

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN
NOVEMBER 8, 2011

Roll Call

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pullman was held on November 8, 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
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 Paul was unable to attend this meeting. Councilmember Bloom moved, Councilmember Wright seconded to excuse Councilmember Paul from the meeting.

Motion Carried.

Announcements

There were five announcements.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting to conduct the Metropolitan Park District meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Mayor Johnson reconvened the regular meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Report

Meeting with 9th
District Legislators

Mayor Johnson announced that a report is scheduled on the meeting with the 9th District legislators. City Supervisor Sherman said that he met with the 9th District legislators. The only one who was able to make it was Senator Mark Schoesler. Councilmember Weller mentioned that Senator Schoesler did say it was difficult times that we are having right now and Councilmember Weller was glad that he came down to take the time to talk to us. Councilmember Waldrop mentioned that the two other legislators were not able to make it to the meeting due to official business. Councilmember Waldrop mentioned that Senator Schoesler said that there will be real cuts this time. There will probably be no cuts in DOE due to the number of vacancies. He said that Senator Schoesler stated they are going to have to establish priorities on what's most needed and what's least needed and make cuts accordingly. Senator Schoesler mentioned that for the School Board, the major issue that they are all concerned about is levy equalization. He said with a special session, the Senate side is prepared to compromise for all things related to the budget matter and the House side is split on party lines.

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

Motion Carried.

Motions

- Minutes - October 11, 2011 1. The Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of October 11, 2011, and approved them as submitted.

- Minutes - October 18, 2011 2. The Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of October 18, 2011, and approved them as submitted.

- Accounts Payable, Payroll, and Electronic Transfers - November, 2011 3. 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.

- Change Order on Itani Park Sewer Access 4. The Council ratified Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 11-03, Itani Park Sewer Access.

- Administrative Services Contract 5. The Council approved an Administrative Services Contract with the Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport for 2012.

Resolutions

- Resolution No. R-72-11 - Short-Term Loans for Airport Agreement with AEI 6. Resolution No. R-72-11

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHORT-TERM LOANS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE PULLMAN-MOSCOW AIRPORT AGENCY FUND.

Resolution No. R-72-11 was adopted unanimously.

- Resolution No. R-73-11 - Grant Amendment Agreement with WSU 7. Resolution No. R-73-11

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO PULLMAN TRANSIT OPERATING ASSISTANCE GRANT (GCA6340).

Resolution No. R-73-11 was adopted unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

Presentation

- Mayor's Budget Message 8. Mayor Johnson read the 2012 budget message.

Public Hearing

- 2012 Preliminary Budget Hearings 9. Mayor Johnson announced that a public hearing is scheduled on the 2012 Preliminary Budget for all funds. Finance Director Mulholland presented the General Fund revenues. He went through the 2011 and 2012 budget summary pointing out cost increases. On the 2012 General Fund revenue summary, he noted that the only change from the revenue presented at the October 11 meeting was an increase of \$8,400 for the 2012 revenue budget.

City Supervisor Sherman presented Administration/Finance. He went through the various departments. There were no questions from the Council.

Temporary Library Services Manager Joanna Bailey went through her budget requests. There were no comments.

Police Chief Jenkins went through his departmental requests. Councilmember Waldrop wanted to know if the overtime shown was the net of the various grants that they get from different agencies to cover overtime costs. Police Chief Jenkins indicated that it wasn't. The next question was on overtime and how many FTEs did that represent. Finance Director Mulholland stated that all revenues come into one source and it does not get dispersed to the individual department which is a drawback of how the financial statements are presented under the GASB rules. So consequently, any overtime reimbursement the chief gets does not go into his accounts the same way that Parks does not get a direct benefit from the Metropolitan Park District fund transfer or Fire Department from WSU or the EMS levy. Chief Jenkins said it was approximately two FTEs, but it was police officers and support staff involved. The FTE count not does necessarily mean that overtime would decrease if two additional individuals were hired because a lot of this comes at the end of the shift trying to get their reports done. Finance Director Mulholland also made the point that in the police budget benefit increases, step increases, and ERD charges thus increased by \$93,000 were beyond the chief's control. So of the \$289,000 increase that shows, \$263,000 was from these charges. He made the note that the chief, as well as all the other department heads, had made considerable efforts to bring in very tightly controlled budgets for the forthcoming year.

Councilmember Wright wanted to know if the increase in the Government Buildings was a result of the office that is kept at Adams Mall. The chief indicated it was not, it was just the charge for the structure that they are in. He said that the charge for Adams Mall is around \$100 a month. Acting Fire Chief Mike Heston presented the Fire Services budget. There were no questions.

Public Works Director Workman went through his

department's budgets. Planning Director Dickinson went through his department budget. Recreation Superintendent Dahmen went through the Recreation and Aquatics budgets. Councilmember Benjamin asked if the spray pool had been included in the current year's budget. Recreation Superintendent indicated no, that it would not be until 2013 when they could get started on the project. Park Superintendent Davis went through the Parks budget. Finance Director Mulholland went through Miscellaneous Funds. There were no other questions from any of the Councilmembers on the department presentations.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing. There were no questions or comments. Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Johnson asked if there was any new business from either the Council or audience. There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Bloom moved, Councilmember Weller seconded to adjourn the regular meeting of the City Council.

Motion Carried.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council at 8:38 p.m.