

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN
OCTOBER 28, 2008

Roll Call

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pullman was held on October 28, 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
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. He announced that Councilmembers Bloom and Heath would not be able to attend the meeting. Councilmember Paul moved, Councilmember Wright seconded to excuse Councilmembers Bloom and Heath.

Motion Carried.

Mayor Johnson welcomed ASWSU to the meeting. ASWSU Senator Pete Semon introduced himself and asked ASWSU Senators and Executives to introduce themselves.

Announcements

Mayor Johnson made two announcements. Senator Lauren Edholm announced that ASWSU is trying to promote diversity. Senator Lauren Edholm stated they would like to start this discussion framed with the following guidelines: this meeting is declared safe, regardless of sex, race, ethnicity, natural origin, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, religion, and/or age. Everyone will be treated and respected as a human being and a vital part of the Pullman Community. Ignorance, bigotry, bias, and discrimination will not be tolerated.

Senator Pete Semon announced that Governor Gregoire will be holding a rally on the Glen Terrell Mall at noon on November 1.

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 Benjamin 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. Councilmember Weller requested that item No. 1, minutes of October 21, 2008, have a word change in number 7. Mayor Johnson so ordered. Councilmember Benjamin moved, Councilmember Paul seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda, with item No. 1 amended.

Motion Carried.

Motions

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| Minutes - October 21, 2008 | 1. | The Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of October 21, 2008, and approved them as amended. |
| Claim for Damages - Wallace | 2. | The Council referred a Claim for Damages submitted by Shanna Wallace for the sum of \$3,555 to the Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA). |
| Change Order on Pullman City Hall Plaza Reconstruction | 3. | The Council ratified Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 07-19, Pullman City Hall Plaza Reconstruction. |
| Accelerated Street Resurfacing 2008 Complete | 4. | The Council accepted as complete Contract No. 08-11, Accelerated Street Resurfacing 2008. |

Resolution

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| Resolution No. R-87-08 - Utility Line Easement | 5. | Resolution No. R-87-08

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A UTILITY LINE EASEMENT FROM DUANE J. FISTER AND LYNN A. FISTER, TRUSTEES UNDER THE FISTER LIVING TRUST. |
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- Resolution No. R-87-08 was adopted unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

Discussion Items

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| International Education Week | 6. | Esther Hahn, President of the International Student Council, and Sai Rong, Program Chair, stated that International Education Week had been moved to the week of November 2-8. The main event is a speech by Dr. Vandava Shiva on Global Food Crisis Sustainability. The speech will be in the CUB Senior Ballroom on November 5 at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Shiva is also an author and the Bookie ordered some of her books. She will do a book signing after her lecture. There will be other events held during the week by different student organizations. |
| WSU Capital Projects and ASWSU Recent Accomplishments | 7. | ASWSU President Brandon Scheller gave an update on the results of the text book initiative. They feel the book buyback process is flawed. The goal was to get the value of books to 80 percent. They saw an increase in value, but it only went up to 61 percent.

President Brandon Scheller talked about a safety fundraising project. This would be an on-foot chaperone program for students. The program would be based out of the CUB and there would a female and male chaperone for each escort. They are hoping this will become a seven-day-a-week program.
President Brandon Scheller also spoke about walking College Hill last week to check on |

lighting, several events that will be occurring, and the newsletter, Cougar Quarterly. He stated they are looking for ways to reach out.

Senator Pete Semon stated that since the last meeting with City Council, the Rotunda and the clubhouse at Palouse Ridge have been completed. The CUB and Stadium have not been totally completed.

ASWSU Energy
Savings Program

8. Senator Richard Kilpatrick talked about the ASWSU energy savings program. He asked the City to help promote the campaign. City Supervisor Sherman stated that the City could help through Pullman Transit and the Community Update. Mayor Johnson talked about the City's water conservation program. Councilmember Benjamin talked about the Green Alliance which looks at making IT green.

University
District Including
Parking and Design
Guideline Issues

9. City Supervisor Sherman gave the staff report and a history of the University District proposal. He stated that parking is an issue and talked about the parking permit system. People are concerned about the cost of permits and how the permits would be distributed.

Mayor Johnson talked about commuter traffic, the number of permits per residence, and the number of unrelated residents living in a dwelling. Planning Director Dickinson spoke to the zoning issue. City Supervisor Sherman talked about the College Hill Tomorrow program. He stated we need to work together to get answers.

Councilmember Benjamin stated he would like to hear recommendations from students. He stated that if everyone gets parking permits there will be too many cars for the area.

Senator Lauren Edholm stated that most Greek houses have their own parking lots and talked about how they determine who gets to park in those lots. She stated that a storage lot is a good idea.

Councilmember Weller thanked ASWSU for attending this meeting and asked where they stood on the University District. President Scheller stated there is no consensus among ASWSU on the University District. He stated he personally supports the University District. He has attended all the forums and meetings on the District and he commended President Floyd for taking the initiative on this District. He stated he only speaks for himself, not ASWSU. Senator Anthony Smith stated that ASWSU is neutral on the University District. They are researching the matter and will do a resolution on the matter at a later date. They will give the City a copy of this resolution.

President Brandon Scheller talked about student interest in the University District and stated that the forums have not had high attendance. Councilmember Benjamin asked about the letters received from the Greek House Corporations on the University District. Senator Jessica Hart, who represents the Greek area, stated that students are worried about how things will change. They want to know what changes would occur with the District. Mayor Johnson stated there have been a

lot of rumors about the District. Senator Hart stated if there are changes, they need to know early as they have to notify the House Corporations. Councilmember Weller asked for a show of hands from ASWSU as to who supports the University District. Several ASWSU members raised their hands.

Extended Hours 10.
at Stubblefield's

ASWSU President Brandon Scheller stated that the problem is that at 2:00 a.m. Stubblefield's closes and everyone has to leave. Once they leave it gets rowdy and fights have occurred. He feels this is a problem and suggested that alcohol stop being served at 2:00 a.m, but to keep the bar open until 3:00 a.m. so people slowly leave the area. Chief Weatherly stated that the Liquor Control Board checks for alcohol possession and consumption after hours. If they find alcohol, the establishment gets in trouble. It is really hard to control alcohol after hours as people hide it. He stated that fights can increase as individuals from other establishments show up after 2:00 a.m. He recommended against Stubblefield's staying open until 3:00 a.m. He stated that the manager of Stubblefield's is opposed to the idea for the same reasons. Chief Weatherly stated he wants to see this bar contained, not shut down.

President Brandon Scheller suggested not allowing new people into the bar after 2:00 a.m. Chief Weatherly responded. Councilmember Waldrop asked who has jurisdiction. Chief Weatherly stated that the Liquor Control Board has jurisdiction.

Senator Pete Semon, Councilmember Weller, President Scheller, Councilmembers Paul and Benjamin, and Chief Weatherly discussed other establishments in the area, laws governing bars, and looking for solutions.

ASWSU Students 11.
For Safety
Fundraising Dinner

Ryan Jones, Director of Greek Affairs, gave a presentation on the ASWSU Students for Safety Fundraising Dinner that will occur November 14, 2008. He passed out a flyer on the dinner. He listed the four main areas they hope to contribute to and stated that they hope to raise \$100,000. They do not want to pass the costs of these programs on to students. Councilmember Weller asked if this is only for College Hill. Mr. Jones responded. Councilmember Waldrop urged ASWSU to look at a risk assessment. He stated they need to know what the risks are.

Senator Lauren Edholm stated there recently have been three incidents in Pullman. These included threats, assaults, broken windows, and threatening letters. There has been a lot of violence, hatred, and bigotry and it is not acceptable. ASWSU is taking a hard stance on this, the Senate passed a resolution denouncing these acts. There was a rally on campus today and they are trying to find solutions to the problem.

Nikki Hahn, chair of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered, and Allies (GLBTA), spoke about the attacks. She stated she is very concerned about the attacks and is concerned for the safety of herself and others. She stated they are working with campus administration, Pullman Police, and WSU Police to try to come up with

some solutions. She talked about the rally that took place on campus today. A member of the GLBTA spoke about transphobia and transgendered.

She stated that transphobia is a major problem. She asked what will be done to protect this community. She stated that transphobia was a factor in at least one of the attacks that recently occurred. Mayor Johnson responded.

Chief Weatherly passed out a "suspect sketch" from an incident that occurred last Sunday that was a gender-based hate crime. He also talked about the earlier incidents. He stated he is concerned about the level of violence that is occurring. He talked about the fighting ordinance that was recently passed by City Council. Senator Lauren Edholm, Chief Weatherly, and Councilmember Paul discussed hate crimes, an official statement from the City on hate crimes, and sensitivity training. City Supervisor Sherman discussed diversity programs the City supports.

Pullman Transit 12. Mayor Johnson stated that the City is thankful for student support of Pullman Transit. Transit Manager Thornton gave an update stating that ridership has increased. He stated that the City is applying for grants for technology and new buses. He announced that the City recently hired WSU interns to act as security on night buses. Senator Pete Semon asked if Transit was relying on student fees for new buses and asked questions about the request for new Transit services that failed last year. Transit Manager Thornton responded and President Brandon Scheller responded.

City of Pullman 13. Public Work Director Workman gave an update on Capital Projects of Interest to Students several Pullman projects, including the North Grand path and College Hill path. He stated that the City is planning to build a path on Johnson Road from Bishop to the Bellevue Duplexes next year. He gave an update on the Wal-Mart store and talked about a proposed apartment complex, widening of a portion of North Grand Avenue, and sidewalk infilling. He also talked about the College Hill walk to check on lights and stated that the emphasis is to keep existing lights working. Councilmembers Waldrop and Weller asked questions about Avista and different kinds of lights. Public Works Director Workman responded.

2008 Adopted 14. City Supervisor Sherman presented a staff report City Council Goals and gave an update on several goals. Mayor Johnson gave an update on the Airport and thanked students for using the Airport. Senator Pete Semon asked about leaf and snow removal. Public Works Director Workman responded.

NEW BUSINESS

President Brandon Scheller spoke about a swastika that was in the Evergreen. He stated this was done as a class project for freedom of speech and is not part of the recent events that have been happening on or near campus.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion Carried.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council at 9:35 p.m.

