

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2008

## Roll Call

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pullman was held on September 16, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall, Pullman, Washington with the following present:

Glenn A. Johnson	Mayor
Jane Joyce	Deputy City Clerk
Francis Benjamin	Councilmember
Keith Bloom	Councilmember
Ann Heath	Councilmember
Bill Paul	Councilmember
Barney Waldrop	Councilmember
Nathan Weller	Councilmember
Pat Wright	Councilmember

## Call to Order

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

## Announcements

Mayor Johnson made two announcements. ASWSU Senator Semon spoke about the "Cougars Rocking the Vote" program.

## 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 Wright 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 Wright moved, Councilmember Bloom seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried.

## Motions

Minutes - Sep-  
tember 9, 2008

1. The Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of September 9, 2008, and approved them as submitted.

Sunrise Terrace  
Sewer Complete

2. The Council accepted as complete Contract No. 07-09, Sunrise Terrace Sewer.

Lawson Gardens  
Concrete Pavers

3. The Council accepted as complete Contract No. 08-07, Lawson Gardens Concrete Pavers.

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| Change Order on North Grand Pavement Repair | 4. | The Council ratified Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 08-13, North Grand Pavement Repair. |
| North Grand Path and Maple Street Path      | 5. | The Council ratified Change Order No. 1 to North Grand Path and Maple Street Path.          |

**Resolution**

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| Resolution No. R-84-08 - Federal Transit Operating Grant | 6. | Resolution No. R-84-08<br><br>A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION OPERATING ASSISTANCE GRANT AGREEMENT (GCA5329) TO ADD FTA 5311 FUNDS AND STATE RURAL MOBILITY FUNDS.<br><br>Resolution No. R-84-08 was adopted unanimously. |
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**REGULAR AGENDA**

**Ordinance and Resolution**

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| Ordinance No. 08-16 - Parking and Resolution No. R-85-08 - Riverwalk Parking Lot Fees | 7. | Mayor Johnson announced that an ordinance and resolution had been prepared changing the parking regulations for the Riverwalk Parking lot. City Supervisor Sherman presented the staff report and thanked Mayor Johnson, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Tammy Lewis, and past Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Fritz Hughes for all their work on this project. He stated that the Council had agreed to sell an additional 30 permits with a limit of 5 per business at the last Council meeting. Public Works Director Workman presented a staff report and explained some restrictions on parking spaces.<br><br>Ordinance No. 08-16 by title only reads as follows:<br><br>AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE PARKING LOTS AND THE DOWNTOWN FREE PARKING ZONE; AMENDING PULLMAN CITY CODE 12.15.040 AND PULLMAN CITY ORDINANCES NOS. 82-12 §4 (1982); 87-12 §3 (1987); 87-37 §3, (1987); 93-8 §3 (1993); 95-10 §1 (1995); 97-32 §2 (1997); 98-12 §1 (1998); 99-28 §1 (1999); 03-4 §1 (2003); 03-12 §3 (2003); 04-12 §2 (2004); 05-17 §1 (2005); and 08-12 §2 (2008) RELATING TO TIME LIMITS FOR SAID CITY-OWNED PARKING LOTS AND THE DOWNTOWN FREE PARKING ZONE.<br><br>Councilmember Waldrop moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 08-16. The motion carried unanimously.<br><br>Resolution No. R-85-08 by title only reads as follows:<br><br>A RESOLUTION ADOPTING FEES FOR RIVERWALK PARKING LOT (ZONE R) PARKING PERMITS OFFERED BY THE CITY OF PULLMAN.<br><br>Councilmember Waldrop moved, Councilmember Wright seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-85-08. The motion carried unanimously. |
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**Discussions**

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| Riverwalk Parking Permits | 8. | Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion is scheduled on the Riverwalk Parking permits. |
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City Supervisor Sherman presented the staff report stating that the sale of 30 additional permits will begin on September 22. Councilmember Heath stated that if downtown business customers do not have enough parking she will be in favor of reducing the number of permits. Councilmember Weller stated that he had talked to the "Main Street Smoothie" and they are not receiving complaints from customers about parking. Councilmember Wright stated that employee parking is spread out. Councilmembers Wright and Bloom complimented the code enforcement officer for the enforcement of downtown parking and stated there are now places to park downtown. City Supervisor Sherman stated that the Daniel Street lot is now full and that the permits for the Riverwalk Parking lot will be reviewed in one year.

Schweitzer                    9.  
Engineering Labor-  
atories Presentation

Mayor Johnson announced that a presentation is now scheduled on Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories. He introduced Dr. Ed Schweitzer, President of Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories (SEL), who presented an overview of the company. Dr. Schweitzer stated he appreciated the job that the City of Pullman is doing and thanked the Public Works Department for its good job with snow removal last winter.

Dr. Schweitzer gave a PowerPoint presentation showing different electrical power areas that his company is involved with such as wind farms, oil platforms and refineries, substations, and Navy ships. He talked about the growth of Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories including new products and services, new markets, and geography. He presented statistics on employees, including the number of employees, the use of interns, and employee benefits including insurance and the need for more insurance companies in Washington.

He discussed the locations of SEL engineering offices, the 124 different countries that have SEL products, his investment in Pullman, and the benefits of company airplanes. He also discussed the need for a new hangar at the Pullman-Moscow airport. He announced that SEL's annual sales meeting will be held in Pullman on October 15 through 18, 2008.

Mayor Johnson thanked Dr. Schweitzer for his assistance in returning Whitcom Director Patti VonBargen to this area after her accident in Missouri.

Dr. Schweitzer talked about opportunities at SEL. He stated that only one in four employees reside in Pullman. He announced that he is building a new 30,000 square-foot building at his Pullman campus.

Dr. Schweitzer thanked the Council for the opportunity to address the community. Mayor Johnson thanked Dr. Schweitzer for everything he does for the community. Councilmember Weller thanked Dr. Schweitzer for his employee career opportunities. Councilmember Waldrop thanked Dr. Schweitzer for his company's employee benefits and care of employees. Councilmember Heath asked where the three out of four employees that do not reside in Pullman live. Dr. Schweitzer responded. Councilmember Heath asked why these employees do not live in Pullman. Dr. Schweitzer

responded. Councilmember Benjamin asked about SEL challenges. Dr. Schweitzer responded. City Supervisor Sherman thanked Dr. Schweitzer and stated it is good to see a company which was started in Pullman continue to grow. He thanked Dr. Schweitzer for his generosity to schools, the aquatic center, Terre View Park, and United Way.

Councilmember Paul thanked Dr. Schweitzer for all his community service. He stated Schweitzer Engineering is a success because they stand behind their products. He asked what is done in the Government Services Building. Dr. Schweitzer responded.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Councilmember Paul announced that Pullman Transit received the Golden Coach Award for a 77.32% reduction in loss frequency from 2005 to 2007. He thanked Pullman Transit for its service to the community.

Councilmember Waldrop stated that the Houston, Tex. disaster plan worked well during the recent hurricane and we should study their plan. City Supervisor Sherman and Mayor Johnson responded.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Bloom 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 8:34 p.m.