MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN
AUGUST 10, 2010

Roll Call

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pullman was held on August 10, 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
Bill Paul	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. He introduced Gary Jenkins, the new police chief, and asked him to say a few words to the Council. Chief Jenkins thanked the Council for the vote of confidence they had given him and he informed them that he would not let them down. He proceeded to give a brief bio of where he has been.

Announcements

Mayor Johnson made four announcements.

Report

Library 2009 Annual Report and Presentation

Mayor Johnson announced that the 2009 Library annual report is scheduled. Joanna Bailey went through her report and a slide presentation. Items of note were that the Washington State Library confirmed that in comparison with other public libraries in the same service population which is 25,000 to 100,000, Neill Public Library ranked No. 1 in library business per capita at 14.47, No. 2 in circulation per capita at 15.18, No. 1 in library programs per 1,000 with an average of 19.86, and No. 1 in library program attendance per thousand at 648.37. When she concluded her presentation, Councilmember Bloom congratulated her on the great job that they are doing. Councilmember Wright also stated that they are doing a great job and stated that there are nothing but positive comments from constituents.

Councilmember Waldrop congratulated her and her staff. Councilmember Bloom asked the differences between check-out and check-in books and why there is a difference in it. Ms. Bailey gave the explanation.

Councilmember Benjamin requested information on the Washington Anytime Library which Ms. Bailey provided him.

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 Bloom 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. Councilmember Paul asked that item No. 3 pulled and Councilmember Waldrop asked that item No. 11 be pulled for separate discussion. Councilmember Benjamin moved, Councilmember Bloom seconded to adopt items 1, 2, 4 to 10, 12, and 13 on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Carried.

Motions

Minutes - July 20, 2010	1.	The Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of July 20, 2010, and approved them as submitted.
Accounts Payable, Payroll, and Electronic Transfers - August, 2010	2.	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.
Claim for Damages - Devine	4.	The Council referred a Claim for Damages submitted by Lisa Devine for the sum of $200 to the Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA).
Claim for Damages - Smith	5.	The Council referred a Claim for Damages submitted by Pamela and Steven Smith for an undetermined amount to the Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA).
Well No. 6 Pump Replacement Complete	6.	The Council accepted as complete Contract No. 09-18, Well No. 6 Pump Replacement Project.
Federal Aviation Administration	7.	The Council approved in advance the acceptance of an indeterminate grant offer, not to exceed $525,000, from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration through he Airport Improvement Program (AIP).
Public Hearing Set for Mader Annexation	8.	The Council set August 24, 2010, as the date for a public hearing to consider a Notice of Intent to Annex Real Property filed by Steve Mader.
Football Agreement	9.	The Council ratified the 2010 Football Agreement with WSU Athletics.

Resolutions

Resolution No. R-63-10 - Memorandum of Understanding with WSU	10.	Resolution No. R-63-10 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF

PULLMAN AND WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY RELATED TO THE TRANSIT BREAK FACILITY.

Resolution No. R-63-10 was adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. R-65-10 - Business Use Agreement with WSU

12. Resolution No. R-65-10

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A BUSINESS USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PULLMAN AND WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY FOR THE USE OF THE COUGAR LOGO ON THE DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK PLAQUES.

Resolution No. R-65-10 was adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. R-66-10 - Johnson Path

13. Resolution No. R-66-10

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF MOTLEY-MOTLEY, INC. FOR JOHNSON PATH AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE CONTRACT FOR SAID PROJECT.

Resolution No. R-66-10 was adopted unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

Motion

Claim for Damages - Farmers

3. Mayor Johnson announced that this item had been removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of Councilmember Paul. Councilmember Paul discussed the reason for pulling No. 3 is that the insurance Claim for Damages in the sum of $2,030.51, which is a subrogration claim from Farmers, had a reference to Albright Construction. He was confused as to why this occurred. City Attorney McAloon mentioned that this is the way it was written, that the action occurred as a result of cones not being placed on construction in our right-of-way and that no liability had been concluded at that time. It was being sent to the insurance company.

Councilmember Paul moved, Councilmember Bloom seconded to refer a Claim for Damages submitted by Farmers Insurance for Travis Teigen for the sum of $2,030.51 to Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA). The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution

Resolution No. R-64-10 - Transit Break Facility

11. Mayor Johnson announced that this item had been removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of Councilmember Waldrop. Councilmember Waldrop stated he was concerned because the engineer's estimate for the construction was $59,000 whereas the low bid came in at $84,873. He was curious as to why there was such a disparity.

Assistant Public Works Director Gardes discussed the process and said that basically the engineer's estimate had been underestimated which was concurred to by Councilmember Bloom.
Resolution No. R-64-10 by title only reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF JAMES W. ELMER CONSTRUCTION CO. FOR THE TRANSIT BREAK FACILITY AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE CONTRACT FOR SAID PROJECT.

Councilmember Waldrop moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-64-10. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion

Transit Agreement

14. Mayor Johnson announced that a motion is requested to adopt a Labor Contract with Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1015. City Supervisor Sherman presented the staff report and recommended ratification of the contract.

Councilmember Waldrop moved, Councilmember Bloom seconded to adopt the Labor Contract with Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1015. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussions

2010 Mid-Year Financial Summary and Year-End Projections

15. Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion is scheduled on the 2010 Mid-Year Financial Summary and Year-End Projections. Finance Director Mulholland gave the staff report. After the presentation, Councilmember Wright asked if the reduction in utility taxes was made up for by a similar reduction of costs. Finance Director Mulholland stated that this was not necessarily the case, there were probably minor savings but nothing to offset what we lost in revenues. Councilmember Benjamin asked why there is a difference for the peak for brokered natural gas, 2008, whereas the high in the utility taxes occurred in 2009. City Supervisor Sherman stated that the natural gas was a function of purchasing or bringing into the state from outside so that could be independent of the weather.

Finance Director Mulholland then complimented the current City Council, previous City Councils, the City Supervisor, and staff for keeping expenses and growth under control so that this City did not have to go through the same problems that a lot of other cities in the State have gone through. City Supervisor Sherman mentioned that there are six bargaining units in the City and they have all been cooperative in contract negotiations in light of the recession. The Mayor also commented that they had requested of department heads to come in under budget less than the previous year, which they had, which helped get us through this particular financial crisis.

Economic and Health Care Update

16. Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion is scheduled for an economic and health care update. City Supervisor Sherman gave the staff report. The Mayor noted that even though several contracts have been settled, as noted earlier by Councilmember Paul, the settlements called for no pay raises. The Mayor emphasized the fact that the rates had gone up on health care benefits so much that, even though the employees did not get a pay raise, they still received the benefits of

the increase in insurance premiums which they are not paying for as opposed to Washington State where they received no wage increase and their premiums to the individuals and their co-pays also went up.

Councilmember Weller wanted to mention that the Finance Director had mentioned how well the previous City Councils had done in decisions they had made in relation to keeping the budget and expenses under control. He wanted to emphasize those decisions could not have been made without the fine input provided by the Finance Director as well as the City Supervisor.

NEW BUSINESS

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:33 p.m. Mayor Johnson announced that the Council would take a five-minute break and then adjourn to Executive Session for:

To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase.

The City Council will reconvene in open session at approximately 8:58 p.m.

Mayor Johnson reconvened the regular meeting at 8:58 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Wright 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 8:58 p.m.