MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN
JULY 13, 2010

Roll Call

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pullman was held on July 13, 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.

Announcements

Mayor Johnson made 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 Bloom moved, Councilmember Wright 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 Bloom moved, Councilmember Weller seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Motion Carried.

Motions

Minutes - June 15, 2010

1. The Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of June 15, 2010, and approved them as submitted.

Accounts Payable, Payroll, and Electronic Transfers - July, 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 - Luhring	3.	The Council referred a Claim for Damages submitted by Robert Luhring for the sum of $1,777.26 to the Washington State Transit Insurance Pool (WSTIP).
Change Order On Well No. 6 Pump Replacement Project	4.	The Council ratified Change Order No. 1 on Contract No. 09-18, Well No. 6 Pump Replacement Project.

Resolutions

Resolution No. R-55-10 - Federal Transit Grant	5.	Resolution No. R-55-10 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION OPERATING ASSISTANCE GRANT AGREEMENT (GCA6146) TO ADD FTA 5311 FUNDS AND STATE RURAL MOBILITY FUNDS. Resolution No. R-55-10 was adopted unanimously.
Resolution No. R-56-10 - Pullman School District Agreement	6.	Resolution No. R-56-10 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR SERVICE EXTENSION FEE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PULLMAN AND THE PULLMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 267 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION FOR STUDENTS ON THE PULLMAN TRANSIT SYSTEM. Resolution No. R-56-10 was adopted unanimously.
Resolution No. R-57-10 - Release of Easement	7.	Resolution No. R-57-10 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A RELEASE OF EASEMENT FOR WAL-MART REAL ESTATE TRUST, A DELAWARE STATUTORY TRUST, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FINANCE DIRECTOR TO SIGN THE RELEASE OF EASEMENT. Resolution No. R-57-10 was adopted unanimously.
Resolution No. R-58-10 - Transit Offices Remodel	8.	Resolution No. R-58-10 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF KACI GENERAL CONTRACTOR FOR TRANSIT OFFICES REMODEL AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE CONTRACT FOR SAID PROJECT. Resolution No. R-58-10 was adopted unanimously.

Ordinance

Ordinance No. 10-12 - Restricted Monetary Donation	9.	Ordinance No. 10-12 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A RESTRICTED MONETARY DONATION FROM INLAND NORTHWEST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FROM THE SHIRROD FAMILY MEMORIAL FUND TO THE NEILL PUBLIC LIBRARY TO SUPPORT THE SHIRROD HERITAGE ADDITION. Ordinance No. 10-12 was adopted unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

Ordinances

Ordinance No. 10-13 - Standard Construction Specifications	10.	Mayor Johnson announced that an ordinance had been prepared adopting revised Standard Construction Specifications. Public Works Director Workman presented the staff report. He indicated that this is an update that occurs every two years and it is appropriate to adopt this revision. Mayor Johnson indicated it looked like the drawings for

the curbs were about the same. Public Works Director Workman stated that there are some differences, but there was not any major differences in the requirements.

Ordinance No. 10-13 by title only reads as follows:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING REVISED "STANDARD CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS" APPLICABLE WITHIN THE CITY OF PULLMAN; AMENDING SECTION 10.44.010 OF THE PULLMAN CITY CODE AND PULLMAN CITY ORDINANCES NOS. B-348 §1(1977), 80-16 §1(1980), 81-9 §1(1981), 83-6 §1(1983), 89-7 §1(1989), 91-6 §1(1991), 94-5 §1(1994), 97-10 §1(1997), 98-10 §1(1998), 00-11 §1(2000), 02-14 §1(2002), 04-37 §1(2004), 07-1 §1(2007) AND 08-7 §1(2008) AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING PROPERLY THERETO.

Councilmember Waldrop moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 10-13. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 10-14 - Budget Amendment

11. Mayor Johnson announced that an ordinance had been prepared amending the 2010 budget. Finance Director Mulholland presented the staff report. He pointed out the spreadsheet that he put together on Exhibit "B" indicating that the revenue in the General Fund was going up by $22,291 from a Library grant and expenditures increased $173,958 for a net effect on the fund balance of a reduction of $151,667. Under expenditures he noted that $125,000 was inadvertently left off the adopted budget for fire, an additional $30,000 in legal, and there was acquisition of additional Library supplies of $18,958.

Transit had received two grants that had been accepted and totaled $407,879. Expenditures were $365,516 which resulted in an increase to the fund of $42,363.

For Government Buildings, there were two grants for weatherizing windows. The total was $143,000 with other improvements and expenditures of $153,00 which had a net effect of reducing the fund balance in Government Buildings by $10,000.

The Council indicated they liked the spreadsheet because it is easier to see what is being shown in these budget amendments. Finance Director Mulholland indicated he would continue this in the future.

Ordinance No. 10-14 by title only reads as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 09-32 ADOPTED DECEMBER 8, 2009, AND ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PULLMAN FOR THE YEAR 2010".

Councilmember Bloom moved, Councilmember Wright seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 10-14. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussions

Fireworks Education and Enforcement Efforts

12. Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion is scheduled on fireworks education and enforcement efforts. City Supervisor Sherman gave the initial staff report. Fire Prevention Officer Dragoo presented his staff report. For the 4th of July time period there were only two incidents. One

of these incidents was a fire on July 4 which occurred in a parking lot on Ash Street, damaging a light pole base. The second fire occurred on July 7 in some weeds and grass around a fire hydrant on Kamiaken Street. He indicated that part of an aerial firework was found on the sidewalk near the fire. He stated there were four fireworks stands that were inspected and approved for sales by the Fire Department. During the inspection they found some illegal jumping jacks. They had all four stands remove them and send them back to the wholesaler. He indicated this was an oversight on the wholesalers part.

Mayor Johnson asked if the four fireworks displays sales were all nonprofits. Fire Prevention Officer Dragoo indicated that only one was nonprofit. Councilmember Benjamin said that he thought that there were other fireworks stands because he had seen some items in some other stores such as Shopko. Fire Prevention Officer Dragoo stated that what they had there were just novelty devices and they have less than 6 milligrams of powder and aren't really considered fireworks.

Commander Tennant presented a report which was primarily statics for 2003 to the current time period. The incidents have gone down tremendously since the ordinance was enacted in 2006 and he had the statistics to back up his supposition. He indicated a large part of this was a result of education of what is legal and illegal. He said the holidays were pretty quiet and there were no major problems. The only enforcement action taken was that three individuals were cited, in one case, for illegal possession of fireworks which were bottle rockets.

Mayor Johnson then addressed Finance Director Mulholland and City Attorney McAloon, since they reside in Spokane, about what they had observed in their particular neighborhoods. City Attorney McAloon had nothing and Finance Director Mulholland had a war zone on the next street.

Councilmember Paul indicated that it was a good thing that the Council had done in 2006. Enforcing the ordinance and statistics prove it was the right decision.

Wellness Program Annual Report

13. Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion is scheduled on the Wellness Program. Human Resources Manager Sires presented the staff report. She stated that for 2010 we received the excellence level as a "Well City" and as a result of our actions that we will receive in 2012 a 2 percent reduction in our insurance premiums. She thanked the Wellness Committee for all the work they did and especially Michol Ann Jensen who put a lot of work into the posterboard and as an energetic committee member.

Councilmember Waldrop gave his congratulations to Ms. Sires. The Mayor indicated that she had been elected to the Employee Benefit Advisory Committee of AWC. Councilmember Bloom wanted to know how many years we have won the wellness award. Ms. Sires indicated it was six.

Current Economic Conditions

14. Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion is scheduled on current economic conditions. City Supervisor Sherman presented the staff report on

the state of the U.S., State of Washington, and the City. He also handed out the latest edition from the State on July 12, which was the economic and revenue update. The highlight of the report was that the Dow, the previous week, had closed down for the sixth trading day in a row. Mortgage interest rates are at their lowest since 1971; home prices are lowest since 2002, but credit is still a problem for home buyers and since the stimulus tax credit has ended; housing slowed the market down considerably. Unemployment is still a lingering uncertainty on the State level. The Office of Financial Management report shows a projected $3 billion shortfall for the next budget period. As for the City, the overriding concern continued to be the next round of budget cuts at WSU. Thus far $58,000,000 has been cut and 58 positions have been eliminated. On a positive note he indicated that permit valuations increased by about $1,800,000 over last year largely due to permitting of a multi-unit apartment complex. The end of the year numbers would probably be below last year because in December of last year we had Walmart which greatly increased our valuation for the year.

Councilmember Bloom noted that the economy is down at this point, but it seems sustainable. His feeling last year was that the economy was dead, but he does not have that feeling now.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Johnson asked if there was any new business from either the Council or audience. Councilmember Waldrop indicated that we need to look at parking in relation to single family housing as well as town houses to see if we can come up with a better plan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:26 p.m. Mayor Johnson announced that the Council would take a five-minute break and then adjourn to Executive Session for:

Conferring with legal counsel representing the City concerning potential litigation or litigation that the City reasonably believes may be commenced by or against the City, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity; to consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease; to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment; and to discuss the strategy or position to be taken by the City during the course of collective bargaining or grievance proceedings.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m. and announced that the City Council would go into Executive Session for approximately forty-five minutes. At 9:17 p.m. it was extended for an additional ten minutes, at 9:27 p.m. it was extended an additional fifteen minutes, at 9:52 it was extended for an additional ten minutes, at 10:02 it was extended an additional ten minutes, at 10:12 it was extended an additional ten minutes, and at 10:22 it was extended an additional five minutes.

Mayor Johnson reconvened the regular meeting at 10:27 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Bloom 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 10:27 p.m.