

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN
SEPTEMBER 25, 2012

Roll Call

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pullman was held on September 25, 2012, 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
Jeff Hawbaker	Councilmember
Fritz Hughes	Councilmember
Bill Paul	Councilmember
Derrick Skaug	Councilmember
Nathan Weller	Councilmember
Pat Wright	Councilmember

Call to Order

Mayor Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Announcements

There were five announcements.

Confirmation of Appointment

Mayor Johnson announced that he had appointed Jennifer Harbour, 80 Osprey Lane, to a term on the Arts Commission expiring December 31, 2012. Councilmember Hughes moved, Councilmember Weller seconded to confirm the appointment.

Motion Carried.

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 Wright moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to read the Consent Agenda.

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 Weller moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried.

Motions

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| Minutes - September 11, 2012 | 1. | The Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of September 11, 2012, and approved them as submitted. |
| Grand Avenue Widening - Nye to Ritchie Complete | 2. | The Council accepted as complete Contract No. 08-14, Grand Avenue Widening - Nye to Ritchie. |

Secondary Process Improvements 3. The Council ratified Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 07-14, Secondary Process Improvements.

Resolution

Resolution No. R-58-12 - Public Hearing Date 4. Resolution No. R-58-12
A RESOLUTION SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE VACATION OF THE NORTHEASTERN PORTION OF THE ALLEY PARALLEL TO STATE STREET AND GRAND AVENUE, OF BLOCK 48, IN THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF PULLMAN.

Resolution No. R-58-12 was adopted unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

Public Hearing

Resolution No. R-59-12 - Transit Development Plan and 2011 Annual Report 5. Mayor Johnson announced that a public hearing is scheduled on the Transit Development Plan for 2012-2017 and the 2011 Annual Report. Transit Manager Thornton went through his memo to the Council and the Development Plan for 2012-2017 as well as the 2011 annual report. He highlighted the services of Dial-A-Ride and fixed route, and went through capital needs. Councilmember Weller wanted to know if the new buses would also have wraps. Transit Manager Thornton answered that they would. Councilmember Weller also asked how long the wraps would last. He said they are supposed to last eight years, but with our weather conditions he figured we would get three to five years out of them.

Councilmember Paul noted that the Dial-A-Ride, a few years ago was marginal, but was now running pretty good. He asked the question as to why. Transit Manager Thornton answered that promotions they had held and dedicated individuals to handle problems. He noted they have about 400 to 600 regular users.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing.

Janice Brown noted that there is a lack of accessibility access from the bus when it is snowing. She also thought that they should notify people that Dial-A-Ride was for those over 65 and that they should be able to flag down a Dial-A-Ride driver if they are in the area. She is opposed to increasing student fees. She said that buses waiting for other buses to make connections was inefficient and questioned what they are doing with bikes as part of the Transit plan. Transit Manager Thornton responded to her questions.

Councilmember Benjamin wanted to know if the students sat down with Transit Manager Thornton in setting requirements. Transit Manager Thornton said they do meet with the students.

Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing.

Resolution No. R-59-12 by title only reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SIX-YEAR TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2012-2017 AND 2011 ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE CITY OF PULLMAN.

Councilmember Skaug moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-59-12. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinances

Ordinance No. 6. Mayor Johnson stated that an ordinance has been prepared accepting a restricted monetary gift from Edmund and Beatriz Schweitzer to the City of Pullman to be used by the Aquatic Center. City Supervisor Sherman briefly went through his memo and then highlighted some of the items that would be taken care of at the Aquatic Center with the donation from Schweitzer. Councilmember Hughes questioned staffing. Karen Johnston said that they were able to retain and increase some of the hours of the people currently working so there really were no problems with staffing and they were very delighted with the opportunity to do that.

Ordinance No. 12-17 by title only reads as follows:

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A RESTRICTED MONETARY GIFT FROM EDMUND O. AND BEATRIZ SCHWEITZER TO THE CITY OF PULLMAN TO BE USED FOR PULLMAN AQUATIC CENTER IMPROVEMENTS AND OPERATION.

Councilmember Weller moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 12-17. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 7. Mayor Johnson announced that an ordinance has been prepared relating to downtown parking. Police Chief Jenkins briefly went through the background on how we got to this point with the previous hearings.

Gary Labusohr stated that the majority of the people he had talked to in the downtown area were not in favor of extending to three hours. He also said the biggest problem was employee cars that parked along there. Regardless if it went to three hours or not, it still will be a problem for parking.

Mike Yates, Chamber of Commerce, noted that the information he had received was that people had wanted the three-hour parking.

Janice Brown stated that they should allow a transfer when people go downtown for three hours so they can use the downtown area and not be recharged for getting back on the bus.

Councilmember Wright said that she had talked to several people that did not want the three hours. She thought we might revisit the whole discussion.

Councilmember Weller thought we should open it up for further discussion. Mayor Johnson noted that they had already had several discussions on this and people had adequate notification to talk, if they so desired.

Councilmember Paul noted that four years ago business owners were taking up parking places and apparently nothing had changed and he supported Code Enforcement Officer Gary Labushor in keeping it to two hours. Councilmember Hughes noted that there was nothing really clear cut with discussions that had been made. Councilmember Hawbaker thought we should give the three hours a shot. Councilmember Weller also thought we should try the three hours.

Ordinance No. 12-18 by title only reads as follows:

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO TRAFFIC; AMENDING PULLMAN CITY CODE 12.15.040, DOWNTOWN FREE PARKING ZONE TIME LIMITS, AND PULLMAN CITY ORDINANCES NOS. 82-12 §4 (1982), 87-12 §3 (1987), 87-37 §3 (1987), 93-8 §3 (1993), 95-10 §1 (1995), 97-32 §2 (1997), 98-12 §1 (1998), 99-28 §1 (1999), 03-4 §1, 2003, 03-12 §3 (2003), 04-12 §2 (2004), 05-17 §1 (2005), 08-12 §2 (2008), 08-16 §1 (2008), 10-19 §1 (2010) AND 11-3 §1 (2011) AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Councilmember Weller moved, Councilmember Hawbaker to adopt Ordinance No. 12-18. The motion failed with Councilmembers Weller, Hawbaker, and Benjamin voting aye. Councilmembers Wright, Paul, Skaug, and Hughes voting nay.

Resolution

Resolution No. R-60-12 - Adams Mall Security Cameras

8. Mayor Johnson announced that a resolution has been prepared accepting a proposal from RFI Communications and Security Systems for Adams Mall security cameras. Police Chief Jenkins went through the background. Public Works Director Workman indicated that they were ready to award the contract for the camera part.

Resolution No. R-60-12 by title only reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF RFI COMMUNICATIONS AND SECURITY SYSTEMS FOR ADAMS MALL SECURITY CAMERAS AND DELIVERY OF THE CONTRACT FOR SAID PROJECT.

Councilmember Wright moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-60-12. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion

Current Economic Conditions

9. City Supervisor Sherman gave his last update by going through the national outlook, the State of Washington outlook, and the City of Pullman outlook. He did a PowerPoint on housing starts and evaluations through June 20. Councilmember Benjamin asked that, with the decrease in exports from the State level, how deep a drop off will this affect the State. City Supervisor Sherman noted some of the highlights in his memo in his response.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Johnson asked if there was any new business from either the Council or audience. Mayor Johnson presented a plaque to City Supervisor

Sherman and thanked him for his service to the City.

ADJOURNMENT

City Supervisor Sherman moved, all Councilmembers seconded to adjourn the regular meeting of the City Council.

Motion Carried.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council at 8:50 p.m.