

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN
OCTOBER 23, 2012

Roll Call

A joint meeting of the City Council of the City of Pullman and the Associated Students of Washington State University was held on October 23, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall, Pullman, Washington with the following present:

City of Pullman

Glenn A. Johnson	Mayor
Bill Mulholland	Finance Director
Francis Benjamin	Councilmember
Jeff Hawbaker	Councilmember
Fritz Hughes	Councilmember
Bill Paul	Councilmember
Derrick Skaug	Councilmember
Nathan Weller	Councilmember
Pat Wright	Councilmember

Roll was taken for ASWSU. Senators Maria Delane, Sara Tuomy, and Cody Nelson were absent.

Call to Order

Mayor Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Announcements

Mayor Johnson decided to do announcements before the discussion rather than after. There were five announcements.

Meeting with ASWSU

Off-Campus
Garbage Cans

3. Devon Felsted from Pullman Disposal had a previous commitment so they moved him to the first position. One of the senators questioned about trash cans on the hill. What could they do about getting more? Mr. Felsted said that customers are the ones who dictate the number and size of containers. Senator Claus said they need trash cans at bus stops. Transit Manager Thornton stated they have one trash can on campus at a Pullman Transit bus stop. They also have trash cans at all the sheltered stops. Senator Farmer stated that some areas do not have any recycling containers. Mr. Felsted said that part of the cost of their trash collection is recycling, so it is no additional cost having the cans. He also said that at the end of the spring semester, we would be going to co-mingled recyclables. Councilmember Hughes noted that he saw about 75 college-age people picking up garbage. Vice-President Skaug said that several groups pick up garbage in an "Adopt a Block" program as part of the College Hill Association.

Housing

1. The question was how to help students who are first-time renters, parking issues, and visitation passes. Police Chief Jenkins replied that they are working on parking issues right now. When they originally brought this up to Council several weeks ago, they realized that each particular area has its own parking issues, so he is addressing parking for the individual areas. He said they are working on expanding visitor passes on the College Hill

area.

Eileen Macoll, Landlord-Tenant Association, addressed renting apartments. She said that on November 15 they are putting on classes covering twelve topics affecting renting. This will include maintenance, labor requirements, and such. It will address issues that tenants have with landlords.

One of the Senators mentioned that the cleanliness of apartments might not be up to the same standards as in Seattle. Eileen Macoll addressed that, stating they need to use a checklist when they move in. If they have a lease that requires certain things be done and they weren't done, then they need to have the landlord perform them.

Building Inspector Colvig said that landlords or tenants can request inspections from the City as long as it is a matter of life or safety.

Eileen Macoll suggested they go to the CUB for the housing fair when it is here.

Mayor Johnson noted the importance of rental insurance. Acting City Supervisor Workman gave a brief update on some of the construction that will help alleviate the housing shortage.

Public Safety
Including Downtown
Safety

2. Police Chief Jenkins said that there is really no serious crime downtown. Some minor theft and credit card fraud, but nothing really is going on downtown otherwise. He gave an update on the security camera grant and said that they would just have one, as they do now, College Hill officer for this next year.

Fire Chief LaVielle made comments on watching out for each other with alcohol. There are a lot of alcohol-related ambulance calls that could be avoided if individuals would watch out for each other.

Transit Issues

4. The senators wanted to know if fees were increased, would they be able to expand bus services during peak hours. Transit Manager Thornton said the options are limited. He explained that most of the 18 buses are being used everyday. One bus broke down recently and is under repair in Spokane. He said that expanding services during the day pretty much is not going to happen for awhile. He said, however, nighttime, weekend, or summer service could be expanded. He said the Council approved three new hybrid buses for next year and they will replace the older buses, but the fleet will increase only by one. He said that with another \$1,000,000 a year or ten more buses we could do a lot more.

Pullman-Moscow
Regional Airport

5. This was addressed by Mayor Johnson who talked of the runway extension as well as supporting and utilizing the airport.

Higher Education
Funding

6. Vice-President Skaug noted that President Floyd was trying to keep tuition at CPI. He also mentioned the successful voting campaign that saw 9,000 college students register to vote this year. WSU beat out University of Washington, having 1,865 voters registered here.

Sustainability 7. They had previously addressed most of these issues with Devon Felsted of Pullman Disposal.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements 8. Senator Farmer addressed this. She is looking for increased bike lanes. They like trails and paths, but they would like to see more streets with bike lanes. Acting City Supervisor Workman addressed that, saying that there are areas that when they are redoing roads will have bike lanes put on them, but a lot of the streets are too narrow and nothing can be done about that. Mayor Johnson also mentioned they are looking at bike racks for downtown.

Councilmember Weller said that WSU was looking at trails and the City was close to having a bike-friendly City designation. Councilmember Benjamin thought the students need to identify the most important and most needed areas for bike lanes for the students. One of the senators suggested maybe using a third of the sidewalks for bikes. Acting City Supervisor Workman stated that we really try to keep bikes off the sidewalks.

ASWSU Update Councilmember Skaug, also the ASWSU Vice President, said they had completed the 30 Days of Pullman Event. It was very successful. This was done in September and there are already people looking to be included in it for next year. It is the 25th anniversary of the multi-cultural center. They donated \$1,000 to Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse.

Senator Hennessey said that the change in the old representative method of senators to the new college representatives added three more senators. One of the programs they are working on is "Take Back the Night". The senator responsible for internal relations said that activity was very light, they did work with the budget committee, and the student entertainment board. The senator, representing external relations, was involved in planning this meeting, planning a dinner with President Floyd, and a Hot Chocolate with the Senators night.

The Finance Committee headed by Senator Powell, handles finance and works with the budget committee. Internal relations sets the budget for all the committees. They are looking at cutting back on funding for non-profit events, to ensure that the funds are spent in a proper matter.

In the wrap up by the senators, they expressed gratitude for these meetings and said they have become a tradition at WSU and the City.

At 8:55 p.m. the meeting was recessed for a six-minute break to reset the meeting room.

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 Weller seconded to read the Consent Agenda.

Motion Carried.

Acting City Supervisor Workman 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 the Council.

There were none. Councilmember Hughes moved, Councilmember Hawbaker seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried.

Motions

- Minutes - October 16, 2012 10 The Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of October 16, 2012, and approved them as submitted.
- Holbrook Water-Line Complete 11. The Council accepted as complete Contract No. 12-07, Holbrook Waterline.

REGULAR AGENDA

Public Hearing

- Ordinance No. 12-19 - Alley Vacation 12. Mayor Johnson announced that a public hearing is scheduled for the vacation of a portion of an alley. Deputy Public Works Director Gardes presented the staff report and recommended they approve the vacation.

Councilmember Benjamin asked why there is only a partial option, stating it would make sense to vacate the whole alley. Deputy Public Works Director Gardes said it was all that WSU had requested.

Ordinance No. 12-19 by title only reads as follows:

AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE NORTHEASTERN PORTION OF THE ALLEY PARALLEL TO STATE STREET AND GRAND AVENUE OF BLOCK 48 IN THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF PULLMAN.

Councilmember Skaug moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 12-19. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance

- Budget Amendment 13. Mayor Johnson announced that an ordinance has been prepared amending the 2012 budget. Finance Director Mulholland presented the staff report and breakout of what was being requested and the reason for the increases.

Ordinance No. 12-20 by title only reads as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 11-18 ADOPTED DECEMBER 6, 2011, AND ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PULLMAN FOR THE YEAR 2012".

Councilmember Hughes moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 12-20. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Johnson asked if there was any new business from either the Council or audience. There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion Carried.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council at 9:14 p.m.