

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN
APRIL 15, 2008

Roll Call

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Pullman was held on April 15, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall, Pullman, Washington with the following present:

Glenn A. Johnson	Mayor
Troy Woo	Finance Director
Francis Benjamin	Councilmember
Ann Heath	Councilmember
Bill Paul	Councilmember
Barney Waldrop	Councilmember
Pat Wright	Councilmember

Call to Order

Mayor Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Councilmember Heath moved, Councilmember Waldrop seconded to excuse Councilmembers Bloom and Weller from the meeting.

Motion Carried.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

REGULAR AGENDA

Workshop

Goal-Setting
Retreat

Councilmember Weller arrived at the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

The following goals were suggested by the City Council as they reviewed the goal-setting notebooks. Additional goals were suggested by individual City Councilmembers.

1. In view of the anticipated financial challenges within the General Fund for 2009, utilize the remaining 2007 year-end savings to fund the 13 percent General Fund reserve, the City Hall Plaza project, and additional reserves.
2. Continue to support the Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport improvement projects including the airport fire flow project and the realignment of the runway.
3. Continue to meet with Whitman County to discuss corridor tax sharing options.
4. Continue to support the Grand Avenue Greenway; Pullman entrances and waterway beautification projects; and welcoming signs by exploring lodging tax options.
5. Continue to support water conservation and water reuse.
6. Pursue the creation of design standards within the College Hill Historic District and becoming a Washington Certified Local Government Program for historic preservation.

7. Continue to work with WSU toward the improvement of College Hill including considering the recommendations for creating a University District as well as the recommendations of the College Hill Neighborhood Study.
8. Encourage growth, promote a welcoming business atmosphere, and consider passing a City Council resolution in support of the proposed Wal-Mart Supercenter in Pullman.
9. In the interest of public safety, continue to explore the creation of a business registration program that includes rental housing and continue to pursue options with WSU relating to the creation of an off-campus housing office.
10. Continue to explore affordable housing options.
11. Consider adopting an emergency snow removal and street cleaning ordinance to address the problem of parked vehicles that impede snow and gravel removal efforts.
12. Consider the creation of a self-supporting grant writer that would be funded through grants and possibly partnering with an outside organization.
13. Consider accepting payment methods other than cash or checks for the city of Pullman.
14. Consider the installation of surveillance cameras at key critical intersections and high risk public locations with the use of grant funding.
15. Explore the concept of Park & Ride lots.
16. Review existing ordinances and their enforcement.
17. Engage the WSU Architecture School to provide design concepts for multi-story parking garages at the intersections of Grand Avenue/Davis Way and Paradise Street/High Street that would not require interior vehicle ramps.
18. Review and act upon the recommendations of the Planning Commission and staff relative to downtown parking.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Paul 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 9:04 p.m.