MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN
MARCH 31, 2009

Roll Call

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pullman was held on March 31, 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
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 Paul moved, Councilmember Heath seconded to excuse Councilmembers Bloom and Wright. The motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

Mayor Johnson made five announcements.

Reports

Stormwater Billing Implementation Report

Mayor Johnson announced that a report is scheduled on the stormwater billing implementation. Public Works Director Workman presented the staff report. Mayor Johnson asked what the call volume was that has been received from Pullman citizens regarding their stormwater bills. Public Works Director and Stormwater Services Programs Manager Buchert responded.

Stormwater Issues Update Report

Mayor Johnson announced that a report is scheduled on stormwater issues. City Supervisor Sherman presented the staff report which included a description of Pullman's efforts to lessen the amount of stormwater regulation, Department of Ecology's public hearing schedule, and Pullman's request of the Department of Ecology for a two-year delay to the implementation of the stormwater permit regulations.

Councilmember Benjamin noted that the wording in City Supervisor Sherman's memo that states the Governor's office could not exempt Pullman from the Phase II requirements should be changed to would not exempt. Councilmember Benjamin acknowledged Representatives Schmick and Cox and Senator Schoesler's efforts seeking relief for Pullman under the Phase II requirements.

City Supervisor Sherman noted the penalties that may be assessed if the City of Pullman chooses not to comply with the Stormwater Phase II requirements. Councilmember Waldrop thanked City Supervisor Sherman, Public Works Director Workman, and Stormwater Services Program Manager Buchert for their work on the issue because the permit is arbitrary and capricious and there was not a cost-benefit analysis performed. Councilmember Waldrop shared a article from the

Pullman-Moscow Daily News about the phosphate ban in Spokane County and an article from the *Whitman County Gazette* describing the litigation between farming groups and the EPA regarding the course particulate regulations under the Clean Air Act.

Councilmember Weller noted that the stormwater regulations are just the beginning and it won't be long before smaller towns and cities have to follow the regulations.

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 Weller 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 Waldrop moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried.

Motions

Minutes - March 7, 2009

1. The Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the special meeting of March 7, 2009, and approved them as submitted.

Minutes - March 10, 2009

2. The Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 10, 2009.

Claim for Damages - Bell

3. The Council referred a Claim for Damages for submitted by DeeAna S. Bell for an undetermined amount to the Washington State Transit Insurance Pool (WSTIP).

Grant Funding For Police

4. The Council authorized an External Memorandum of Understanding for the purposes of grant funding for activities related to violence risk reduction, enforcement, response, and victim services.

Resolutions

Resolution No. R-12-09 - Public Hearing Date

5. Resolution No. R-12-09

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY SURPLUS TO THE NEEDS OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN AND AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF SAID SURPLUS PROPERTY, TO-WIT: BICYCLES TO INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION, A NON-PROFIT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION.

Resolution No. R-12-09 was adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 6. R-13-09 - Accelerated Streets Resurfacing

Resolution No. R-13-09

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF POE ASPHALT PAVING, INC. FOR ACCELERATED STREETS RESURFACING 2009 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE CONTRACT FOR SAID PROJECT.

Resolution No. R-13-09 was adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 7. R-14-09 - Sidewalks 2009

Resolution No. R-14-09

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF M.L. ALBRIGHT & SONS, INC. FOR SIDEWALKS 2009 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE CONTRACT FOR SAID PROJECT.

Resolution No. R-14-09 was adopted unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

Public Hearing

Resolution No. 8. R-15-09 - Amend the Transportation Improvement Program

Mayor Johnson announced that a public hearing is scheduled to amend the Transportation Improvement Program. Public Works Director Workman presented the staff report describing the need to amend the 2009-2014 Transportation Improvement Program so that federal economic stimulus monies can be accepted. Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing. There were no comments. Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing.

Resolution No. R-15-09 by title only reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF PULLMAN FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2009 THROUGH 2014.

Councilmember Waldrop moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-15-09. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinances

Ordinance No. 9. 09-9 - Restricted Monetary Donation

Mayor Johnson announced that an ordinance has been prepared accepting a restricted monetary donation. Finance Director Woo presented the staff report. There were no questions.

Ordinance No. 09-9 by title only reads as follows:

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A RESTRICTED MONETARY DONATION FROM INLAND NORTHWEST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FROM THE SHIRROD FAMILY MEMORIAL FUND TO THE NEILL PUBLIC LIBRARY TO SUPPORT THE SHIRROD HERITAGE ADDITION.

Councilmember Benjamin moved, Councilmember Heath seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 09-9. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 10. 09-10 - Budget Amendment

Mayor Johnson announced that an ordinance has been prepared amending the 2009 budget. Finance Director Woo presented the staff report. Councilmember Heath and Finance Director Woo discussed the proposed cost of benefits within the stormwater budget. Mayor Johnson asked how many maintenance and operations staff would be

transferred to the stormwater budget. Finance Director Woo responded.

Ordinance No. 09-10 by title only reads as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 08-23 ADOPTED DECEMBER 9, 2008, AND ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PULLMAN FOR THE YEAR 2009”.

Councilmember Waldrop moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 09-10. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution

Resolution No. R-16-09 - College Hill Arterial Reconstruction Project

11. Mayor Johnson announced that a resolution had been prepared authorizing a project prospectus and local agency agreement for the College Hill Arterial Reconstruction Project. Public Works Director Workman presented the staff report which included descriptions of the projects that Pullman applied for stimulus funding. There were no questions.

Resolution No. R-16-09 by title only reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FINANCE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A PROJECT PROSPECTUS AND LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR THE COLLEGE HILL ARTERIAL RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

Councilmember Benjamin moved, Councilmember Waldrop seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-16-09. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion

U.S. Department of Justice Grant Application

12. Mayor Johnson announced that a grant application had been prepared with the U.S. Department of Justice, Justice Administration for an evidence bar coding system. Police Chief Weatherly presented a staff report which included a summary of the Justice Administration grant and the positive impact the evidence bar coding system will have on police staff. Councilmember Weller asked if the 30 to 50 percent savings in officer time spent on evidence could be put in terms of dollar savings. Police Chief Weatherly responded. Councilmember Weller asked if the bar coding system would be linked to any federal data bases to assist in investigations. Police Chief Weatherly responded.

Councilmember Paul thanked Chief Weatherly and other staff for all their efforts in applying for grant funding.

Councilmember Benjamin asked if the other bar coding systems that were considered had staff savings associated with them. Police Chief Weatherly responded. Councilmember Benjamin asked if the vendor for the laptop had been decided. Police Chief Weatherly responded. Councilmember Benjamin noted that there are software maintenance charges for 2010 but not for 2009. Police Chief Weatherly responded. Councilmember Weller asked if there were any other requirements associated with the grant. Police Chief Weatherly responded.

Jo Mark, Terrace Estates, asked if the City can use WSU criminal justice interns within the new evidence bar coding system. Mayor Johnson and Police Chief Weatherly responded.

Eileen Macoll asked if the Police Guild had been informed of the new system. Police Chief Weatherly and Police Commander Tennant responded.

Dave Gibney noted that the $1,500 estimate for the laptop seemed high and that the estimate included sales tax for the City of Seattle instead of Pullman. Mayor Johnson responded.

Councilmember Waldrop moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to authorize the grant application. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Johnson described his recent AWC trip to Washington, D.C. that included meetings with Representative McMorris Rodgers and Senators Murray and Cantwell on stimulus grants.

Discussions

Emergency Communications Committee

13. Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion is scheduled on the Emergency Communications Committee. Fire Chief Wilkins provided background information on the Emergency Communications Committee and introduced Fran Martin, Whitman County Emergency Management Director, and Steve Krigbaum, Emergency Communications Manger. Ms. Martin presented a report on the 2008 and 2009 Emergency Communications budgets. Councilmember Waldrop asked for additional details on the capital budget project. Ms. Martin responded. Mayor Johnson noted that the reserve level is not reflected in the budget handout. Ms. Martin responded. Councilmember Benjamin and Ms. Martin discussed the amount of the reserve and average sales tax collections for the Emergency Communications.

Councilmember Heath, Mayor Johnson, Fire Chief Wilkins, and Ms. Martin discussed the differences between salary and benefit budgets in 2008 and 2009. Councilmember Benjamin noted that the 2009 budget projects a reserve of $0 which does not coincide with the income projections. Ms. Martin responded. Councilmember Benjamin asked what future projects are envisioned and how they will be funded. Ms. Martin responded.

Steve Krigbaum presented a report that described capital projects, minor repairs, operations, and designs for future projects. Mayor Johnson noted interoperability concerns and asked for an update on the digital radio upgrades. Mr. Krigbaum responded. Councilmember Benjamin asked if the proposed towers have secured microwave licenses. Mr. Krigbaum responded. Councilmember Paul asked if all of the emergency services agencies in the area can communication. Mr. Krigbaum responded.

Ms. Martin described existing infrastructure efforts. 2010 Census

14. Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion is scheduled on the 2010 census. Planning Director Dickinson presented background information and introduced Duane Wakan from the U.S. Census Bureau. Mr. Wakan presented a report that

Presentation

described the history of the census and a description of the census process. Mr. Wakan asked the City Council to communicate three things to their citizens. One, a multi-language questionnaire is available. Two, the importance of the census and three, that participation in the census is safe. He described the confidentiality policies of the Census Bureau. Councilmember Waldrop asked how illegal immigrants will be accounted for. Mr. Wakan responded. Councilmember Weller thanked Mr. Wakan for the presentation and noted that he has coworkers that will be involved in the 2010 census.

Mayor Johnson and Mr. Wakan discussed the recent Census Bureau issue that occurred on Moscow Mountain. Mayor Johnson noted that the Lentil Festival and 4th of July are examples of community events in which the Census Bureau can do community outreach. Councilmember Benjamin asked how citizens could apply for the Census Bureau positions. Mr. Wakan responded. Councilmember Paul, Councilmember Benjamin, and City Supervisor described the alignment of the City of Pullman wards with the census. Mr. Wakan noted that there are maps to help the City Council with the U.S. Census community development.

College Hill Discussion

15. Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion is scheduled on College Hill. City Supervisor Sherman updated the Council on events that have occurred since the February 24 University District vote and asked for City Council direction in conducting a public hearing on April 28 relating to parking issues. City Council concurred.

Public Works Director Workman presented an update on sidewalk safety improvements made on College Hill and other areas of Pullman. Public Works Director Workman presented an update on the lighting safety issues on College Hill. Councilmember Weller asked if the nondecorative lights could be lowered for cost savings instead of using expensive decorative lights. Public Works Director Workman responded. Councilmember Weller asked if there had been any communication with Avista to use solar powered lighting. Public Works Director Workman responded.

Mayor Johnson asked what the arrangement was for ongoing maintenance costs for street lighting. Public Works Director Workman responded. Councilmember Weller asked if a query could be made to Avista regarding solar powered lights. Public Works Director Workman responded. City Supervisor Sherman noted that Avista would be making a presentation to the City Council on April 28 and said that solar power lighting could be added to the discussion.

Planning Director Dickinson presented an update on the College Hill Tomorrow Program and the Certified Local Government Program. Planning Director Dickinson made comments on the use of College Hill Committees. Councilmember Benjamin noted that the neighborhood plan was scheduled to come before Council in June but asked if it was possible to have the plan presented on the 28th of April to coincide with the parking discussion. Planning Director Dickinson responded.

City Supervisor Sherman asked for a timeline of public discussions on the draft neighborhood plan because of concerns of conducting public discussions while WSU was not in session. Planning Director Dickinson responded. Mayor Johnson suggested that if some hearings were necessary that they be conducted during the first six weeks of summer to coordinate with the busy summer session.

City Supervisor Sherman made closing comments that the City would be taking the lead on College Hill issues and WSU would act in a support role. Councilmember Weller stated that the College Hill issues were multitiered and emphasized the importance of involving the general student population.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Johnson noted that the Arts Commission provided final banner designs and was seeking approval. Mayor Johnson suggested that more separation be made between the words Pullman and celebrate.

Councilmember Benjamin asked for comments on the change from the script font. City Supervisor Sherman responded. Council concurred to approve the banner design with the separation between Pullman and celebrate.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Paul 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 9:45 p.m.