

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN
May 3, 2011

Roll Call

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pullman was held on May 3, 2011, 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
Pat Wright	Councilmember

Call to Order

Mayor Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Johnson indicated that Councilmember Waldrop asked to be excused from the meeting. Councilmember Bloom moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to excuse Councilmember Waldrop.

Motion Carried.

Announcements

Mayor Johnson made four announcements and three proclamations.

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. There were none. Councilmember Benjamin moved, Councilmember Bloom seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried.

Motions

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| Minutes - April 26, 2011 | 1. | The Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the special meeting of April 26, 2011, and approved them as submitted. |
| Minutes - April 26, 2011 | 2. | The Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of April 26, 2011, and approved them as submitted. |

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| Accounts Payable, Payroll, and Electronic Transfers - May, 2011 | 3. | 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. |
| Troy & Banks Agreement | 4. | The Council authorized an agreement with Troy & Banks to perform a cable television franchise fee compliance audit. |
| Arts Commission Grant | 5. | The Council authorized the acceptance of a grant from the Washington State Arts Commission for the Pullman Arts Commission. |
| Johnson Avenue Path | 6. | The Council accepted as complete Contract No. 09-07, Johnson Avenue Path. |
| Missouri Flat Creek Pedestrian Bridge Change Order | 7. | The Council ratified Change Order No. 1 to the Missouri Flat Creek Pedestrian Bridge contract. |

Resolutions

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| Resolution No. R-23-11 - Utility Easement | 8. | Resolution No. R-23-11

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT FROM CARL S. LANDRUM. |
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Resolution No. R-23-11 was adopted unanimously.

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| Resolution No. R-24-11 - Central Business District Lighting Project | 9. | Resolution No. R-24-11

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF M & M HARRISON ELECTRIC CO. FOR THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT LIGHTING PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE CONTRACT FOR SAID PROJECT. |
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Resolution No. R-24-11 was adopted unanimously.

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| Resolution No. R-25-11 - Accelerated Streets Resurfacing 2011 Project | 10. | Resolution No. R-25-11

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF MOTLEY-MOTLEY, INC. FOR THE ACCELERATED STREETS RESURFACING 2011 PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE CONTRACT FOR SAID PROJECT. |
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Resolution No. R-25-11 was adopted unanimously.

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| Resolution No. R-26-11 - Street Crackfill 2011 | 11. | Resolution No. R-26-11

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF BCV, INC. FOR THE STREET CRACKFILL 2011 PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE CONTRACT FOR SAID PROJECT. |
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Resolution No. R-26-11 was adopted unanimously.

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| Resolution No. R-27-11 - Tank 9 Painting Project | 12. | Resolution No. R-27-11

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF COATINGS UNLIMITED, INC. FOR THE TANK 9 PAINTING PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE CONTRACT FOR SAID PROJECT. |
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Resolution No. R-27-11 was adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 13.
R-28-11 - Amendment
to Transit Operating
Assistance Grant

Resolution No. R-28-11

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE
THIRD AMENDMENT TO PULLMAN TRANSIT OPERATING
ASSISTANCE GRANT (GCA6146).

Resolution No. R-28-11 was adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 14.
R-29-11 - Effluent
Monitoring Station

Resolution No. R-29-11

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PULLMAN AND
WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY, AN INSTITUTION OF
HIGHER EDUCATION AND AGENCY OF THE STATE OF
WASHINGTON, FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING A
PERMANENT EFFLUENT MONITORING STATION ON THE LAKE
STREET SANITARY SEWER LINE.

Resolution No. R-29-11 was adopted unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

Public Hearing

Resolution No. 15.
R-30-11 - Transit
Development Plan and
Annual Report

Mayor Johnson announced that a public hearing is
scheduled on a Transit Development Plan and 2010
annual report. Transit Manager Rod Thornton went
through the Transit Development plan and went
through some of the past year's highlights. The
past year, they had 1,420,000 riders which was
88,000 more than the previous year. They are
currently ahead of where they were last year at
this time by 35,000. Transit Manager Thornton
indicated that it is possible that they will see
1,500,000 this year. In his report, he indicated
there were comments on what led to the "Shopper"
and the "Senior" shuttle discontinuance. He also
indicated that after several years of ridership
decline, Dial-A-Ride is up 800 this year. In 2010
Transit purchased five new buses. They are
averaging 8,100 riders a day this year. His plans
are to purchase six new buses starting in 2014 by
purchasing two of them in each of the three years,
2014, 2015, and 2016. He also plans on purchasing
three vans. He will purchase one a year for the
same time period and construct ten new bus shelters
over the same time period. He also would like to
purchase three mini-buses, seating around
twenty-five passengers, over the same time period
as the other buses.

Councilmember Benjamin thanked Transit Manager
Thornton for his presentation which was very
informative. He also indicated, in the materials
that were sent out, that he finally understood why
they built the drivers' restroom. He wanted to
know more about the committee to improve the
system. Transit Manager Thornton indicated that
staff was looking into how to improve the system
now with Mark Workman, WSU, students, and anyone
else who is interested. They will hold meetings
next year and will get all the input to ensure that
all users buy into any of the changes.

Councilmember Paul thanked Transit Manager
Thornton for his report and wanted to know if there
were limits on the size of hybrids since he had
indicated that the new buses would probably be
hybrids. Transit Manager Thornton indicated that
there are no limits on size.

Councilmember Bloom wanted to know if he had any data on the payback on the hybrid buses. Transit Manager Thornton indicated that for \$200,000 more per bus he has not seen any reliable data on what the savings would be. He indicated that the City could see anything from a 30 to 40 percent savings on utilization of diesel which is around 120,000 gallons a year at present.

Councilmember Weller noted that there are several buses in the stat area of the report that show their useful life with question marks. He wanted to know how long they would be able to last. Transit Manager Thornton indicated that as they get older they utilize these type of buses as trippers which is an hour in the morning and an hour in the evening. He hopes and believes that they will last at least three years.

Councilmember Wright asked about a grant writer since it was one of the Council's goals. Transit Manager Thornton indicated it would help.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing. There was no one who wanted to present information or asked questions. Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing.

Resolution No. R-30-11 by title only reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SIX-YEAR TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2011-2016 AND 2010 ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE CITY OF PULLMAN.

Councilmember Bloom moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-30-11. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing and Motion

- Comprehensive
Plan and Zoning
Code
16.
- Mayor Johnson announced that a public hearing is scheduled on the Pullman Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code. Planning Director Dickinson presented the staff report and went through the background on the Urban Growth Area. He indicated that presently we have a population of 29,799 and projecting a population of 46,000 by 2060. He showed the map of the current area which is approximately 7,800 acres and an addition of 6,700 acres adding to the Urban Growth Area to accommodate this growth. Councilmember Bloom asked questions about the north and south bypass and how it would fit in with the cluster housing. He also asked how this would all fit in with County plans. Planning Director Dickinson addressed those areas. Councilmember Weller was concerned that it seemed rather spread out and usually when it is spread out like that there is a loss of green space. He wanted to know if there are any plans for conservational subdivisions. Planning Director Dickinson indicated that you do not see conservational subdivisions too much in urban settings, but he is open to the concept and actually with the amount of space he did not see any problem with being able to get green space within that area through development.
- Councilmember Benjamin indicated that with the WSU plan, which had been presented at a previous Council meeting, it does not seem like it would

be enough room to accommodate growth for WSU as well as the City. He also indicated he also was questioning why there was no addition to the growth area north of the Mader Addition. Planning Director Dickinson indicated there is nothing proposed currently for north of that area.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing.

Mike Yates wanted to know why the area north of Mader was not included as well as areas to the west of that area. It looked like it wasn't squared off and would result in guessing why these areas weren't included. Planning Director Dickinson indicated that this was more of a function of ease for legal descriptions of land areas involved. Mr. Yates also wanted to know how far the eastern edge of the Urban Growth Area was from Moscow and Idaho. Planning Director Dickinson indicated it was several miles.

Paul Kreiger indicated that the area below the south bypass and around it had been designated as high and low density. It didn't make sense to put a 55 m.p.h. road in a high-density area. Planning Director Dickinson indicated the south alignment was set up to flow into Airport Road and was the best utilization to get a road through that particular terrain. The roadway would be well buffered so as not to be a problem with the residential area.

Councilmember Benjamin thought that the high density and areas on the map around the South Bypass had been on the 2000 map. Planning Director Dickinson indicated no, that this was new on this particular map.

Councilmember Weller wanted to know why the density level for the period was going down. Planning Director Dickinson indicated in 1999 the average density was around five homes per acre for construction. The last twelve years has seen that amount go down so they projected four per acre in their planning purposes which reflect what the market is doing today.

Jo Mark asked if reluctant homeowners could be annexed against their wishes. Planning Director Dickinson stated that the goal is not to do so, but to preserve orderly City boundaries occasionally those against an annexation could see their property included.

Councilmember Benjamin moved, Councilmember Bloom seconded to set the next meeting at June 28, 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance

Ordinance No. 11-8 - Arts Commission	17.	Mayor Johnson announced that an ordinance had been prepared changing the number of members on the Arts Commission. Mike Yates requested action be taken to increase the members on the Arts Commission from seven to nine. This was to spread some of the workload around and to help avoid burnout.
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Councilmember Benjamin was concerned about the size and also in keeping positions filled. He also wanted to know if they are looking for particular expertise to add to the Commission. Mike Yates indicated they are looking for a grant writer and

would like to get someone involved in music since they do not have anybody on the Commission right now with an emphasis on music. The main thing is to fill positions with individuals that are concerned for the arts and beautification of the City of Pullman.

Councilmember Weller wanted to know how many were active. He indicated they just added two members to bring them up to seven, but prior to that they had only three or four of the seven people who were active.

Councilmember Paul was a little concerned that the Commission could be too large and would be counterproductive, but after hearing Mr. Yates he indicated that he was in favor of it.

Ordinance No. 11-8 by title only reads as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN, WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO TITLE 1 ADMINISTRATION, AMENDING CHAPTER 1.53 "ARTS COMMISSION," AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO.

Councilmember Paul moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 11-8. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion

- 2011 Goals
18. Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion is scheduled on the 2011 City Council goals. City Supervisor Sherman briefly went through the background on coming up with the goals. He thanked the staff, the citizens, and the Council for all their input into the goals to reduce them to 14. There was no discussion.

Councilmember Bloom moved, Councilmember Weller to approve the 2011 City Council goals. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Johnson asked if there was any new business from either the Council or audience. There was none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Johnson announced that the Council would adjourn for five minutes and reconvene in Executive Session which would last about 30 minutes.

Mayor Johnson announced that the Council would adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of:

Conferring with legal counsel representing the City concerning potential litigation that has been specifically threatened to which the City, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, and;

To discuss the strategy or position to be taken by the City during the course of collective bargaining or grievance proceedings.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m. At 9:23 the Executive Session ended.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion Carried.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council at 9:23 p.m.