

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN  
JANUARY 25, 2011

**Roll Call**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pullman was held on January 25, 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
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. Councilmember Wright moved, Councilmember Weller seconded to excuse Councilmembers Bloom and Paul from the meeting.

Motion Carried.

**Announcements**

Mayor Johnson made one announcement.

**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 Hawbaker moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to read the items on the Consent Agenda by title only.

Motion Carried.

City Attorney McAloon said that item No. 2 had been requested to be pulled from the Consent Agenda by Police Chief Jenkins. She then read the item on the Consent Agenda by title only. Councilmember Wright moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to adopt item No. 1. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion Carried.

**Motions**

Minutes - January 18, 2011

1. The Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of January 18, 2011, and approved them as submitted.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**Ordinance**

Ordinance No. 11-3 - Parking

2. Mayor Johnson announced that this item had been removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of Police Chief Jenkins. Public Works Director

Workman led the discussion. He stated the ordinance related to parking lots and the downtown free parking zone and amends Pullman City Code relating to time limits for said City-owned parking lots in the downtown free parking zone. He said the problem was that the proposed City ordinance adopted the RCW listing of holidays which was based on the observed holidays for four floating holidays and it might cause confusion as to enforcement on those particular days. For instance, if the holiday falls on a Saturday the observance is on a Friday so what they wanted was to add the four holidays along with the inclusion of the RCW observed holidays. Those holidays are New Year's Day, Fourth of July, Veterans' Day, and Christmas.

Ordinance No. 11-3 by title only reads as follows:

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), 08-12 §2 (2008), 08-16 §1 (2008) AND 10-19 §1 (2010) RELATING TO TIME LIMITS FOR SAID CITY-OWNED PARKING LOTS AND THE DOWNTOWN FREE PARKING ZONE.

Councilmember Wright moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to approve the ordinance with the specified changes. The motion carried unanimously.

**Discussions**

WSU Research  
Activities

- 3. Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion is scheduled on WSU Research activities. City Supervisor Sherman briefly went through the staff report. He introduced Keith Jones, Ph.D, who is the director of the WSU Research and Technological Park. Mr. Jones presented a slide show as well as some commercial clips. One of highlights of the discussion was that research grants now have totaled \$300,000,000. One of the graphs shown was the effect of increasing wheat yields. He stated WSU was instrumental in providing these new strains to the farmers at no cost for the research. He mentioned that agriculture was the biggest business in Washington. It is bigger than Boeing or Microsoft. The Research Park itself was at an excess of 90 percent full. At the conclusion of the presentation, Councilmember Weller indicated it was a very impressive presentation.

Redistricting  
Schedule

- 4. Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion is scheduled on the Washington State and City of Pullman redistricting schedule. City Attorney McAloon presented the staff report and specified particular dates when items were to be started and undertaken. This included that the first election with the new boundaries would be the September 2013 primary election. She also indicated that the first election for the State would be in 2012.

City Supervisor Sherman then went over his staff report and stated that the revised ward lines must be completed by December 21, 2011. The City would coordinate our City/County revised ward line efforts to make sure our ward lines coincide with County-designated precinct boundaries.

Topics for Next 5.  
Joint Meeting with  
ASWSU

Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion is scheduled on suggested topics for the next joint meeting with ASWSU. The meeting will be at 5:30 p.m., on February 23, in the CUB Ballroom. City Supervisor Sherman gave the staff report. He asked for input on suggested topics for ASWSU consideration. Five suggested topics came from the January 18 staff meeting and these were discussing higher education funding and tuition concerns, providing an update of security camera grant funding pursuits, providing an update on proposed City projects including Grand Avenue with its pedestrian link to College Hill, the continuation of College Hill sidewalk improvements, placing fixed security cameras in high crime areas in Greek Row, and following up on self-regulation of energy drinks by bars in Greek Row. He also solicited any items from last year's agenda that the Council wanted to be addressed.

Councilmember Waldrop mentioned that since they have changed the collection days on College Hill, he thought it might be good to revisit that particular item to see how things have changed after the implementation of the schedule change.

Councilmember Benjamin wanted to discuss the integration of students on all our various committees within the City.

2011 Legislative 6.  
Priorities

Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion is scheduled on 2011 legislative priorities. City Supervisor Sherman briefly went through his memo. He had attached lists of the 2010 Pullman Legislative priorities and mentioned that most of these had not changed from where we were now, but he wanted input from the Council. Mayor Johnson mentioned that with the reduction of many health and welfare programs by the State, it would impact law enforcement in the fact that they would now have to deal with these individuals rather than social services. Part of the priorities would need to be looking at how the State is going to help out with funding the increased impact on law enforcement.

Councilmember Waldrop stated that last year's items are still pertinent. The list from 2010 was:

No. 1, emphasize priorities of government;

No. 2, approach and addressing State budget financial challenges to insure education including higher education given a high priority within the priorities of government process;

No. 3, provide for meaningful health care reform by reducing regulations opening up the free market;

No. 4, reject the non-profits from attempts to take away their non-profit status;

No. 5, exempt Pullman and WSU from Phase II stormwater requirements;

No. 6, strongly support funding for infrastructure projects; and

No. 7, improve the business climate and our competitiveness and provide flexibility in local government taxation.

Councilmember Waldrop felt that improving the business climate and our competitiveness would be relative to the border states that are really our competitors.

City Supervisor Sherman mentioned that he had included priorities from the Association of Washington Cities' list of major issue priorities for 2011. No. 1 is new approaches to contain public records and personnel costs, No. 2 is fiscal and regulatory flexibility, No. 3 is to change the infrastructure investment, and No. 4 is economic development.

Councilmember Waldrop also wanted to note that he was personally opposed to ethanol 15 which would increase the ethanol level in gasoline to 15 percent. He stated that product does more harm to engines and supports the corn farmers in the Midwest. We don't grow any corn in Washington that is used to produce ethanol.

Councilmember Waldrop also noted that the public record area had to be looked at especially for cities because the workload is being inundated with the individual requests for these.

Councilmember Wright thought last year's topics were fine, however we need to be more specific. For example, No. 6 "strongly supports funding for infrastructure projects". We should list particular projects.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Benjamin 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 8:31 p.m.