CITY OF PULLMAN | COUNCIL MEETING | FEBRUARY 28, 2012
COUNCIL CHAMBERS | AGENDA | 7:30 p.m.

City Motto: **HIGH** Tech, **HIGHER** Education, **HIGHEST** Quality of Life

City Mission Statement: The mission of the City of Pullman is to provide the highest quality of life through essential infrastructure, public safety, recreation, and welcoming growth within the constraints of fiscally responsible government.

The Pullman City Council welcomes you to tonight's meeting. The Council appreciates and encourages public participation. For regular agenda items, an opportunity for public comment is usually provided after the staff report. However, the formality of procedures varies with the purpose and subject of the agenda item; therefore, the Mayor may exercise discretion in deciding when to allow public comment during the course of the proceedings and limitations will be placed on the time allowed for comments. Citizens wishing to comment on business which is not on the agenda will be provided the opportunity to do so under NEW BUSINESS. If you plan to address the Council, you will find a list of "Tips for Addressing the Council" on the public information table in the City Council Chambers. Thank you for your interest in City government.

A. Roll Call: _____Francis Benjamin _____Bill Paul

_____Keith Bloom _____Nathan Weller

_____Jeff Hawbaker _____Pat Wright

B. Announcements

C. Confirmation of Appointment - Planning Commission

D. Consent Agenda

The items listed under 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 action.

Motions

1. Dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of February 14, 2012, and approve them as submitted.

2. A motion to refer a Claim for Damages submitted by Roy Murray for the sum of $1,376.74 to the Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA).

3. A motion to refer a Claim for Damages submitted by Progressive Direct Insurance Company as subrogee for Dee Ana S. Bell for the sum of $10,000 to the Washington State Transit Insurance Pool (WSTIP).

4. A motion to approve a Lodging Tax Grant to Palouse Summer Series in the amount of $27,700 for the Palouse Summer Series Baseball Tournaments.

5. A motion to approve the purchase of one 14-passenger Goshen minibus for the Pullman Senior Center from EK Coaches.

Resolution

6. Resolution No. R-14-12 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COST-SHARING AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE CITY OF PULLMAN FOR THE SR 270/AIRPORT ROAD CORRIDOR SEWER STUDY.

E. Regular Agenda

Presentations

7. Pullman 2020 Presentations
   a. Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)
   b. Pullman Regional Hospital
   c. Palouse Knowledge Corridor/Southeast Washington Economic Development Association (SEWEDA)

Findings of Fact, Resolution, and Ordinance

8a. Findings of Fact and Conclusions

8b. Resolution No. R-15-12 – A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE OFFICIAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN FROM WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY TO HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL FOR THE REAL ESTATE HEREIN DESCRIBED CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 3.7 ACRES LOCATED SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF NE TERRE VIEW DRIVE AND NE EASTGATE BOULEVARD ON COLLEGE HILL.

8c. Ordinance No. 12-3 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONE CLASSIFICATION FROM WSU TO R3 FOR THE REAL ESTATE HEREIN DESCRIBED CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 3.7 ACRES LOCATED SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF NE TERRE VIEW DRIVE AND NE EASTGATE BOULEVARD ON COLLEGE HILL.

Ordinance

9. Ordinance No. 12-4 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN, WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO LICENSES AND TAXATION, AMENDING PULLMAN CITY CODE CHAPTER 6.95 AND PULLMAN CITY ORDINANCE 08-14, (2008), AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 6.95.100, REQUIRING REGISTRATION FOR ALL PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE PRODUCTION, PROCESSING, DISTRIBUTION OR COLLECTIVE CULTIVATION OF MARIJUANA FOR MEDICAL USE AS PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 69.51A R.C.W, ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS FOR SAID BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO.

Motion

10. A motion to authorize an application for a federal SAFER grant for three new firefighter positions.

Discussions

11. Year-End Report

12. Property Tax Update

13. City Council Vacancy

Ward II Council Selection

14a. Candidate Interviews

14b. Executive Session on Candidate Selection to Discuss Qualifications

14C. Nomination and Vote on Appointment

14d. Oath of Office

F. New Business

Members of the public may bring items of new business to the attention of the Council under this agenda item. However, we strongly encourage advising the Mayor or City Supervisor of your intention prior to the meeting to ensure the item is properly an item of new business and, if not, if the matter could be addressed in some other manner.

G. Tentative Council Agenda for March 6, 2012
Set Public Hearing Date for Emerald Pointe donation
Public Hearing - Single-Stream Recycling
Executive Session - Labor Negotiations

Tentative Planning Commission Agenda for March 28, 2012
Center Street Rezone
High/McKenzie Street Rezone

Tentative Board of Adjustment Agenda for March 19, 2012
No Business Scheduled at this Time

THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ARE ACCESSIBLE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. PERSONS REQUIRING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS, SHOULD CONTACT THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT BEFORE 5:00 P.M. THE MONDAY PRECEDING THE COUNCIL MEETING. THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT IS LOCATED ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF CITY HALL, 325 SE PARADISE STREET, PULLMAN, WA 99163. TELEPHONE NUMBER 338-3209 or 338-3208, FAX NUMBER 334-2751, ADD NUMBER 7-1-1.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: City Councilmembers

FROM: Glenn A. Johnson, Mayor

RE: Confirmation of Appointment

DATE: February 28, 2012

The Council is requested to confirm this appointment.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Marcus Crossler, P.O. Box 222, Pullman, 338-5131 is appointed to a term expiring on December 31, 2017.

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN
FEBRUARY 14, 2012

Roll Call

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pullman was held on February 14, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall, Pullman, Washington with the following present:

Glenn A. Johnson	Mayor
William F. Mulholland	Finance Director
Francis Benjamin	Councilmember
Keith Bloom	Councilmember
Jeff Hawbaker	Councilmember
Bill Paul	Councilmember
Nathan Weller	Councilmember

Call to Order

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

Motion Carried.

Announcements

There were two announcements.

Report

Architecture Students on Welcome Area

Mayor Johnson announced that a report is scheduled by architecture students on the welcome area in Pullman. The presentation was done by Amanda Kennedy and Adam Waller. They are having a welcome sign design competition. Councilmember Bloom asked if there was a preliminary cost analysis, which they said they did. Councilmember Benjamin mentioned that they should get with the Scenic Byways for help with ideas. Mayor Johnson said that he had seen other cities where signs would welcome individuals in various languages which he thought would be a good idea seeing as we have twenty to thirty different dialects spoken here.

Selection of Mayor Pro Tempore and Alternate Mayor Pro Tempore

Mayor Johnson announced that the selection of the Mayor Pro Tempore and Alternate Mayor Pro Tempore is scheduled.

Councilmember Benjamin moved, Councilmember Bloom seconded to appoint Councilmember Hawbaker as Mayor Pro Tempore and Councilmember Paul as

Alternate Mayor Pro Tempore. The motion carried unanimously.

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 Weller 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 the Council. Councilmember Bloom requested that item No. 10, Resolution No. R-11-12, be removed for separate discussion. Mayor Johnson so ordered. Councilmember Paul moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to adopt items 1 through 9 and 11 on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Carried.

Motions

Minutes - January 31, 2012

1. The Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of January 31, 2012, and approved them as submitted.

Accounts Payable, Payroll, and Electronic Transfers - February, 2012

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 - Norman

3. The Council referred a Claim for Damages submitted by Christopher P. Norman, Jr. for the sum of $601.22 to the Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA).

Grant from Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs	4.	The Council authorized a Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) Traffic Safety Equipment grant in the amount of $3,000 to fund the purchase of one Lidar (radar) unit.
Change Order On Microwave Radio System Design and Installation Contract	5.	The Council ratified Change Order No. 1 to the Microwave Radio System Design and Installation contract.
Change Order On North Grand Widening - Nye to Ritchie	6.	The Council ratified Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 08-14, North Grand Widening - Nye to Ritchie.
Accelerated Streets Resurfacing 2011 Complete	7.	The Council accepted as complete Contract No. 11-11, Accelerated Streets Resurfacing 2011.
Public Hearing Date - Emerald Pointe Park Donation	8.	The Council set March 20, 2012, as the date for a pubic hearing to consider and take action on the acceptance of the Emerald Pointe Park donation.

Resolutions

Resolution No. R-10-12 - Sanitary Sewer Line Easement	9.	Resolution No. R-10-12 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A SANITARY SEWER LINE EASEMENT FROM BETTY J. MILLHAM. Resolution No. R-10-12 was adopted unanimously.
Resolution No. R-12-12 - Grant from Department of Ecology	11.	Resolution No. R-12-12 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PALOUSE BASIN MONITORING WELL GRANT FROM WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY. Resolution No. R-12-12 was adopted unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

Resolution

Resolution No. R-11-12 - SR 270/Airport Road Corridor Sewer Study	10.	Mayor Johnson announced that Councilmember Bloom had removed this item from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion. Councilmember Bloom wanted this item pulled to highlight the fact that WSU administration was in agreement with the concept. Resolution No. R-11-12 by title only reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PULLMAN AND TAYLOR ENGINEERING, INC. FOR THE SR 270/AIRPORT ROAD CORRIDOR SEWER STUDY.

Councilmember Bloom moved, Councilmember Weller seconded to approve Resolution No. R-11-12. The motion carried unanimously.

Presentations

Pullman 2020 Presentations

12. Mayor Johnson announced that the Council has two Pullman 2020 presentations scheduled.

Avista Utilities

Paul Kimmel, Avista Utilities, mentioned that Avista had just announced a 6 percent decrease in natural gas prices. He noted that Avista serves over 500,000 customers in three states and has served the area for 123 years. He noted Avista's efforts to provide reasonably cheap energy to homes and businesses. He said that the average residential bill is right in the middle of the pack of northwest cities at $78.83 in Washington. The national average is $121.08. It is really favorable with their costs per thousand kilowatt hours. Energy demands are changing. Today's homes have 35 devices plugged in. He noted that the forces shaping the future of energy were wide demand for energy, raising costs, and climate change. We want more value for our dollar and new renewable resources are preferred. Direct use of natural gas where possible supports an energy efficiency economy and smart grid technology also helps. The new bottom line is new policies and growing demand are driving the marginal cost higher for new energy supply and higher cost means new behaviors, new technologies, and new efficiencies will be ever more important and a new era of energy is upon us. He talked briefly on the smart grid and the future of the Pullman Smart Grid Demonstration project. He noted that Avista is in the top five utilities of the fifteen higher performing domestic utility companies.

Councilmember Bloom commented on the Smart Grid and noted how effectively he has seen it work in his own neighborhood. Councilmember Weller said that some of his constituents had concerns about the meter reading. Mr. Kimmel said that he would be more than happy to talk to the individuals. Mayor Johnson asked if they are getting any help with trying to get hydro being reclassified as a

renewable source. Mr. Kimmel noted that at this time, no.

Whitman County Landlord Tenant Association

Eileen Macoll, Whitman County Landlord-Tenant Association, gave an excellent review on all that they had been trying to achieve in the area. Councilmember Bloom noted that he was on board and that her organization had worked with landlords to clean up dwellings within the City. Councilmember Paul echoed the sentiments of Councilmember Bloom that working with the groups had cleaned up several areas. Councilmember Weller said that he appreciated their work. Councilmember Benjamin inquired about vacancy rates. Ms. Macoll said that the vacancy rates were consistent and is currently about four to five percent. Councilmember Weller said there were several houses that were "party houses" in his neighborhood and what could be done. Ms. Macoll stated that absolutely nothing because there is a contract with the individuals. They are legally able to contract and the landlords really cannot do anything as long as they comply with the language in the contract.

Resolution

Resolution No. R-13-12 - Secondary Process Improvements Project

13. Mayor Johnson announced that a resolution had been prepared rejecting the bid of Williams Brother Construction, Inc. and awarding the bid to Apollo, Inc. for the Secondary Process Improvements project. Public Works Director Workman went through the process of what occurred with the bid and the reason for the rejection. The CFO of Williams Brother, Rick Edwards, asked to address the Council. He tried to explain the reasons for leaving off one of the vendors on the bid. Public Works Director Workman agreed with him that they had met all the State requirements. Local requirements for the bid needed the names of all subcontractors. This was not done.

Councilmember Bloom wanted to know if they had a prebid meeting, which they had.

Resolution No. R-13-12 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION REJECTING THE BID OF WILLIAMS BROTHER CONSTRUCTION, LLC AND ACCEPTING THE BID OF APOLLO, INC. FOR THE SECONDARY PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE CONTRACT FOR SAID PROJECT.