

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN  
MAY 18, 2010

**Roll Call**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pullman was held on May 18, 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 five announcements. One of the announcements was the anniversary of Mount St. Helens. He asked Police Chief Weatherly to talk about the occurrences and his recollections from thirty years ago.

Mayor Johnson did an update on the finalists for the police chief position going through the selection and interview process for the new chief. He stated that there were 22 initial candidates, the screening committee reduced it to 7 candidates. Two dropped out before the interview and five were interviewed. The candidates were all extremely good. They also received citizen input in the process at a luncheon as well as an open meeting at 5:00 p.m. to introduce the candidates. Based on the interview, they decided to go with Gary Jenkins of the Claremont (California) Police Department. Mayor Johnson stated that they still had testing and the background check prior to the acceptance of the candidate. At that time he will be presented to the Council for approval.

**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 Supervisor Sherman 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 Benjamin seconded to adopt the

Consent Agenda.

Motion Carried.

**Motions**

- Minutes - May 11, 2010            1.    The Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of May 11, 2010, and approved them as submitted.
  
- Lodging Tax Grant - Inland Northwest Green Fair            2.    The Council approved a Lodging Tax Grant to KLEW TV for the Inland Northwest Green Fair in the amount of \$1,000 for advertising for advertising.
  
- Lodging Tax Grant - Palouse Summer Series            3.    The Council approved a Lodging Tax Grant to Palouse Summer Services in the amount of \$15,000 for field use fees for Bailey-Brayton Field and Quann Field at Pullman High School.
  
- 2010 Pre-Hospital Grant            4.    The Council accepted a 2010 Pre-hospital Participation grant from the State of Washington Department of Health in the amount of \$2,186 for medical equipment for the ambulances.

**Resolutions**

- Resolution No. R-37-10 - Accelerated Streets Resurfacing 2010            5.    Resolution No. R-37-10  

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF MOTLEY-MOTLEY, INC. FOR ACCELERATED STREETS RESURFACING 2010 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE CONTRACT FOR SAID PROJECT.

Resolution No. R-37-10 was adopted unanimously.
  
- Resolution No. R-38-10 - Transit Shuttle Public Hearing Date            6.    Resolution No. R-38-10  

A RESOLUTION SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER SENIOR SHUTTLE SERVICE.

Resolution No. R-38-10 was adopted unanimously.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**Public Hearing**

- Resolution No. R-39-10 - Restricted Residential Parking            7.    Mayor Johnson announced that a public hearing is scheduled to consider a resolution designating Upper Drive, a portion of Wheatland Drive, and a portion of Lybecker Road as a Restricted Residential Parking Area. Public Works Director Workman presented the staff report giving a brief history. On September 29, 2009, the Council accepted a petition to designate Upper Drive as restricted residential parking area and referred the petition for an engineering and traffic investigation. That was completed and presented to the Council at the April 27 Council meeting where May 18 was set as the public hearing date.  

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing.

Anna-Maria Shannon spoke in support of the resolution. She stated she felt that if this is adopted the homeowners would be more in control.

Gary Shannon spoke in support of the proposal. He stated the experience in their neighborhood was the same as the experience of College Hill in the

70s. He said this resolution was a tool to protect R1 zoning and thanked Public Works Director Workman for his efforts.

Sam Sorem stated that part of the problem has been ineffective enforcement of codes. He is in favor of this resolution.

Jessica Suarez stated she was in support of the resolution. She has a problem with people parking and the trash they leave behind. She is in support of the resolution.

Wendell Herrett spoke in support of the resolution and stated he agreed with the previous speakers.

Theresa Herrett spoke in support of the resolution and stated she liked the neighborhood. They get together to socialize, there are a lot of children in the neighborhood, and she favors the resolution.

Lowell Bushy stated that he is opposed to the resolution. The traffic engineering reports indicated that there was no reason for the resolution and he has never had a parking problem.

Margaret Payer, WSU employee, stated she is opposed to the resolution. She asked why the meeting was held after the students had left so they have no voice in the decision.

Jack Brossnan stated he was opposed to the resolution. He is concerned that if we limit the parking on Lybecker and the other streets, traffic will be pushed to McGee or other streets in the area.

Larry McKenzie stated he lives in the area and stated that part of the problem is that streets are too narrow. During school, in the afternoons, there is no parking on the street because all the parking is taken up by students. He is in favor of the resolution.

Joe Poovaiah stated he has lived in the Pullman area for thirty-four years and he is opposed to the resolution because this is one street and the City Council needs to look at the whole picture. He stated parking has been bad in Pullman for the last ten years. Doing these streets piecemeal is not a comprehensive plan. He would like to see a comprehensive plan undertaken by the Council to address these problems. The Council needs to look at the big picture.

David Coon stated he feels the City is not doing its job in enforcing housing codes. He does not feel that parking is that bad except during football or basketball games. He stated he is in favor of the resolution.

Patricia Oak stated she loves the area but it has changed over the years. She blames that primarily on code enforcement. She stated she is in favor of the resolution.

Libby Knott stated she is in favor of the resolution. She stated the streets are narrow and she feels that, along with Patricia Oak, the problem is houses that are noncompliant with multiple residents. She also stated that parking is a problem in the area.

Bob Roveano stated that parking is out of control, that students are students. He stated he is in favor of the resolution.

Peter Larsen stated that part of the problem is that WSU employees and Food Services personnel park in the area. He also stated that students from other streets come and park here for several weeks at a time. He stated he has lived in his house for 50 years and it has become worse. He is in favor of the resolution.

Dan Antoni stated the problem is that we live in a college town and those are some of the problems. He stated he does not live in the area but he does own property there.

Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Weller stated that he does live in the area and that in the last three years the area has changed and not for the better. He said the problem is not only about Lybecker and Upper Drive, it is about the whole area. Drastic things need to happen, but it needs to be on a big picture and holistic approach. He stated that doing one or two streets just moves the problem to other streets. The whole area needs to be reevaluated. He wants to make sure that the residents know they are being heard.

Councilmember Waldrop asked for clarification on parking against the driveways. He wanted to know if there was any setback from that. Public Works Director Workman stated yes, they are supposed to be five feet away from the entrance to the driveway. Councilmember Waldrop agreed with Joe Poovaiah that we need a comprehensive plan. He stated that part of the problem is that ordinances state that the residents have to petition to have restricted parking. Other cities, like Olympia and Missoula, when you get to the college district those streets are all permit parking and this is something we may need to look at in the future.

Councilmember Bloom noted that several of these speakers have talked about the over-occupancy of properties in the area that cause the parking situation. He stated that we need some type of mechanism to be able to self-police or do something with the homes that are out of compliance.

Mayor Johnson asked City Planner Dickinson to discuss the situation. City Planner Dickinson added that over-occupancy is very difficult to enforce. He stated that in college towns there is a lot of pressure to get as many people in a house as possible, so over-occupancy is a real problem. He stated that in the 25 years he has been here, they have only had 4 complaints on residences that are not in compliance.

Councilmember Paul added that in cooperation with WSU we were supposed to build some long-term storage lots which would have relieved some of the pressure of the College Hill area. Mayor Johnson interjected that they were on track to do this, but with the budget crises they had to cut back. They had previously identified some parcels of land to use as storage lots.

Resolution No. R-39-10 by title only reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING UPPER DRIVE, A PORTION OF WHEATLAND DRIVE, AND A PORTION OF LYBECKER ROAD AS A RESTRICTED RESIDENTIAL PARKING AREA PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 12.50 OF THE PULLMAN CITY CODE.

Councilmember Waldrop moved, Councilmember Weller seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-39-10. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Discussions**

2009 Preliminary 8. Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion is Year-End Financial Summary scheduled on the 2009 Preliminary Year-End Financial Summary. Finance Director Mulholland presented the staff report. He went through the revenues with a PowerPoint presentation to supplement the written material he had given to the Council. When he was done with the revenue section, Councilmember Benjamin asked about the property tax difference between budget and actual. Finance Director Mulholland explained that part of the problem was in collection. The amount that we had will eventually be collected, but once again it is a timing function which is beyond our control. He stated that we will get it at some point in time. When the preliminary year-end budget report was done, there were no further questions.

2010 First 9. Mayor Johnson stated that a discussion is scheduled Quarter Financial Summary on the 2010 First Quarter Financial Summary. Finance Director Mulholland presented the staff report. He stated that this report was submitted two weeks ago to Council as a quick update and there is no change to that information. He stated he had received notification from WSU of two projects, one for parking (\$444,000) and the other for field improvements at (\$6,800,000). Both projects will start this year. The parking lot will be completed before school and the other project is slated for the end of the year. Timing of billings will determine how much we would receive in this particular fiscal year.

City Supervisor Sherman went through a current update on the State economic environment from a report that he received from Washington State. Councilmember Waldrop previously had requested an economist from WSU to talk about the economy. City Supervisor Sherman had made contact with him and he just needs to know what areas they wanted to cover in this update. He received direction from the Council on areas.

Councilmember Bloom also wanted to know what the state of foreclosures were in the area. Finance Director Mulholland and City Supervisor Sherman addressed the question and said they would do some extra checking. The rates here in Pullman are not as bad as elsewhere in the State and the U.S.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Paul 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 8:56 p.m.