MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN
APRIL 21, 2009

Roll Call

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Pullman was held on April 21, 2009, at 6:30 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
Pat Wright	Councilmember

Call to Order

Mayor Johnson called the special meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Councilmember Heath moved, Councilmember Waldrop seconded to excuse Councilmember Weller from the meeting.

Motion Carried.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

REGULAR AGENDA

Workshop

Goal-Setting Retreat

The following goals were suggested by the City Council as they reviewed the goal-setting notebooks. Additional goals were suggested by individual City Councilmembers.

1. Continue to carefully track financial trends and apply year-end reserves to address the 2010 budget. Be prepared to respond promptly and appropriately to city revenue shortfalls or expenditure increases that would trigger changes in the adopted 2009 budget.

2. Continue to support the Pullman-Moscow Airport improvement projects including the airport fire flow project and the realignment of the runway.

3. Continue to meet with Whitman County to discuss tax-sharing options.

4. Continue to beautify highly visible public spaces. 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. Encourage various organizations to join in updating the war memorial and landscaping.

5. Continue to support sustainability efforts. Continue to support water conservation and water reuse. Support energy conservation efforts and solid waste recycling programs.

6. Continue to proactively address College Hill issues and continue to work on the improvement of College Hill. Adopt a neighborhood plan for College Hill. Provide reports and make recommendations to the City Council on College Hill code enforcement and other College Hill improvements.

7. Encourage economic development and a welcoming business atmosphere.

8. Continue to explore the creation of a self-supporting grant writer that would be funded through grants and possibly partnering with an outside organization.

9. Be proactive in code enforcement. Continue to discuss the pros and cons of installing surveillance cameras at selected locations. 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.

10. Continue to explore the concept of Park & Ride lots.

11. Continue to emphasize the development of pedestrian paths and bicycle paths as well as the installation of additional bicycle racks and explore private funding options.

12. Support the development of the proposed Pullman Farmer's Market.

13. Discontinue the Walk of Fame sidewalk plaques pending consideration of location alternatives.

14. Consider requiring closing agents to collect final utility bill payments during property sales closings and when leases end.

15. Consider making needed repairs to the City Hall façade.

16. Adopt an urban growth area (UGA) map for the year 2060 and amend the Comprehensive Plan to accommodate this revised UGA map.

17. Revise the effective date of business registration and rental registration and then provide regular updates on registration compliance.

18. Explore creating a separate city taxi licensing ordinance.

19. Review the sign ordinance especially for businesses that have closed.

20. Consider input from department heads in exploring options for the federal stimulus packages.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Bloom moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to adjourn the special meeting of the City Council.

Motion Carried.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the special meeting of the City Council at 8:13 p.m.