

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN  
JANUARY 12, 2010

**Roll Call**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pullman was held on January 12, 2010, 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 Bloom moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to excuse Councilmember Paul from the meeting.

Motion Carried.

**Announcements**

Mayor Johnson made two announcements.

**Confirmation of Appointment**

Mayor Johnson announced that he had appointed Dave Gibney, 760 Reaney Way, to a term on the Planning Commission expiring December 31, 2015. Councilmember Wright moved, Councilmember Bloom seconded to confirm this appointment. The motion carried unanimously.

**Reports**

Business and Rental  
Registration  
Update

Mayor Johnson announced that a report is scheduled on business and rental registration. Police Chief Weatherly presented a report on the status of licensing. He stated that at the time of his January 6, 2010, report they had a total of 55 responses and today they have had 85 responses. Chief Weatherly complimented Support Services Manager Reavis on a great job of keeping up with the registrations.

Police Chief Weatherly introduced Support Services Manager Reavis who presented an overview. Ms. Reavis stated that keeping up-to-date, accurate account records was the number one priority and accumulating this information was a slow process. Overall results will be well worth it when it is done. She stated she has received positive reaction from the public when reasons for the license were explained.

Councilmember Wright asked if more positive reaction occurred within Pullman or outside. Support Service Manager Reavis responded that it was pretty much balanced.

Mayor Johnson asked Police Chief Weatherly to give a brief overview of a high-speed chase that occurred over the weekend. Police Chief Weatherly gave an overview of the chase and stated that one of the patrol cars was damaged. He said that outside of a couple of bruises and some scrapes

there are no injuries, so it was a successful stop.

2010 Goal-Setting  
Report

Mayor Johnson announced that a report is scheduled on 2010 goal-setting. City Supervisor Sherman went through the process for 2010 goal-setting, the 28<sup>th</sup> year, and asked the Council, citizens, and employees to submit their goals by January 29, 2010.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**  
**CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of Recommendations of Consent Agenda Items

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 either the Council. There were none. Councilmember Waldrop moved, Councilmember Wright seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Motion Carried.

**Motions**

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| Minutes - Decem-<br>ber 8, 2009   | 1. | The Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of December 8, 2009, and approved them as submitted.  |
| Accounts Pay-<br>able, Payroll,<br>and Electronic<br>Transfers -<br>January, 2010 | 2. | 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. |
| Claim for Dam-<br>ages - Landgren   | 3. | The Council referred a Claim for Damages submitted by John E. Landgren for the sum of \$600.00 to Washington State Transit Insurance Pool (WSTIP).   |
| Accelerated<br>Streets Resurfacing<br>Complete                                    | 4. | The Council accepted as complete Contract No. 09-04, Accelerated streets Resurfacing 2009.   |
| Change Order on<br>Tank 10 Construction   | 5. | The Council ratified Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 08-06, Tank 10 Construction.   |
| Paramedic Agree-<br>ment with Pullman<br>Regional Hospital                        | 6. | The Council approved a Paramedic Services Agreement with Pullman Regional Hospital for 2010.   |
| Purchase of<br>an ADA Van   | 7. | The Council approved the purchase of one ADA accessible maxi-van for Pullman Transit from  |

Schetky Northwest Sales, Inc.

- 2010 Fuel                      8.    The Council accepted the bid of Grange Supply Company, Inc. to furnish fuel for 2010.

**Resolutions**

- Resolution No.        9.    Resolution No. R-1-10
- R-1-10 - Stormwater
- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PULLMAN AND OTAK, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR THE STORMWATER-UNDEVELOPED PROPERTY ANALYSIS PROJECT.

Resolution No. R-1-10 was adopted unanimously.

- Resolution No.    10.    Resolution No. R-2-10
- R-2-10 - Design for
- City Hall Second
- Floor Remodel
- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PULLMAN AND DESIGN WEST ARCHITECTS, PA FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE CITY HALL SECOND FLOOR REMODEL PROJECT.

Resolution No. R-2-10 was adopted unanimously.

- Resolution No.    11.    Resolution No. R-3-10
- Transit Break
- Facility Project
- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PULLMAN AND PALOUSE DESIGN ASSOCIATES, PLLC FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE TRANSIT BREAK FACILITY PROJECT.

Resolution No. R-3-10 was adopted unanimously.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**Public Hearing**  
**and Motion**

- Prezone                      12.    Mayor Johnson announced simultaneous public
- Designations for
- Approximately 515
- Acres of Land
- hearings are scheduled to consider a request for the establishment of prezone designations on approximately 515 acres of land. Planning Director Dickinson presented the staff report and stated that the subject property is approximately 515 acres. 432.9 of these acres are zoned R2, 67.5 acres are zoned 1L, and 14.7 acres are zoned C3. He stated this will all fit in with the City's Urban Growth Plan Area. He stated that the Planning Commission had conducted hearings and they recommended the zoning of R2 be changed to R1. Councilmember Waldrop asked if this plan complied with the County's Urban Growth Area Plan. Planning Director Dickinson stated that the County does not have a Urban Growth Area Plan. Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing.

Ken Duft stated he has lived 40 years in northwest Pullman and opposes the R2 designation. He stated that R2 would allow up to 15 houses per acre and that would be way too many people. He stated he supported the proposal to move the zoning to R1, but we still need to look at the size, magnitude, and the problems that would occur along Briggs Road which basically could not handle the additional traffic. He also thought that the zoning was not consistent with the long-range plans of the

community. He further stated that the North Bypass of 195 would go through this area and would create additional problems.

Jeff Igielski stated that he lives 2 or 3 miles from the property and the number of units in the R2 proposal would clog all the existing roadways which are cramped now. The lifestyle would change in the Pullman area and he did not feel it would fit in with the Pullman Comprehensive Plan as cited in Chapter 6. He stated that Armstrong Road would also be affected by this.

Rylee Dustin stated she was concerned with water problems in the area. She stated there are already several homes where the springs have failed and they had to dig new wells because of the lower water level. She is concerned that the water that we have will not be able to supply or support this level of housing.

Janice Brown stated that there is talk of Pullman and Moscow becoming a metropolitan area for census purposes and she wanted to know if that would affect the Urban Growth Plan. Planning Director Dickinson stated that it would have no affect.

Becky Thorgaard stated she is concerned about the effect on the wetlands and endangered species. She thinks we need an impact study on how this will affect the area and also look at how to maintain the integrity of the area. She also discussed water issues and the delicate ecological system. She stated that R2 would have a huge impact on both these items.

Barbara Grutzmacher had a letter she wanted entered into the public record. She is concerned that this had been an agricultural area and houses would impact upon that. She also brought up the March 1999 Pullman Comprehensive Plan and stated that on page 1, Chapter 4, Pullman Future Vision, it states that whenever possible, a development occurs on land already situated within the City in order to reduce sprawl. There is great awareness of the City's location in the heart of this rich agricultural area.

Julia Cohen stated that agricultural land should be preserved to the greatest extent possible. Turning agricultural areas into City property has affected original Palouse wetlands and species that made it unique. She also stated that there is very little left of the original Palouse area that wasn't taken over by farmland and she thought this would be a travesty to continue on with this zoning. She would like to see this made a conservatorship instead of developing the land. She invited people to come look at her property to see what the original Palouse looked like.

Amanda Stahl stated she moved to Pullman last year for the quality of life and the open spaces and she is concerned about the environmental impact and health issue with the R2. She favors the R1 as it would have less of an impact.

Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Bloom moved, Councilmember Waldrop seconded to set February 23, 2010, as the date for the second set of public hearings on this matter.

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Discussions**

Public Safety        13.  
and Community Event  
Notifications  
Update

Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion on Public Safety and Community Event Notifications Update is scheduled. Police Chief Weatherly stated that this had been presented at the October 13 meeting, on the utilization of Nixle which is a free service for notifications in the community. The Council requested that he get more information on the company, concerns about citizens providing information which Pullman has no control over, and responses from other police agencies on length and time of use and satisfaction. He presented information on this organization and discussed the privacy statements, a copy of the terms of service, and his inquiry of agencies about knowledge of Nixle. He contacted four agencies that gave testimonials on the Nixle service and as far as providing information which Pullman has no control over there are no problems with the individuals he talked to. It contains no information about the subscribers and they do not have to authenticate anything.

Chief Weatherly advised he contacted six agencies and they were all using Nixle and there were no negatives reported. Chief Weatherly had an article from the Spokesman Review on a \$100,000 system that they are testing. He pointed out that there was no cost to the City for Nixle.

Councilmember Bloom wanted to know who sends out the messages through the system. Chief Weatherly stated it would be a sergeant or above. Councilmember Weller asked about external links and who are the companies involved or could be involved with it. Chief Weatherly stated that this is controlled by the individuals entering into the system and they can limit and at any time leave the system. Councilmember Bloom stated it has no real effect on anyone and they are using it at their own risk. They can join and leave without any costs and he sees no problem.

Chief Weatherly asked the Council for a motion to proceed. Councilmember Bloom moved, Councilmember Weller seconded to allow the Police Department to proceed with Nixle.

City Council        14.  
Board and Commission  
Assignments

Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion on Council Committee Board and assignments is scheduled. Councilmember Hawbaker was assigned to the Audit Committee. Councilmember Weller is no longer on the Audit Committee but will be on the Palouse Knowledge Corridor and the Whitman County Blue Ribbon Task Force. He will also stay on the Whitman County Law and Justice Council.

Councilmember Bloom, Paul, and Waldrop will remain the same. Councilmember Wright will be on the Audit Committee and the Lodging Tax Committee.

2010 Legislative    15.  
Priorities

Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion is scheduled on 2010 Legislative Priorities. City Supervisor Sherman presented the staff report with eight items for consideration.

Councilmember Bloom moved, Councilmember Weller seconded to take these eight items to the legislature at the January conference. 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 to Executive Session for:  
Conferring with legal counsel representing the City concerning potential litigation that the City reasonably believes may be commenced by or against the City, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity; 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 8:37 p.m. and announced that the Council would take a five-minute recess and return in approximately thirty minutes. The time was extended an additional thirty minutes.

Mayor Johnson reconvened the regular meeting at 9:42.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Hawbaker 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 9:42 p.m.