MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN
MAY 5, 2009

Roll Call

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pullman was held on May 5, 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

Call to Order

Mayor Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Councilmember Weller moved, Councilmember Heath seconded to excuse Councilmember Wright.

Motion Carried.

Announcements

Mayor Johnson made two announcements.

Report

2008 Public Works Annual Report

Public Works Director Workman presented the staff report. Mayor Johnson asked if the Treatment Plant Aeration Basin Project had been submitted for stimulus funding. Public Works Director Workman responded. Councilmember Benjamin asked if the farebox revenues reported for the Transit System included the contributions from WSU and the Pullman School District. Public Works Director Workman responded. Councilmember Waldrop noted the success of the water conservation program, thanked on-call personnel for the critical services they provide, and asked for an update on the Grand at Richie Widening Project.

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 Benjamin 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. There were none. Councilmember Benjamin moved, Councilmember Bloom seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda as

presented.

Motion Carried.

Motions

Minutes - April 28, 2009

1. The Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of April 28, 2009, and approved them as submitted.

Accounts Payable, Payroll, and Electronic Transfers - May, 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.

Claim for Damages - Kerr

3. The Council referred a Claim for Damages submitted by Jeff C. Kerr for the sum of $1,111.94 to the Washington State Transit Insurance Pool (WSTIP).

REGULAR AGENDA

Ordinances

Ordinance No. 09-12 - Business Registration

4. Mayor Johnson announced that an ordinance has been prepared relating to business registration. City Attorney McAloon presented the staff report. Councilmember Heath noted that Ordinance No. 09-13 included language relating to the Master License Service although the Landlord Registration is not partnering with the Master License Service. City Attorney McAloon responded.

Ordinance No. 09-12 by title only reads as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN, WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO TITLE 6, LICENSES AND TAXATION, AMENDING CHAPTER 6.95, BUSINESS REGISTRATION, AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO.

Councilmember Paul moved, Councilmember Waldrop seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 09-12. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 09-13 - Residential Rental Registration

5. Mayor Johnson announced that an ordinance has been prepared relating to Residential Rental Registration. City Attorney McAloon presented the staff report. Mayor Johnson noted the changes to eliminate the reference to the Master License Service.

Ordinance No. 09-13 by title only reads as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN, WHITMAN COUNTY, RELATING TO TITLE 6, LICENSES AND TAXATION, AMENDING CHAPTER 6.98, RESIDENTIAL RENTAL UNIT REGISTRATION, AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO.

Councilmember Paul moved, Councilmember Bloom seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 09-13 as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion

Skyline Upgrades

6. Mayor Johnson announced that a motion is requested to authorize work at the Skyline Reservoir/Booster Station site for communication system upgrades. Public Works Director Workman presented a staff report that described the problems at the Skyline Reservoir Booster Station and described the funding sources for the solution.

Councilmember Bloom moved, Councilmember Waldrop seconded to authorize the work at the Skyline Reservoir/Booster Station site. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussions

Current Economic Conditions

7. Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion is scheduled on current economic conditions. City Supervisor Sherman presented a staff report. Councilmember Bloom asked if Pullman has experienced an increase in foreclosures as has been seen in other communities. City Supervisor Sherman responded. Councilmember Weller asked if the City will be able to absorb the impacts of the WSU budget reductions. City Supervisor Sherman and Mayor Johnson responded.

2009 First Quarter Financial Summary

8. Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion is scheduled on the 2009 First Quarter Financial Summary. Finance Director Woo presented the staff report. Councilmember Heath asked if it was expected that the WSU Vet Building will be sales-tax exempt. Mayor Johnson and Finance Director Woo responded. Councilmember Benjamin noted that the negative population growth in 2007 was an adjustment by the Office of Financial Management because they did not agree with the federal census and wondered how Initiative 1033 would account for this. Finance Director Woo responded. Councilmember Heath asked what percentage of the General Fund budget do police and fire services consist of. Finance Director Woo responded. Councilmember Heath noted that the potential impacts of Initiative 1033 will have a crippling effect on City services. Finance Director Woo and Mayor Johnson responded. Councilmember Heath noted that the Initiative 1033 illustration was an interpretation and could be incorrect and noted that there is no good news within this initiative. Finance Director Woo and Mayor Johnson responded.

Councilmember Heath thanked staff for the accurate financial information.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no items of new business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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 8:42 p.m.

and announced that the Executive Session would last twenty minutes after a five-minute recess. Mayor Johnson reconvened the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Bloom moved, Councilmember Heath seconded to adjourn the regular meeting of the City Council.

Motion Carried.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council at 9:06 p.m.