MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN
JUNE 2, 2009

Roll Call

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pullman was held on June 2, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall, Pullman, Washington with the following present:

Glenn A. Johnson	Mayor
Troy Woo	Finance Director
Francis Benjamin	Councilmember
Keith Bloom	Councilmember
Ann Heath	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 Appointment

Mayor Johnson announced that he had appointed Pam McEachern, P.O. Box 846, to a term on the Lawson Gardens Committee expiring December 31, 2011. Mayor Johnson introduced Pam McEachern to the Council and audience. Councilmember Bloom moved, Councilmember Weller seconded to confirm the 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 Wright moved, Councilmember Bloom 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 either the Council or audience. Councilmember Paul requested that item No. 3 be removed for separate discussion. Councilmember Paul moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to adopt items 1, 2, and 4 through 10.

Motion Carried.

Motions

Minutes - May 12, 2009

1. The Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of May 12, 2009, and approved them as submitted.

Accounts Payable, Payroll, and Electronic Transfers - June, 2009	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.
Memorandum of Understanding for DRE Overtime Reimbursement	4.	The Council authorized a Memorandum of Understanding with the Washington State Traffic Safety Commission for DRE overtime reimbursement.
Grant Agreement On Business Registration	5.	The Council authorized a Grant Agreement with the State of Washington Master Licensing Service (MLS) to offset the costs of mailing, advertising, and media for business registration.
SECTOR Agreement	6.	The Council authorized a SECTOR Service Level Agreement with the Washington State Patrol for software, upgrades, scanners, and printers.
Johnson Avenue Waterline	7.	The Council accepted as complete Contract No. 09-09, Johnson Avenue Waterline.

Resolutions

Resolution No. R-25-09 - Public Hearing Date	8.	Resolution No. R-25-09 A RESOLUTION SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF WILLOW STREET BETWEEN SOUTH STREET AND JACKSON STREET IN THE WILKINSON'S ADDITION. Resolution No. R-25-09 was adopted unanimously.
Resolution No. R-26-09 - Jackson Street Water Main	9.	Resolution No. R-26-09 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF ACE ELLIOTT LAND FOR JACKSON STREET WATER MAIN AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE CONTRACT FOR SAID PROJECT. Resolution No. R-26-09 was adopted unanimously.
Resolution No. R-27-09 - Wireless Communication Facility Permit Agreement	10.	Resolution No. R-27-09 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO A WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY PERMIT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PULLMAN AND VOICESTREAM PCS BTA I CORPORATION AS AGENT FOR COOK INLET/VOICESTREAM PV/SS PCS L.P., A DELAWARE CORPORATION, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND REMOVAL OF A WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY AT THE PIONEER TANK (NO. 2) SITE AUTHORIZED BY COUNCIL RESOLUTION R-62-00. Resolution No. R-27-09 was adopted unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

Motion

Downtown Riverwalk	3.	Mayor Johnson announced that this item had been removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of Councilmember Paul. Councilmember Paul wanted to recognize the work of the Pullman Civic Trust on

the Pullman Downtown Riverwalk Project and noted that the Pine Street Bridge will be lit with this project.

Councilmember Paul moved, Councilmember Bloom seconded to authorize the use of Pullman Downtown Riverwalk bond funds for a lighting project for the Pine Street Bridge. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions

Resolution No. R-28-09 and Resolution No. R-29-09 - Airport Fire Flow Project

11. Mayor Johnson announced that two resolutions had been prepared relating to the Airport Fire Flow Project. City Supervisor Sherman presented a staff report which included a history of the Airport bonding and a summary of the Airport Fire Flow Project.

Resolution No. R-28-09 by title only reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PULLMAN AND WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY, THE PORT OF WHITMAN, THE CITY OF MOSCOW, IDAHO AND LATAH COUNTY, IDAHO RELATING TO THE FUNDING OF THE AIRPORT FIRE FLOW PROJECT.

Councilmember Waldrop moved, Councilmember Weller seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-28-09. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-29-09 by title only reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PULLMAN AND WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY, THE PORT OF WHITMAN, THE CITY OF MOSCOW, IDAHO AND LATAH COUNTY, IDAHO PROVIDING FOR AN ADDENDUM TO THE AIRPORT FIRE FLOW PROJECT AGREEMENT.

Councilmember Waldrop moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-29-09. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-30-09 - Final Plat of Paradise Hills Subdivision No. 6

12. Mayor Johnson announced that a resolution has been prepared adopting the final plat of Paradise Hills Subdivision No. 6. Public Works Director Workman presented the staff report describing the plat for Paradise Hills.

Resolution No. R-30-09 by title only reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF PARADISE HILLS SUBDIVISION NO. 6 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FINANCE DIRECTOR TO SIGN THE FINAL PLAT.

Councilmember Bloom moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-30-09. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion

Transit Labor Contract

13. Mayor Johnson announced that a motion is requested to ratify a labor contract for 2009 with the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1015. City Supervisor Sherman presented the staff report. There were no questions on his report. Councilmember Waldrop moved, Councilmember Wright

seconded to ratify the 2009 Amalgamated Transit Union labor contract. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion

Taxicab Licensing

14. Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion is scheduled on taxicab licensing. City Attorney McAloon presented the staff report. Mayor Johnson asked if the Moscow taxicab licensing requirement included background checks. City Attorney McAloon and Wiley Hollingsworth responded. Councilmember Benjamin asked if there were any licensing requirements for Latah County. City Attorney McAloon responded. Councilmember Waldrop stated he was in support of keeping the licensing requirement as simple as possible and still serve the community. Councilmember Waldrop spoke in favor of a joint licensing requirement. Councilmember Waldrop asked if the Washington State licensing requirement would be in effect if there was a joint licensing requirement. City Attorney McAloon responded. Councilmember Paul echoed Councilmember Waldrop's statements and noted that having several different layers of licensing requirements are very difficult for the businesses. Councilmember Bloom asked how a Spokane cab company would be handled under the licensing requirements. Mayor Johnson and City Attorney McAloon responded. Mayor Johnson asked if Wheatland Express would be impacted by the taxicab licensing requirement. City Attorney McAloon responded.

Councilmember Benjamin asked how the requirement would be impacted if a cab licensed in Pullman and Whitman County passed through another Whitman County city or if the destination was another Whitman County city. City Attorney McAloon responded. Mayor Johnson asked if the license would be impacted if Lewiston was the destination. City Attorney McAloon responded. Councilmember Bloom spoke in favor of keeping the requirement simple to ensure the safety of the customers. City Attorney McAloon responded. Councilmember Bloom asked for an explanation of how the local cab companies were conducting vehicle safety inspections. Wiley Hollingsworth responded. Mayor Johnson asked how many taxi runs are made to other cities. Mr. Hollingsworth responded. Councilmember Benjamin asked if the City could defer to the State licensing requirement. City Attorney McAloon responded. Councilmember Benjamin asked what are the differences between the State and Moscow's taxi licensing requirements and if the City would have to do anything to require the State license. City Attorney McAloon responded to both questions.

Councilmember Heath, City Attorney McAloon, and Mayor Johnson discussed Moscow background checks and if the State required background checks. Councilmember Wright asked if the City of Pullman could incorporate a safety inspection of the vehicles into its licensing requirement. City Attorney McAloon and Mayor Johnson responded. Mayor Johnson asked if the City could contract with a local dealership to conduct the inspections. City Attorney McAloon responded. Councilmember Benjamin asked if the City of Moscow licensing requirements allow Washington State to waive its fee. City Attorney McAloon responded.

Councilmember Benjamin stated that Pullman licensing would only make the situation more complicated. Councilmember Bloom spoke in favor of deferring to the State licensing requirement. Councilmember Benjamin asked if the City of Pullman could require a background check as part of the licensing requirement at the State level. City Attorney McAloon responded. Mayor Johnson asked if the City of Pullman could use the City of Moscow background check. City Attorney McAloon responded. The City Council concurred to defer the taxicab licensing requirement to the State.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Johnson announced that a resolution had been prepared to preauthorize grants at the Airport. City Supervisor Sherman presented the staff report which included an explanation of the timing of the grant as well as the project description.

Resolution No. R-31-09 by title only reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION PREAUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT MONIES FOR MULTIPLE PULLMAN-MOSCOW REGIONAL AIRPORT PROJECTS.

Councilmember Bloom moved, Councilmember Waldrop seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-31-09. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Waldrop described the current drug situation in Mexico and how it relates to the meth lab problem that Whitman County used to have. Councilmember Waldrop asked if the police chief could give a briefing of the drug situation at a future meeting. Councilmember Paul spoke in support and recognized the Chamber of Commerce "Shop in Pullman" campaign.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

To receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or 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 8:17 p.m. and announced that the Council would take a five-minute recess and return after a thirty-minute Executive Session. Mayor Johnson extended the Executive Session by thirty minutes. Mayor Johnson reconvened the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Wright moved, Councilmember Weller seconded to adjourn the regular meeting of the City Council.

Motion Carried.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council at 9:22 p.m.