

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN
JUNE 5, 2012

Roll Call

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pullman was held on June 5, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall, Pullman, Washington with the following present:

Glenn A. Johnson	Mayor
Bill Mulholland	Finance Director
Francis Benjamin	Councilmember
Jeff Hawbaker	Councilmember
Bill Paul	Councilmember
Derrick Skaug	Councilmember
Pat Wright	Councilmember

Call to Order

Mayor Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Councilmember Wright moved, Councilmember Skaug seconded to excuse Councilmembers Hughes and Weller.

Motion Carried.

Announcements

There were three announcements.

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 Paul moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to read the items on the Consent Agenda by title only.

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

Motion Carried.

Motions

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| Minutes - May 8, 2012 | 1. | The Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of May 8, 2012, and approved them as submitted. |
| Minutes - May 15, 2012 | 2. | The Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the special meeting of May 15, 2012, and approved them as submitted. |
| Accounts Payable, Payroll, and Electronic Transfers - June, 2012 | 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.

- Lodging Tax Grant - Pullman Arts Commission 4. The Council approved a Lodging Tax grant to Pullman Arts Commission in the amount of \$2,550 for the Pullman ARTwalk.
- Lodging Tax Grant - P-Town Showdown Soccer Tournament 5. The Council approved a Lodging Tax grant in the amount of \$1,500 for the P-Town Showdown Soccer Tournament.
- Claim for Damages - Anderson 6. The Council referred a Claim for Damages submitted by Kenneth L. and Cynthia Anderson for the sum of \$1,700,000 to the Washington State Transit Insurance Pool (WSTIP).

Resolutions

- Resolution No. R-31-12 - Public Hearing Date 7. Resolution No. R-31-12
A RESOLUTION SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON FALL 2012 PULLMAN TRANSIT SERVICE ROUTE CHANGES.
Resolution No. R-31-12 was adopted unanimously.
- Resolution No. R-32-12 - Reaney Park Spray Pool 8. Resolution No. R-32-12
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PULLMAN AND DESIGN WEST ARCHITECTS, P.A. FOR THE REANEY PARK SPRAY POOL PROJECT.
Resolution No. R-32-12 was adopted unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

Ordinance

- Ordinance No. 12-10 - Sales Tax Revenue 9. Mayor Johnson announced that an ordinance had been prepared relating to sales tax revenue and the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund. City Attorney McAloon had a brief discussion.
Ordinance No. 12-10 by title only reads as follows:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 10-23, PROVIDING FOR PERIODIC REVIEW AND DESIGNATION OF THE PERCENTAGE OF RETAIL SALES TAX REVENUE TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESERVE FUND, AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO.
Councilmember Benjamin moved, Councilmember Skaug seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 12-10. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Motion

- 2012 Budget Cuts 10. Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion and motion are scheduled on 2012 budget cuts. City Supervisor Sherman went through his memo in relation to Council goals.
Councilmember Wright moved, Councilmember Skaug seconded to approve. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion

Levels of
Service and
Priorities

11. Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion on levels of service and priorities is scheduled. City Supervisor Sherman went through economic conditions. He then started off with the potential budget cuts for City Council as well as for the City Supervisor. The department heads went through their particular potential budget cuts by line items. Councilmember Wright stated that the potential \$10,000 savings from the vacant City Supervisor position seemed to be too low. City Supervisor Sherman explained why the figure was probably close, although he said it could be more because of benefits. Councilmember Paul questioned the Council cuts. City Supervisor Sherman clarified that the \$1,300 cuts in City council salaries and other services were the result of fewer people taking trips than had been scheduled and a monthly salary savings from a vacant City Council position.

Councilmember Wright had asked Recreation Superintendent Dahmen about renegotiation of the Pullman School District contract to obtain better cost sharing. He deferred it to City Supervisor Sherman who said that it could be reviewed.

Councilmember Wright asked Library Services Director Bailey about closing on Sunday and Monday. Library Services Director Bailey said that she would get with her Board and look at activities on days to see if they could close.

Councilmember Skaug asked Library Services Director Bailey about the impact of services and also wanted her to make available what the savings would be in cutting back on two days.

Councilmember Benjamin asked Public Works Director Workman about the difference between a patch and re-roofing. Public Works Director Workman said that a patch would last three or four years where re-roofing would last 15 or 20 years. There were also questions about the bar scanner. Public Works Director Workman said it would save a considerable amount of time for tracking inventory. City Council decided to put the \$900 for the scanner back into the Government Buildings list of purchases and also to re-roof Fire Station 2 which is item No. 43 on the list.

Councilmember Wright questioned Planning Director Dickinson on his cuts in travels, as to whether it affected any needed education. Planning Director Dickinson said no, it didn't.

In general, as a result of the process, Councilmember Paul said that we had a greater need for volunteerism in various departments such as the Library and the Parks for recreational sports officials.

At 8:32 p.m., Mayor Johnson opened the public meeting.

Eileen Macoll was the first speaker. She had concerns about spending money on unnecessary expenditures in relation to the Historic Preservation Committee project. She stated that Fire Services has reduced their City budget, they are cutting Library programs for children, youth,

and seniors and delaying hiring of replacement police officers. She questioned the wisdom of these plans by the Historic Preservation Commission.

Josephine Mark was concerned with the Library being closed or cutting their hours because she thought they should be expanded.

At 8:37 p.m., Mayor Johnson closed the public meeting.

Councilmember Benjamin moved, Councilmember Skaug seconded to approve the budget cuts proposed by staff with the exception of Item No. 39, the purchase of the bar scanner by Government Buildings and the re-roofing of Fire Station 2 which puts it back into Government Buildings expenditures.

City Supervisor Sherman went through his overview of the previous levels of services and priorities that they had in 2000 and 2002. He noted that in 2000 they had 15 criteria they used for the levels of service and priorities process and in 2002 it was a function of the City Council making public safety and infrastructure the top. Budget priorities were voted and implemented resulting in a combination of budget cuts and revenue enhancements.

Councilmember Benjamin thought we might apply a 2 1/2 percent cut for the departments to try to achieve. City Supervisor Sherman thought it would be better not to put a dollar amount on the departments, but rather to go with the current priorities the City Council had captured in the adopted vision statement, mission statement, and motto. They decided to use the criteria that we used in 2000. The 15 criteria that were listed. Councilmember Benjamin thought we needed to review all our contracts to make a determination on what could be changed. Councilmember Paul agreed.

The discussion was opened to the public. No one chose to talk. The public meeting was closed.

NEW BUSINESS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Skaug 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 8:59 p.m.