CITY OF PULLMAN | COUNCIL MEETING | MARCH 6, 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

_____Fritz Hughes

B. Announcements

C. 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 special meeting of February 22, 2012, and approve them as submitted.

2. A motion to approve Accounts Payable Checks, Payroll Checks, and Electronic Transfers for March, 2012.

Ordinance

3. Ordinance No. 12-5 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 11-15 TO CORRECT THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION AND MAP ATTACHED AS EXHIBITS RELATING TO THE ANNEXATION OF REAL PROPERTY BY THE CITY OF PULLMAN AND OTHER MATTER RELATED THERETO.

D. Regular Agenda

Public Hearing

4. A public hearing on Single-Stream Recycling.

Motion

5. A motion to authorize the expenditure of up to $30,000 from the Restricted CIP Reserve for the replacement of vehicle 94-008, a Jeep Cherokee used by the Fire Department.

Discussion

6. Rescheduling of City Council Retreat

E. 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.

F. Executive Session - Labor Negotiations

G. Tentative Council Agenda for March 13, 2012 - Canceled

Tentative Council Agenda for March 20, 2012
Public Hearing on Acceptance of Emerald Pointe Park Donation
Pullman 2020 Presentations - Whitman County, ASWSU, and Port of Whitman
City Council Recognition - Barney Waldrop and Keith Bloom

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.

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN
FEBRUARY 22, 2012

Roll Call

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Pullman and the Associated Students of Washington State University was held on February 22, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. in the CUB Junior Ballroom, on the WSU Campus, Pullman, Washington with the following present:

Glenn A. Johnson	Mayor
William F. Mulholland	Finance Director
Francis Benjamin	Councilmember
Jeff Hawbaker	Councilmember
Nathan Weller	Councilmember
Pat Wright	Councilmember

Call to Order

Roll was taken of the ASWSU Senators. All were present except for Cheyenne Gaspar who had asked to be excused. She was excused from the meeting.

Roll was taken for the City Council. All were present except Bill Paul and Keith Bloom. Both had asked to be excused from the meeting.

Councilmember Benjamin moved, Councilmember Weller seconded to excuse Councilmembers Bloom and Paul from the meeting.

Motion Carried.

Discussion Items

Legislative Issues

1. ASWSU Vice-President Amanda Spaulding and Senator Derrick Skaug talked about their recent legislative trip to Olympia. They asked the Council how to present positions to the legislature. Councilmember Benjamin indicated that the best way was for a quick and concise statement request so that it could be easily passed to various legislators.

   Mayor Johnson noted that there had been legislative budget cuts of $16,000,000 to critical access hospitals, one of which is Pullman Regional.

   City Supervisor Sherman talked about higher education. He also noted that in the current

proposed bill it appeared that the tuition increase for this year would only be in the 2 to 3 percent range, which was welcome relief.

Senator Nick Ramirez also talked on higher education. Mayor Johnson noted that he had heard many comments from the Association of Washington Cities on presentations that the students had put on for the legislators and how well they were prepared and how knowledgeable they were.

Public Safety Issues

2. Police Chief Jenkins went through his memorandum highlighting some of the important items. The City had received a grant for the "Smart Policing Initative" in the amount of $300,000 with no matching local funds required. This is a Federal Department of Justice project over a two-year period for the installation of cameras. As part of the grant agreement, we had to partner with an accredited Criminal Justice Educational Community. Washington State Institute for Criminal Justice at WSU with the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology is a subgrantee and will work in the areas of program implementation, crime analysis, statistics, and performance measures. He stated that initial analysis reveals the area around Adams Mall as the area in Pullman with the highest concentration of grant targeted incidents, public disturbances, and serious assaults. Other potential locations include Colorado, California, and "A" and "B" Streets. Additional research will be conducted to further refine and analyze to determine a specific location. He said that Pullman PD is developing video-policing policies to establish best practice on authorized use of cameras and video as well as addressing privacy concerns. They have had two meetings to obtain input to provide policy development. The third meeting will be co-hosted by ASWSU and ASWSU Advisory Board and is scheduled for March 21 from noon to 1:00 p.m. in the CUB Lair.

Police Chief Jenkins talked about the College Hill officers, Heidi Lambley and Chris Engle, and their continued full-time assignment on College Hill. They meet regularly with WSU staff and WSU Police Department to exchange information about student conduct off campus and WSU staff works cooperatively with Pullman PD to address student contact issues from a WSU disciplinary perspective. The consistent presence of College Hill officers with the relationship building approach has resulted in positive impacts on WSU

student conduct off campus. The ultimate result has improved quality of life for Pullman residents. He went through the chart on crime activities on College Hill. He noted that there has been a 74 percent decrease in vehicle prowl reports, but code violations are up 321 percent. The police department was taking a more proactive approach with code violation enforcement, especially nuisance code violations that result from trash associated with parties and disturbances. He noted that at the City Council meeting on February 14, Councilmember Weller described an incident that occurred near his residence. It was a large party involving WSU football players resulting in a fight and damage to his fence, broken bottles and other debris left by party goers. He said that there was an increasing trend in parties resulting in trash, glass, people vomiting in streets, and urinating in the yards. Police responded to this particular incident. The responsible person at the residence was later issued an infraction for violation of the party nuisance ordinance. Since then, Jenkins had met with WSU football coach Leach and U of I Akey to develop a positive cooperative dialogue to address the conduct of their football students in Pullman. He also talked about his frequent contact with ASWSU President Riley Myklebust and Vice-President Amanda Spaulding. He believes this has developed a positive working relationship that advances public safety for WSU students and the entire community. He said that ASWSU had recently joined with the Kiwanis Club to donate funds to purchase "Beer Goggles" otherwise known as a Fatal Visions starter kit that addresses alcohol impairment. He commended ASWSU for their commitment to student safety. Senator Skaug noted that he had apologized on behalf of ASWSU about the party next to Councilmember Weller's house at the last Council meeting. He asked Chief Jenkins if the assaults noted included sexual assaults. The Chief said that they did not. He didn't have that information at this time, but he could get it.

Mayor Johnson wanted it noted that with the installation of the cameras there were several people concerned about taking pictures of minors in possession. Chief Jenkins said no, their main emphasis was on more serious crimes.

Senator Ramirez wanted to know how the cameras would be utilized. Would they be viewed for

possible crimes or if a crime occurred for identification purposes. Police Chief Jenkins stated that they really hadn't set up parameters on it but primarily would be post review. Councilmember Weller noted the article in the Evergreen said he accused the football team for the altercation. He did not want to put a wedge between WSU and Pullman. He said the response to the incident and the causes behind it were addressed.

Mayor Johnson then gave a brief introduction to Fire Chief LaVielle. He also mentioned that students could become involved in the reserve program for the fire department. Fire Chief LaVielle talked briefly on his history in firefighting and what he hopes to achieve here in Pullman.

Senator Ramirez commented on crosswalks and lights and wanted to know if this would be expanded on other hills. Public Works Director Workman said they have worked with WSU and this would be a big project. ASWSU Vice-President Spaulding mentioned helping with grant writing for lighting crosswalks. Public Works Director Workman said that would be helpful. Street lighting has generally improved over the last few years. They have added additional lights, there is tree trimming and during the winter months at least once a month they drive through College Hill to spot lights that are out and get them replaced. Senator Skaug thought that the City was well lit.

Solid Waste

3. City Supervisor Sherman briefly talked on solid waste and recycling issues. He noted that at the Council meeting held November 15, 2011, a discussion had taken place on the issue of single-stream recycling. He also said that Councilmember Paul is our representative on the Whitman County Solid Waste Advisory Committee. He said that the City is hosting a public hearing on single-stream recycling at the Council meeting on Tuesday, March 6. The meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Senator Cockburn inquired about colored-glass recycling. City Supervisor Sherman said that there is a facility that does take that and part of the discussion with the Regional Recycle Center in Spokane is what they are doing with it. Senator Skaug asked about Councilmember Weller's comments about food contamination and asked about

composting for food products. He thought that the City should encourage more composting.

City Council Ward 2 Vacancy

4. City Supervisor Sherman noted that the application period for the vacant Ward 2 position will close on February 23. At present, they had three people that had applied. Bridgette Brady, Fritz Hughes, and Derrick Skaug. ASWSU Vice-President Spaulding had asked about requirements and City Supervisor Sherman explained that they had to be a registered voter, U.S. citizen age 18 or older at the time of the registration, and a resident of the City for a period of one year prior to the appointment. They must reside in Ward 2 on the date of his or her candidacy. He also brought up that there is another position that is open as Councilmember Bloom is departing and that information will be posted as to when the application period will close. He did note it is at-large, so anyone could apply who lives within the City limits.

Pullman Transit

5. Transit Manager Thornton stated that Pullman Transit had its best year with fixed-route ridership in 2011. They provided 1,529,380 rides, up 112,416 from 2010. Ridership averaged 60.7 passengers per hour for the year. Dial-A-Ride, for elderly and disabled, in 2011 had 17,733 rides for an increase of 1,420 rides from 2010. He said that as expected, the results of the continued increase in ridership has had an effect on on-time performance. To address this problem they started additional service on the "J" and South Routes and hope to keep them on schedule. We created a new service called Express Shuttle, designed to move as many riders as possible in the morning onto campus. The service is offered from 8:33 to 9:00 a.m. with four buses operating on 12-minute schedules and again between 9:40 and 10:15 a.m. with one bus. He said it has been very successful, averaging over 385 riders per day and the Express buses average almost 6,000 riders per day. They also instituted better access to Community Action Center, Fairmount Road, Walmart, and Harvest Drive by rerouting the "I" Route for all-day access and creating a new loop route. The loop route starts at 3:45 p.m. and runs until 9:15 p.m. and services Bishop Boulevard downtown, North Grand, and Stadium Way. He said that ridership was good, but will get better as more people learn how to use it. He said that they placed four 40-foot low-floor buses in service in 2010 and one 35-footer the same year. This

brings the fleet total to 10 low-floor buses that are less than 6 years old. They still have eight more to replace and they are looking at doing so. He stated that a contract had been approved with Gillig to supply Transit with 3 35-foot hybrid buses. He said there is a 16-month backlog of bus orders at this time, so they will not be in service until about the 2013 school year. He informed them that they are in the final process of getting our new GPS ABL system in place and up and running. It will be on the web in a few more weeks. Once the system is completed, installed, and available to the public, they will do a campaign to let everyone know how to access this service. They are anticipating offering a free app for smart phones when the system is complete.

Senator Hennessey wanted to know if they needed help in obtaining buses and he said he writes the grants and does get from ASWSU an endorsement for the buses which has been very helpful.

Senator Pruneda said he was a user of the system, but a lot of times it is crowded and he wanted to know the maximum compacity of the buses. He said the older buses run 60 to 65, the 35-footer 70, and the 40-footer 80 to 85. He also asked about the number of buses that they run on Express 1 and 2. Transit Manager Thornton said there are three buses on each of those at a time. He also questioned about the heavy snow day, that he missed a class because the buses were not there. Transit Manager Thornton said they had 15-buses operating, which they normally have. He said part of the problem with heavy snow days is they usually pick up 1,000 more riders and he noted that is a big part of the problem. He was told WSU had a problem clearing some of their streets. He said priority is given in Pullman to clearing arterials that have the bus routes on them.

Planning Issues 6. Planner Director Dickinson was not available. He had a conflict in meetings, so City Attorney McAloon went through his memo. She went through the history of the Certified Local Government program and stated that the City received a letter from the National Parks Service stating that Pullman had been formally designated as a Certified Local Government (CLG) on December 20, 2011. As a CLG, the City is now authorized to receive grant funds from the Federal government and technical assistance from the State to advance its historical preservation effort. A Historic Preservation Commission was formed in

March of last year and is currently working on a grant application to conduct an inventory of these historic properties on College Hill including the National Register Historic District there. She said that one of the implementation strategies of the College Hill Core Neighborhood Program adopted by the City Council in 2009 was to develop design standards for this part of the community to improve land use compatibility and enhance the appearance of the area. In October, the Planning Dept. hosted a meeting of stakeholders to obtain their feedback on their draft concept.

City Attorney McAloon brought up that construction of apartments was expected to increase. The number of university students in the community has expanded in the last twelve months by 1,000 and WSU has even expected higher enrollment in the coming fall semester. That normally we have approximately 142 apartment dwellings permitted in the course of a year. For 2012, there are already 468 in permit or construction, plus 6 townhouses for a total of 474. She brought up the 2020 visioning process and stated the Council hoped that ASWSU will take part in this program. She was asked about help they could give Planning. City Attorney McAloon said that City Planner Dickinson would love to get help with the grant writing. City Supervisor Sherman mentioned that they were trying to wrap up the 2020 process and have public meetings in April. On the issue of life on College Hill, Councilmember Benjamin wanted opinions of how life is on College Hill and interaction with the neighbors. ASWSU Vice-President Spaulding mentioned there are still problems with trash, but there is a group giving shovels and rakes that have helped clear the snow on the path and cleaned up the yard.

Senator Cockburn mentioned the narrow streets where they live which is over by where Councilmember Weller lives and the limited parking. Senator Skaug said in the area where he is living there is no problem and no violence. He is in an area with a heavy apartment concentration and while he is not in the College Hill area, there seems to be no problem there.

Senator Sangalang said they had worked on an Adopt-A-Block cleaning program, which had been going well.