

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN
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MARCH 7, 2009

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Pullman was held on Saturday, March 7, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. at the Hilltop Restaurant, Pullman Washington with the following present:

ROLL CALL:	Glenn A. Johnson	Mayor
	John Sherman	City Supervisor
	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 9:00 a.m.

Goal-Setting Retreat The following is the preliminary list of goals that was developed in the initial City Council retreat on Saturday, March 7, 2009. This preliminary list will be refined at the second City Council retreat. The Mayor, all seven City Councilmembers, and the City Supervisor were in attendance at the Saturday retreat. The City Council reviewed the status of 2008 goals and then the goals submitted by citizens, employees, and department heads. Individual City Councilmembers also submitted their own goal suggestions. Once again many suggestions were considered to be administrative or on-going in nature, so the fact that a suggested goal is not included in the list that follows does not necessarily mean that the concept was rejected. In some cases the City Council chose to list previous goals in order to emphasize the importance of certain policy issues.

1. Continue to support the Pullman-Moscow Airport improvement projects including the airport fire flow project and the realignment of the runway.
2. Continue to meet with Whitman County to discuss tax sharing options.
3. Continue to support the Grand Avenue Greenway, Pullman entrances and waterway beautification projects, and welcoming signs by exploring lodging tax option for such areas as the new Davis Way site.
4. Continue to support water conservation and water reuse.
5. Proactively address College Hill issues and continue to work on the improvement of College Hill.

6. Encourage economic development and a welcoming business atmosphere.
7. Continue to explore the creation of a self-supporting grant writer that would be funded through grants and possibly partnering with an outside organization.
8. Continue to discuss the pros and cons of installing surveillance cameras at selected locations.
9. Continue to explore the concept of Park & Ride lots.
10. Be proactive in code enforcement.
11. Meet with other financial experts, including Whitman County officials, to explore ways to develop revenue options to fund General Fund Capital Improvement Program (C.I.P.) projects and present the findings to the City Council.
12. Consider removing the juniper bushes between the street and sidewalk on Stadium Way.
13. Continue to emphasize the development of pedestrian paths and bicycle paths as well as the installation of additional bicycle racks.
14. Consider creating a sustainability committee.
15. Support the development of the proposed Pullman Farmer's Market.
16. Explore establishing a handicapped parking space at the bottom of the High Street cul-de-sac and elsewhere in the downtown area.
17. Discontinue placing additional plaques in the Walk of Fame and explore other alternatives for locating the recognition plaques.
18. Create an area within Neill Public Library for emergency preparedness materials similar to the area that already exists within the Police Department so that the public can readily obtain copies of this information.
19. Explore Geographic Information Systems (GIS) options including partnering with WSU.
20. Hold a City Council meeting discussion on traffic safety issues including speed limits on selected streets such as Davis

Way, red light enforcement, and pedestrian safety when crossing problem intersections.

21. Continue to carefully track financial trends. Be prepared to respond promptly and appropriately to city revenue shortfalls or expenditure increases that would trigger changes in the adopted 2009 budget, and apply year-end savings to build up the reserve to address future budget challenges.
22. Commence initial discussions with the Pullman School District regarding the possibility of constructing a new community center near the Pullman Aquatic Center in conjunction with the construction of a new high school.
23. Consider requiring closing agents to collect final utility bill payments during property sales closings and when leases end.
24. In the interest of public safety and in order to protect the structural integrity of the building, consider making needed repairs to the façade of City Hall.
25. Adopt a neighborhood plan for College Hill.
26. Adopt an urban growth area (UGA) map for the year 2060 and amend the Comprehensive Plan to accommodate this revised UGA map.
27. Encourage various organizations to join in updating the war memorial and landscaping.
28. Continue to explore ways to remove the stored railroad cars from downtown Pullman.
29. Look to increase energy savings by exploring LED lighting and solar options.
30. Have the City Attorney form a committee to review the city code to eliminate outdated sections and to order and consolidate overlapping provisions.
31. Invite Avista to a City Council meeting to discuss power disruptions and to discuss upgrades to their area power substations.
32. Provide reports to the City Council on College Hill code enforcement, updates on what various groups are doing to improve College Hill conditions, and improve communications among the various College Hill advocacy groups.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council at 2:38 p.m.