

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN
FEBRUARY 23, 2016

Roll Call

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pullman was held on February 23, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall, 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 regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Announcements

Mayor Johnson made six announcements.

Presentation

WSU Student
Entertainment
Board Arts
Committee on
Inside Out Project

WSU Art and Programs Coordinator Angel Nava reported on the Inside Out Project, known as "The People's Art Project". Over 200,000 people across the world have exhibits. The exhibit would be 100 36"x53" photos of community people pasted onto the library's exterior walls using biodegradable paste. It would be installed in April and taken down in September. Councilmember Weller stated it is unique and interesting. Councilmember Macoll loved the concept but is concerned about the cost and compromising the brick on the building. Nava replied that the WSU Student Entertainment Board was covering the \$8,000 total project costs and they were to remove the exhibit by hand so there is not building damage. Mayor Johnson recommended a test strip on the building. Councilmember Weller recommended a different location than the library building. Councilmember Parks recommended the sidewalk. The Council needs additional information and testing results on the building before they will authorize the project.

Report

Center Street
Traffic Study

Public Works Director Gardes reported on the 2014 City Council Goal No. 13 to conduct a traffic study of the Center Street corridor and vicinity, including speed reduction alternatives and a signal at Grand Avenue. Ron Pace of Taylor Engineering and Bill White of Morrison Maierle reported on the traffic study, including the scope of work, project goals, traffic counts, traffic forecasts, traffic operations/capacity, collision history, improvements, pedestrian crossings, traffic calming, design alternatives, results of the neighborhood open house, and recommendations. The recommendations are (1) pursue funding for the design and construction of Center Street/Grand Avenue traffic signal, (2) develop crosswalk striping, signage, and ADA ramp

improvements for Fountain Street and Summer Street intersections with Center Street, (3) install permanent radar signs along the corridor and evaluate effectiveness over next twelve months, and (4) if these recommendations are ineffective, install traffic circles at the Itani Drive and City View Street intersections with Center Street. Councilmember Sorensen asked where the speed limits were exceeded during analysis of the average daily traffic counts. Bill White responded on Center Street, east and west of City View Street, and east and west of Itani Drive. Councilmember Sorensen asked if traffic counts were considered from Golden Hills down to Wawawai and if volumes during school times were considered. Bill White responded no that was not in the scope of work and yes school times were considered. Councilmember Sorensen asked how many people attended the neighborhood open house. Bill White responded 60 to 80 people. Councilmember Macoll said she was not a fan of traffic circles because they are bad for fire trucks and snow plows. Councilmember Weller does not like narrowing streets and asked about other options. Bill White responded that some other options divert drivers so it just passes the problem onto other streets. Councilmember Parks recommended center striping. Bill White responded striping is surprisingly expensive to install and maintain. The Council agreed with Public Works Director Gardes request to proceed with conceptual work and proceed with two of the three speed signs.

Report

Water Use Policy

Public Works Director Gardes reported on the 2015 City Council Goal No. 2 to evaluate the City's water use policy. Councilmember Weller asked if we foresee the state of Washington strengthening their requirements given the Ensley drought emergency last summer. Gardes responded that he does not see the state strengthening their requirements as long as the state knows the region is making an impact to conserve water. Councilmember Macoll noted her constituents are concerned efforts are not enough and asked if there are any water saving constraints on replacing lawns with gardens. City Supervisor Workman clarified there are no zoning code issues with lawn replacement restrictions.

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 by Council request. Councilmember Weller moved, Councilmember Wright seconded to read 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 Council. Councilmember Sorensen requested that item No. 4 be pulled for separate discussion. Mayor Johnson so ordered. Councilmember Hughes moved, Councilmember Weller seconded to adopt items 1 through 3, and 5 through 8 on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Carried.

Motions

- Minutes - February 2, 2016 1. The Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of February 2, 2016, and approve them as submitted.
- Accounts Payable, Payroll and Electronic Transfers - January 27, 2016 to February 11, 2016 2. The Council approved disbursements represented by accounts payable checks numbered 82096 through 82357 totaling \$1,330,547.65 inclusive, payroll checks numbered 69139 through 69258 totaling \$105,461.01 inclusive, and electronic transfers totaling \$943,776.33 for January 27, 2016 to February 11, 2016.
- Stormwater Improvements 2015, Contract 15-10 as complete 3. The Council approved Stormwater Improvements 2015, Contract 15-10, as complete.

Resolutions

- Resolution No. R-10-16 - Germain Farms Easement 5. Resolution No. R-10-16
A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DETENTION POND EASEMENT FROM GERMAIN FARMS, LLC.
Resolution No. R-10-16 was adopted unanimously.
- Resolution No. R-11-16 - Stormwater Low Impact Development Retrofit Project 2016 6. Resolution No. R-11-16
A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF MOTLEY-MOTLEY, INC. FOR STORMWATER LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT RETROFIT PROJECT 2016 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE CONTRACT FOR SAID PROJECT.
Resolution No. R-11-16 was adopted unanimously.
- Resolution No. R-12-16 - Water Quality Stormwater Low Capacity Grant 7. Resolution No. R-12-16
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A WATER QUALITY STORMWATER CAPACITY GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PULLMAN AND THE STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OR MANAGEMENT OF THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL STORMWATER PROGRAM.
Resolution No. R-12-16 was adopted unanimously.

Ordinance

- Ordinance No. 16-1 - Real Property for Public Park Purposes 8. Ordinance No. 16-1
 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY TO THE CITY FROM ELINOR F. McCLOSKEY FOR PUBLIC PARK PURPOSES AND SUBJECT TO A CONSERVATION EASEMENT PREVIOUSLY GRANTED TO THE PALOUSE LAND TRUST, INC.

Ordinance No. 16-1 was adopted unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

Motions

- Lodging Tax Grant 4. Mayor Johnson announced that this item has been removed from Consent Agenda at the request of Councilmember Sorensen. Councilmember Sorensen announced that he is impressed with the redesign of the grant application process and complimented the Chamber of Commerce and Lodging Tax Committee.

The Council approved a Lodging Tax Grant to the Palouse Empire Gymnastics in an amount up to \$12,000 for the USA Gymnastics Regional 2 Championships.

Councilmember Sorensen moved, Councilmember Wright seconded to adopt the Lodging Tax Grant. The motion carried unanimously.

- Virtual Infrastructure Replacement/ Upgrade project 9. Mayor Johnson announced a motion is requested to approve the purchase of the virtual infrastructure replacement/upgrade. City Supervisor Workman reported on the background and recommended a motion. Councilmember Weller stated it was great to improve the infrastructure.

Councilmember Weller moved, Councilmember Macoll seconded to approve the purchase of the virtual infrastructure replacement/upgrade. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION

- Arts Commission - Utility Box Art Pullman Arts Commissioner Danica Wixom reported on the utility box art project to wrap the first utility box at Main and Grand Avenue. Three art options from artisan Zachary Mazur were presented with a recommendation from the Pullman Arts Commission that the photo of the abandoned motel in Washtucna as the first choice. Councilmember Weller wanted to thank the Arts Commission and wants the utility box art to focus on Pullman instead of Washtucna. He recommended several options of Pullman related sites and events that would be better suited for the utility box art. Councilmember Wright recommended to look at the fabulous pictures on the city and Pullman Chamber of Commerce Facebook page. Mayor Johnson noted the utility box is located at a busy intersection. He suggested a vertical image instead of horizontal and a colorful wrap. He knows the Arts Commission wants to complete this project before the Art Walk, but does not want this project to be rushed since the art will be visible for many future years. Councilmember Macoll does not want the art to be cutting edge that would hamper future fundraising capacity. Councilmember Hawbaker

liked the scenery art. Councilmember Parks stated the motel photograph is incongruent with its surroundings. She likes the scenery art because it is more thoughtful and meaningful. The Council recommended to bring other options at the next Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Johnson asked if there was any new business. There was no new business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:45 p.m., Mayor Johnson announced that the Council would take a five-minute break and then meet in an Executive Session for the purpose of:

Review of performance of public employees.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. for the five-minute break and then to hold the Executive Session which was scheduled for approximately 45 minutes. The Executive Session had one 30 minute extension. The Executive Session started at 8:50 p.m. The Executive Session ended at 10:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Weller 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 10:01 p.m.