MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN
APRIL 27, 2010

Roll Call

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pullman was held on April 27, 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.

Confirmation of Appointments

Lodging Tax Advisory Committee and Library Board of Trustees

Mayor Johnson announced that he had appointed Charlene Jasper, Pullman, to a term on the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee and Elizabeth Hindman, Pullman, to a term on the Library Board of Trustees. Councilmember Bloom moved, Councilmember Wright seconded to confirm these appointments. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

ATVP Report

Mayor Johnson announced that ATVP was unable to attend this meeting.

Police Department 2009 Annual Report and Public Works 2009 Annual Report

Mayor Johnson announced that these reports had been sent out with the agenda packet. There were no questions on these reports. Councilmember Wright commended both departments for their excellent reports.

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 Benjamin 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 Paul moved, Councilmember Bloom seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried.

Motions

Minutes - March 23, 2010

1. The Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 23, 2010, and approved them as submitted.

Minutes - April 13, 2010

2. The Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the special meeting of April 13, 2010, and approved them as submitted.

Accounts Payable, Payroll, and Electronic Transfers - April, 2010

3. 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.

Public Hearing Date

4. The Council set May 18, 2010, as the public hearing date to consider establishing a restricted residential parking area for Upper Drive, a portion of Wheatland Drive, and a portion of Lybecker Road.

Public Hearing Date

5. The Council set May 11, 2010, as the date for a public hearing to consider a prezone change from R2 Low Density Multi-Family Residential to R1 Single Family Residential for property located east of Brayton Road.

Resolutions

Resolution No. R-24-10 - Wawawai Basin Lift Station

6. Resolution No. R-24-10

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PULLMAN AND AEI ENGINEERING, INC. FOR THE WAWAWAI BASIN LIFT STATION PROJECT.

Resolution No. R-24-10 was adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. R-25-10 - Street Crackfill 2010

7. Resolution No. R-25-10

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF BCV, INC. FOR STREET CRACKFILL 2010 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE CONTRACT FOR SAID PROJECT.

Resolution No. R-25-10 was adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. R-26-10 - M & O Shop Roof Painting

8. Resolution No. R-26-10

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF HAY-U PAINTING, LLC FOR M & O SHOP ROOF PAINTING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE CONTRACT FOR SAID PROJECT.

Resolution No. R-26-10 was adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. R-27-10 - Coca-Cola Bid

9. Resolution No. R-27-10

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF SWIRE COCA-COLA, SWIRE CLASS VENDING FOR SNACK AND BEVERAGE CONCESSIONAIRE SERVICES IN PUBLIC RECREATIONAL FACILITIES MANAGED BY THE CITY OF PULLMAN PARKS

AND RECREATION AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE CONTRACT FOR SAID SERVICES.

Resolution No. R-27-10 was adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. R-28-10 - ARRA/Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant

10a. Resolution No. R-28-10

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN ARRA/ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT (EECBG) FROM WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

Resolution No. R-28-10 was adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. R-29-10 - Architectural Services Agreement

10b. Resolution No. R-29-10

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PULLMAN AND DESIGN WEST ARCHITECTS, P.A. FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLETING THE PIONEER CENTER/FIRE STATION NO. 2 ENERGY EFFICIENCY RETROFIT PROJECT.

Resolution No. R-29-10 was adopted unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

Public Hearing

Resolution No. R-20-10 - Six-Year Transit Development Plan

11. Mayor Johnson announced that a public hearing is scheduled on the Six-Year Transit Development Plan for calendar years 2010-2015 and the 2009 annual report for the City of Pullman. Transit Manager Thornton presented the staff report and gave six-year projections for approval. After his report was concluded the Mayor commented on the thoroughness of the report and stated he was glad to see that future acquisitions would be hybrid buses. Transit Manager Thornton made some additional comments on how hybrid buses would be suitable for this area.

Mayor Johnson asked if there were any questions. Councilmember Bloom commented that they do a great job and he personally, as well as his family, use the buses and have found them to be very clean and the drivers friendly.

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

Resolution No. R-30-10 by title only reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SIX-YEAR TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2010-2015 AND 2009 ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE CITY OF PULLMAN.

Councilmember Paul moved, Councilmember Bloom seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-30-10. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance

Ordinance No. 10-7 - Monetary Donation

12. Mayor Johnson announced that an ordinance had been prepared accepting a monetary donation. Finance Director Mulholland presented the staff report and recommended approval of the ordinance.
Ordinance No. 10-7 by title only reads as follows:
AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A RESTRICTED MONETARY DONATION FROM THE BIBLIOGRAPHICAL CENTER FOR

RESEARCH, ON BEHALF OF THE GATES FOUNDATION, TO THE CITY OF PULLMAN FOR REPLACEMENT OF PATRON INTERNET COMPUTERS AT NEILL PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Councilmember Bloom moved, Councilmember Wright seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 10-7. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions

Resolution No. R-31-10 - Public Art Program

13. Mayor Johnson announced that a resolution had been prepared establishing a public art program. City Attorney McAloon presented the staff report and invited Mike Yates of the Arts Commission to answer any questions. Councilmember Bloom was concerned on who specifically defined whether art is objectionable and asked who has the final say. City Attorney McAloon interjected that the Arts Commission basically makes recommendations to Council, but the Council would have the final say.

Mike Yates stated that basically the Arts Commission acts as filter for the Council to help bring items up for their approval.

Councilmember Waldrop agreed with the resolution, however he wanted to amend it to include that works would be beautiful, inspiring and where they could, historically appropriate. He also added this should also be a goal of the Arts Commission. Councilmembers Weller thought that the resolution was good as it stood. Councilmember Paul commended the Arts Commission on their long and hard work leading up to putting this resolution together. He agreed with Councilmember Weller in the fact that the resolution was fine as it stood.

Councilmember Waldrop moved, Councilmember Bloom seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-31-10 as amended. Councilmember Paul voting nay.

Resolution No. R-31-10 - Transit Senior Shuttle

14. Mayor Johnson announced that a resolution had been prepared authorizing the termination of the Pullman Transit senior shuttle service. Transit Manager Thornton presented the staff report. He went through the history starting in June 2009 and how they progressed from longer routes to shorter routes, switching to just serving the south area due to limited ridership in the north. Mayor Johnson asked about the Bishop and Whitman Center vans. He asked how they were utilized because he sees them around a lot. Transit Manager Thornton was not certain but agreed that they were seen a lot around town. He went through a chart on the amount of ridership the Senior Shuttle has and that is was not a cost effective program. Mayor Johnson noted that there were several seniors in the audience and asked for comments.

Dorothy Gollickson, Pioneer Square, noted that the Bishop van and possibly the Whitman van were only for medical or group activities. She stated that part of the problem is that if you are not visible you do not get picked up in the winter. They stay inside until the bus was coming, but the bus driver did not see them and passed on by. She thought the Transit department should sit down with those who use the bus to see why they use it and what works for them to come up with a different plan. She also felt that with Walmart coming it was more important than ever to have this flexibility.

They all seem to enjoy the fixed time schedule of the Senior Shuttle.

Paulette McCollom, resident of Pioneer Square and president of the resident council, stated that this started in June and she was not even aware of it until October. She was concerned because she felt it should have been on Channel 13 and a lot more publicity given to it. She stated they had purchased some tokens and taken some of the residents around to show where the routes were. She said that the short runs were much better than what they had before and she could not understand why the shuttles stopped over spring break seeing as the seniors are still here and still need the shuttle. She also said that with Walmart coming that they need access to this service more than ever.

Steve Bell, Senior Center Coordinator, stated that the routes are away from where the seniors live. Most of the individuals that frequent the Senior Center live in their own homes and most have their own transportation so it is not really a factor. They use Dial-A-Ride and that seems to work for them. He is a great supporter of Dial-A-Ride, but he also indicated that something could be worked out for the individuals in senior housing to be able to fill their need for transportation and still not overtax the system.

Gary Collins, Pioneer Square, stated that the hill down to Paradise is more like a mountain for some of the residents because they are older and infirm. His complaint with Dial-A-Ride is that the window for pickup is too wide, twenty to thirty minutes. He thought that the Senior Shuttle was more reliable since it is a fixed route and there is not the time delay in waiting for it. He understood the fact that ridership is down and stated that several times he was the only one on the shuttle. He stated he really would hate to see it go and would like to see a plan to make it work out for the residents of not only Pioneer Square but other areas of town.

Samantha Petri, Pioneer Square, stated that the shuttle was very handy and requested that it not be taken away from her and the other residents. She also reiterated how hard it was to get up the hill when they are trying to catch a route from down below the hill and thought they should be able to run it at least a couple of days a week.
Carol Wise, Pioneer Square, stated she was a new resident of Pullman. She thanked the City for Dial-A-Ride and the shuttle stating that she uses it a lot and they complement one another. She said the shuttle works better for errands and she would like to see more ridership as she does not want to see it end.

Donna Fisher, Pioneer Square, stated she does not have her own transportation and she encouraged the Council to consider keeping the shuttle.

Mayor Johnson stated that maybe other options should be considered before just ending the service. He requested that staff come back at a later date with recommendations. Councilmember Waldrop said it was a difficult problem with three main points. One, the service not being used, two, it seemed to work better for errands than for

scheduled doctor appointments, and three, maybe the service could at a minimum be limited to certain days of the week. Councilmember Bloom asked Transit Manager Thornton what was the approximate cost for the Senior Shuttle to see if this could be jobbed to the taxicabs or other groups. Transit Manager Thornton responded approximately $80,000. Transit Manager Thornton then noted that since there were several issues brought up regarding Dial-A-Ride he would address them. He said even though the ridership is down for Dial-A-Ride, they had tried to give it a lot more flexibility. An individual expressed concern that if they were there for doctor appointment that ran over there was concern about getting picked up. Transit Manager Thornton said that is usually not a problem because they do have people that will get back there and pick them up. Mike Wagner, Transit, stated that they had done a lot of advertising such as radio advertising for the shuttle service, put information up at senior centers as well as inside Dial-A-Ride buses and they were proactive in getting information on out even though it appeared that some of the ridership that would be using it did not get this information. Councilmember Paul questioned Steve Bell's utilization of the Senior Center van. He said that on Monday they usually take people shopping. But on Monday and Friday they primarily use it to haul people in for the meal that they have in the Center. They also use it for group activities. The Council consensus was that more input was needed on this, especially from the seniors.

Councilmember Bloom moved, Councilmember Waldrop seconded to table this resolution and come back at a later date with other possibilities for keeping the Senior Shuttle going. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-33-10 - Taxicab Fee Schedule

15. Mayor Johnson stated that a resolution had been prepared adopting a fee schedule for taxicab licenses. Chief Weatherly presented the staff report stating that, when passed, the ordinance did not have a fee schedule and as a result the application process is not done. They took possible fees to the Police Advisory Committee and the conclusion was that if the costs were too high, it would curtail taxis from operating in the area so they wanted to reflect reasonable costs as the basis for the fee schedule. Chief Weatherly stated that the costs in this resolution were the result of checking with other agencies across the state.

Resolution No. R-33-10 by title only reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR TAXICAB SERVICE OPERATOR'S OR OWNER'S INITIAL LICENSE FEE AND RENEWAL REQUIRED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE PULLMAN CITY CODE 6.94.

Councilmember Bloom moved, Councilmember Wright seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-33-10. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion

2010 Goals

16. Mayor Johnson announced that a motion is requested to adopt the 2010 City Council goals. City Supervisor Sherman presented the staff report. Councilmember Bloom wanted to make certain that

the public was aware that No. 8 and other goals were recommended by Lincoln Middle School students.

Councilmember Weller moved, Councilmember Bloom seconded to adopt the 2010 City Council goals. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussions

Current Economic Conditions

17. Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion is scheduled on current economic conditions. City Supervisor Sherman presented the staff report. He updated the Council as to where the Nation, State, and City are in relation to one another and especially where the City is and how we are doing. He also went over a handout of slides from a PowerPoint presentation from Arun Raha, the States's economist, which showed areas where the State was coming back and where they are still lagging.

2010 First Quarter Preliminary Financial Summary

18. Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion is scheduled on the 2010 First Quarter Preliminary Financial Summary. Finance Director Mulholland presented the staff report. He went through where the City was and noted that expenditures can be impacted by timing issues. The total of $190,000 down below where we were last year is alarming but not alarming enough to be a major concern at this time and we would continue to review our revenues and expenditures monthly to make sure that we do not get into a bad situation.

Councilmember Waldrop thought it might be a good idea to possibly get an economist from WSU to talk to the Council and citizens on the economy.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Johnson asked if there was any new business from either the Council or audience. Dorothy Gollickson stated that the Council should consider seniors to contribute in the public arena to help provide solutions as they have been around and have a lot of experience. Some of these issues may impact them and as she said seniors have tasted the wine and they do not want to give up what they have.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Conferring with legal counsel representing the City concerning potential litigation that has been specifically threatened to which the City, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party 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 9:12 p.m. and announced that the City Council would reconvene in open session in thirty minutes.

At 9:47 p.m. the Executive Session was extended for ten minutes. At 9:56 the Executive Session was extended another five minutes and they added evaluating the qualifications of an applicant for public employment to the Executive Session.

Mayor Johnson reconvened the regular meeting at approximately 10:03 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Weller 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 10:03 p.m.