MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN
MARCH 23, 2010

Roll Call

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pullman was held on March 23, 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 six 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 Weller seconded to read the items on the Consent Agenda by title only.

Motion Carried.

City Attorney McAloon announced that item No. 4, Resolution No. R-21-10, had been pulled by the property owners. 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 Wright moved, Councilmember Bloom seconded to adopt items numbered 1 through 3, 5, and 6 on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Carried.

Motions

Minutes - March 6, 2010

1. The Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the special meeting of March 6, 2010, and approved them as submitted.

Minutes - March 9, 2010

2. The Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 9, 2010, and approved them as submitted.

Tourism Funds 3. The Council approved the use of tourism funds to pay the Chamber's Office Manager for time spent on tourism-related work.

Resolutions

Resolution No. R-22-10 - Palouse Conservation District

5. Resolution No. R-22-10

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PULLMAN AND PALOUSE CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLETING A RIPARIAN RESTORATION PROJECT ON THE SOUTH FORK OF THE PALOUSE RIVER.

Resolution No. R-22-10 was adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. R-23-10 - Public Hearing Date

6. Resolution No. R-23-10

A RESOLUTION SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ADOPTION OF A SIX-YEAR TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR 2010-2015 AND 2009 TRANSIT ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE CITY OF PULLMAN.

Resolution No. R-23-10 was adopted unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

Public Hearing

Ordinance No. 10-5 - Hinrichs Annexation

7. Mayor Johnson announced that a public hearing is scheduled on a request to annex property. Planning Director Dickinson presented the staff report and noted that this annexation has been in the works since 2004. It originally was 16 acres in size. The Council requested that the applicant add the 21 remaining acres that were unincorporated to this annexation. This 21 acres of land included property occupied by Radio Palouse, Inc., Radio Station. The annexation request was for 37.4 acres. It is staff's recommendation that the proposed annexation be approved.

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

Councilmember Waldrop moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to adopt Findings of Fact and Conclusions. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 10-5 by title only reads as follows:

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING TO THE CITY OF PULLMAN CERTAIN CONTIGUOUS REAL PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF OLD WAWAWAI ROAD AND WEST OF BIG SKY COURT.

Councilmember Benjamin moved, Councilmember Waldrop seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 10-5. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance

Ordinance No. 10-6 - Mary's Park Donation

8. Mayor Johnson announced that an ordinance had been prepared accepting donated property to be used as Mary's Park. City Supervisor Sherman presented the staff report and stated that, in his will, Mr. Herbert W. Neil had donated the property to the City as long as it is turned into a City park to be known as Mary's Park. The property is approximately three acres which is similar in size to the Terre View Park which is three and a quarter

acres. Recreation Superintendent Dahmen did a PowerPoint presentation with various views of the property. The pictures were taken in the last few days.

Sue Kreikemeier, Kiwanis Club, was invited to talk by City Supervisor Sherman. She stated that the Kiwanis were real excited about the acquisition as at some point we could get ADA accessible facilities at the park.

City Planner Dickinson presented a staff report and went over the zoning of the property. City Supervisor Sherman stated that Parks Superintendent Davis had done a lot of work on this property and encouraged approval of taking this property into the park system.

Mayor Johnson asked if there were any questions. Councilmember Paul wanted to know where the paths connected along Bishop Boulevard. He asked if it connected with the Chipman Trail. Recreation Superintendent Dahmen stated it would be easy to connect the paths in this area without too many problems.

Councilmember Paul asked if this area would be suitable for an aquatic playground for children. Councilmember Bloom asked the cost to maintain this park. City Supervisor Sherman stated it would be extremely hard, at this point and time, to make that determination. This is a long-term project and in the short term the first things we will do are general cleanup, put in a parking lot, and an ADA accessible area. Mayor Johnson noted that volunteer groups are usually looking for this type of cleanup project. Later we would put in irrigation and develop the property, but that is further on down the road. Councilmember Bloom asked for a fiscal impact analysis on the long-range planning on this project. He noted that “free” is never “free”.

Ordinance No. 10-6 by title only reads as follows:

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING PROPERTY DONATED BY HERBERT W. NEIL, DECEASED, FOR PUBLIC PARK PURPOSES.

Councilmember Waldrop moved, Councilmember Bloom seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 10-5. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussions

Tax Sharing Agreement Proposal with Whitman County

9. Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion is scheduled on a tax-sharing proposal with Whitman County. City Supervisor Sherman presented the staff report and stated that two weeks ago Whitman County Commissioner Greg Partch and Whitman County Public Works Director Mark Storey gave a presentation on their proposal on the joint sharing area to the City Council. City Supervisor Sherman, at that time, recommended receiving the proposal and scheduled this discussion tonight to discuss ideas on the proposal. City Planner Dickinson presented a slide of the area that was easier to see the area in question than what was shown at the Council meeting two weeks prior. The Council had requested a map that was easier to distinguish the area under consideration. City Supervisor Sherman reiterated that the tax-sharing area only applies to retail sales and only applies to the

1 percent of the 7.8 percent tax that goes to the City and County. This split is 85 percent to the City of Pullman and 15 percent goes to the County. In the unincorporated portion in the tax-sharing area the split would be 50-50 with both the City and the County putting 10 percent of that split into a separate fund dedicated to infrastructure development. The tax sharing area also would not apply to the Hawkins area or James Toyota.

Councilmember Waldrop asked for clarification on the boundaries as his initial thought was that it was just the corridor area. City Supervisor Sherman stated that was the agreement in 2005. In 2007, it was changed to the whole area in the tax-sharing area but not in the City proper. Councilmember Bloom asked for clarification that the County would not fight annexation if the split was in place. City Supervisor Sherman assured him that was the situation. Councilmember Benjamin wanted to know about conversion of existing facilities to retail. Councilmember Bloom questioned the treatment of sales of crushed rock or nursery items. They requested a list of what would or would not be considered retail. City Supervisor Sherman said that this would be discussed and a list of what constituted retail sales would be drawn up as part of the final agreement. Councilmember Bloom was in agreement with the concept but he said that nothing would happen unless we do something to move the ball forward. Councilmember Weller stated he agreed with Councilmember Bloom and reiterated his comment of two weeks ago that this was out-of-the-box thinking that we needed. Councilmember Weller voiced concerns on the allocation of .09 funds administered by the County and if control of these funds needed to be tightened up.

Councilmember Benjamin pointed out that we needed to protect our growth area and he also wanted to know if we could keep the sales tax and property tax ramp downs separate. City Supervisor Sherman indicated there was no ramp down in the sales tax just in the property tax.

City Supervisor Sherman then clarified some of the other points in his memo. The original proposal was for a six-year ramp down, the County was looking for ten. Councilmember Bloom indicated that ten would be fine. The twenty-five year limitation of the agreement was considered okay. Any extension of utilities in the area would be at the developer's expense. Councilmember Waldrop wanted some protective language to make sure that would occur. The planning language was deemed okay and Councilmember Waldrop wanted some language to prevent what happened to the City of Spokane in the extension of utilities. We just need some language in there to clarify responsibilities.

Second City Council Retreat

10. Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion is scheduled on the second City Council goal-setting retreat. City Supervisor Sherman recommended April 13 as the designated date for the second City Council goal-setting retreat. Council, by consensus, agreed with this date.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Johnson asked if there was any new business

from either the Council or audience. Councilmember Waldrop asked about the Kitty Bus. Public Works Director Workman indicated it was gone.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Johnson announced that the Council would adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of:

To review the performance of a public employee 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 8:44 p.m. and announced that the Council would take a five-minute recess and return in approximately 40 minutes. At 9:30 the time was extended an additional fifty-five minutes.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Wright moved, Councilmember Hawbaker 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.