MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN
JULY 20, 2010

Roll Call

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pullman was held on July 20, 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 two announcements.

Confirmation of Appointments

Police Chief

Mayor Johnson announced that Gary Jenkins had been selected as police chief for the City of Pullman. He listed the requirements the City placed on him prior to the appointment that had been accomplished. Mayor Johnson recommended he be approved for the position.

Bill Paul moved, Jeff Hawbaker seconded to confirm Gary Jenkins as police chief for the City of Pullman. The motion carried unanimously.

Board of Adjustment

Mayor Johnson announced that he had appointed John Chaplin to a term on the Board of Adjustment expiring in December 31, 2012.

Councilmember Benjamin moved, Councilmember Waldrop seconded to confirm this appointment. The motion carried unanimously.

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 Wright moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Motion Carried.

Motions

Minutes - July 13, 2010	1.	The Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of July 13, 2010, and approved them as submitted.
Laptop Training Lab	2.	The Council accepted a Laptop Training Lab through the Office of the Secretary of State (OSOS) and Washington State Library (WSL) on behalf of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for Neill Public Library.
Civic Improvement Fund Budget Authorization	3.	The Council approved budget authorization to include an additional $35,000 in the Civic Improvement Fund to be used for Tourism Promotion Grants.
Lodging Tax Grant - Chamber of Commerce	4.	The Council approved a Lodging Tax Grant to the Pullman Chamber of Commerce in the amount of $1,000 for the Pullman Art Walk.
Lodging Tax Grant - Chamber of Commerce	5.	The Council approved a Lodging Tax Grant to the Pullman Chamber of Commerce in the amount of $6,488.48 for power upgrades in the downtown area.
Lodging Tax Grant - Pullman Youth Baseball	6.	The Council approved a Lodging Tax Grant to the Pullman Youth Baseball in the amount of $2,400 for the Southern Washington State Championships Babe Ruth Baseball Tournament.
Lodging Tax Grant - Washington-Idaho Border Section of the American Chemical Society	7.	The Council approved a Lodging Tax Grant to the Washington-Idaho Border Section of the American Chemical Society in the amount of $1,500 for the NORM-RMRM 2010 Conference.
Guy Street Water Main Change Order	8.	The Council ratified Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 10-09, Guy Street Water Main.

Resolutions

Resolution No. R-59-10 - Legal Publication Bid	9.	Resolution No. R-59-10 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF THE MOSCOW-PULLMAN DAILY NEWS FOR LEGAL PUBLICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF THE MOSCOW-PULLMAN DAILY NEWS AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN. Resolution No. R-59-10 was adopted unanimously.
Resolution No. R-60-10 - Grand Avenue Widening	10.	Resolution No. R-60-10 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF MOTLEY-MOTLEY, INC. FOR GRAND AVENUE WIDENING-NYE TO RITCHIE AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE CONTRACT FOR SAID PROJECT. Resolution No. R-60-10 was adopted unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

Public Hearings

Resolution No. R-61-10 - Capital Improvement Program

11. Mayor Johnson announced that a public hearing is scheduled on the Capital Improvement Program. Planning Director Dickinson presented the staff report. City Supervisor Sherman went through his memorandum and pointed out some highlights to the Council. It was a Council goal to have a $350,000 target for the CIP program each year and he said our expenditures fell below this figure for the last several years. In 2007 we only expended $257,403. In 2008 we expended $234,255, in 2009 $234,256, and for 2010 we had projected $243,704. He noted that the CPI index was released for the current period. It showed a decline of one-half percent and he felt that the IPD could be negative again this year.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing. Janice Brown was the only speaker and she was concerned that we need to set aside infrastructure for plug-ins for electric cars seeing as more vehicles are going electric. All the main manufacturers will have electric cars by this year. She stated that there are also electric motorcycles and carts that could benefit from this.

Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing.

Resolution No. R-61-10 by title only reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SIX-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF PULLMAN FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2011 THROUGH 2016.

Councilmember Bloom moved, Councilmember Hawbaker seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-61-10. Councilmember Waldrop proposed an addendum to the resolution. Since there is no permanent funding or source of revenue for the CIP he proposed putting aside a percent of the sales tax increase from the current year level going forward in either an enterprise fund or some other separate fund. The addendum to the Resolution is as follows:

"Whereas, there is no dedicated revenue stream for critical Capital Improvement Projects and It is Further Resolved by the City Council of the City of Pullman that a separate enterprise and other fund be created into which specified percentage of retail sales tax be placed that are in excess of the current level of retail sales taxes now being collected."

Councilmember Bloom moved, Councilmember Paul seconded to approve this amendment. Councilmember Weller stated that he fully supported Janice Brown's proposal for electrical outlets. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-62-10 Transporation Improvement Program

12. Mayor Johnson announced that a public hearing is scheduled on the Transportation Improvement Program. Public Works Director Workman presented the staff report. There were no questions of the staff report.

Mayor Johnson then opened the public hearing.

There were no comments. Mayor Johnson then closed the public hearing.

Resolution No. R-62-10 by title only reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF PULLMAN FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2011 THROUGH 2016.

Councilmember Wright moved, Councilmember Bloom seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-62-10. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 10-15 - Alley Vacation

13. Mayor Johnson announced that a public hearing is scheduled on an alley vacation. Assistant Public Works Director Gardes presented the staff report and recommended approving the alley vacation.

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

Ordinance No. 10-15 by title only reads as follows:

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF AN ALLEY EAST OF MONROE STREET BETWEEN OAK STREET AND CAMPUS STREET IN REANEY'S 2nd ADDITION.

Councilmember Waldrop moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 10-15. The motion carried unanimously.

Motions

Transit Routes

14. Mayor Johnson announced that a motion is requested approving a change in operational hours for Transit E and A routes. Transit Manager Thornton presented the staff report recommending that the changes be made.

Councilmember Paul moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to approve the change in operational hours for Transit E and A routes. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Paul asked if they could get buses to the Whispering Hills project off Wawawai Road. Transit Manager Thornton stated they had investigated this and it is not currently feasible to run a route through the Whispering Hills houses and out to Wawawai Road. He stated that possibly in the future when Golden Hills Drive goes through this will be a better time to reconsider going into this area.

Aquatic and Fitness Center Discounted Rates

15. Mayor Johnson announced that a motion is requested approving selling Pullman Aquatic and Fitness Center memberships at a discounted rate of 50 percent for the month of September as part of the Aquatic Center 10-year anniversary celebration.

Recreation Superintendent Dahmen presented the staff report. Councilmember Bloom wanted to know how the previous year's 20 percent reduction affected sales in September and how September sales compared to other months. Recreation Superintendent Dahmen responded that September was by far the best month for memberships. Councilmember Waldrop thought this was an excellent marketing opportunity for the pool system to get their name out there among all the

competing factors in Pullman.

Councilmember Waldrop moved, Councilmember Bloom seconded to approve selling the memberships at 50 percent for the month of September. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion

Proposed 2011 WSU Fire Services Agreement

16. Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion is scheduled on the proposed 2011 WSU Fire Services Agreement. City Supervisor Sherman presented the staff report and made comments that he would like to see a multi-year contract. Mayor Johnson pointed out that probably WSU would too. Councilmember Benjamin wanted to verify that the percentage was applied to the adopted budget. City Supervisor Sherman asserted that it was. Mayor Johnson pointed out that it is highly important to make sure the adopted budget is as correct as can be. Councilmember Wright wanted to know if this was the first time we would use a rolling average. City Supervisor Sherman indicated it was. That, in the past, we would just use one or two years in the analysis. Councilmember Wright was in favor of the rolling average because she had worked with it before and it worked well. Councilmember Paul wanted to know if the 21.2 percent applied to the adopted budget equaled the proposed amount of $851.85. City Supervisor Sherman indicated that it did.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Johnson asked if there was any new business from either the Council or audience. Benjamin Derrick indicated he lived on Larry Street and he wanted to bring to Council's attention that he commutes from his address to campus and he said there are several communal areas along the way where there is too much trash. He would like to see the City get more workers out there picking up the trash along the way. Councilmember Paul thanked him for his concern for the City and thought that this would be a good project for various volunteer groups to take care of it.

Councilmember Bloom indicated he does a lot of walking and Mr. Derrick was right on in his assessment that there is a lot of trash around the City.

Councilmember Waldrop indicated this would be a perfect work release program that we should consider trying to get that worked out to help with the trash situation.

The next speaker was Janice Brown who indicated she was in full support of the Fire Department and that in negotiations we should come with an open mind and not have any restrictions such as we had talked about with zero pay increases.

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 8:21 p.m.

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