with Johnsons

4a. Resolution No. R-9-10

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH DARIN V. AND BETHANY D. JOHNSON FOR THE CITY-OWNED HOUSE AT 630 NW GUY STREET.

Resolution No. R-9-10 was adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. R-10-10 Lease Agreement with Radtkes

4b. Resolution No. R-10-10

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH JASON A. AND SHANELL M. RADTKE FOR THE CITY-OWNED HOUSE AT 1080 NW GUY STREET.

Resolution No. R-10-10 was adopted unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

Resolution

Resolution No. R-11-10 - ERD Expansion Project

5. Mayor Johnson announced that a resolution had been prepared authorizing a professional services agreement for the ERD Expansion Project. Public Works Director Workman presented the staff report stating that several years ago they had a needs assessment completed and based on that report they found that ERD needed to be expanded. After an interview process, Design West Architects was selected as the architectural consultant for the expansion project. The cost is estimated to be $1,000,000 with $784,000 to be provided by a federal grant. The various departments that use ERD are projected to cover the remaining project costs over and above the grant amount for a total of $216,000.

Councilmember Bloom asked who did the original assessment. Public Works Director Workman responded that Design West did the original assessment.

Resolution No. R-11-10 by title only reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PULLMAN AND DESIGN WEST ARCHITECTS, P.A. FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLETING THE ERD EXPANSION.

Councilmember Waldrop moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-11-10. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussions

Whitman County Solid Waste Presentation

6. Mayor Johnson announced that a presentation is scheduled on Whitman County Solid Waste. Whitman County Public Works Director Mark Storey gave an update on solid waste collection in Whitman County. He commented that they started a long-haul contract with Waste Management in 1993 to transfer waste to Arlington, Oregon. At the time the tipping charge, the cost to haul it out, was $69. In 2007 this was increased to $95. This fee increases approximately $2 per year. They are now looking at several options. The County is trying to come up with the best alternative which may result in opening two new cells at the existing landfill. The cost would be relatively cheaper than the other alternatives over the next twenty-five years. It is still in the decision process and Public Works Director Storey is hoping they will make a decision in the next few months. When a decision is made he plans on coming back before the Council and updating them on the plan. Councilmembers asked about the affects of methane gas and commingled recycling issues. Mr. Storey answered Council questions. The Council thanked Mr. Storey for his presentation and the cooperation he has given to the City.

2010 Goal Setting

7. Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion is scheduled on 2010 Goal Setting. City Supervisor Sherman had two tentative dates, February 13 or March 6 for the Council retreat. The Council consensus was to hold the meeting on March 6 at the Hilltop.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Johnson asked if there was any new business from either the Council or audience. City Supervisor Sherman presented an e-mail from Whitman County Commissioner Greg Partch asking to approach Senator Patti Murray to support a grant to make improvements to Airport Road. Public Works Director Workman stated they will meet Thursday with County officials to try to get the application completed. The City is looking for authorization to apply for the grant.

Councilmember Bloom moved, Councilmember Weller seconded to authorize to proceed with this grant application.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Johnson announced that the Council would adjourn to Executive Session for:

Conferring with legal counsel representing the City concerning potential litigation or legal risks of a proposed action or current practice that the City has identified when public discussion of the litigation or legal risks is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the City.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m. and announced that the Council would take a five-minute recess and return in approximately thirty minutes.

Mayor Johnson reconvened the regular meeting at 9:00.

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 9:00 p.m.