

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN  
OCTOBER 26, 2010

**Roll Call**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pullman was held on October 26, 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
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.

**Announcements**

Mayor Johnson made three announcements.

**Presentation by  
Ed Schweitzer,  
President of SEL**

Mayor Johnson announced that Ed Schweitzer, President of SEL, would make a presentation.

The topic of Ed Schweitzer's presentation was "Inventing the Future". Mr. Schweitzer gave a PowerPoint presentation on several areas that SEL is working on for growth which is about 10 percent a year. The strategy is built on new products, new countries, and new markets. Traditionally their markets have been in the electrical field, but they are moving into utilities, water, transportation, as well as universities, and any other areas of opportunities. He went into the proposed building that he is doing here in Pullman. He also discussed the factory he is building in Lewiston and an addition to the Mexico plant. He said that at the present time they have 160 career openings; 69 were engineering positions. When he was done with his presentation, he called for questions.

Councilmember Paul said it was a great success story of what he has done and he wanted to know how the products were transported to Mexico. Mr. Schweitzer replied most by truck, but occasionally

by plane.

Councilmember Weller congratulated Mr. Schweitzer on his great plan. Councilmember Bloom questioned the footprint of the new facility and whether he had thought about going into solar wind products. Mr. Schweitzer replied that anything that generates power or that requires monitoring they have gone into.

Councilmember Benjamin praised Mr. Schweitzer as a visionary who has worked to not only improve the business, but also meets the needs of the customer.

City Supervisor Sherman went through slides on various gifts that Ed Schweitzer had given to the City and community.

## **Report**

### **Shopper Shuttle**

Transit Manager Rod Thornton gave an update on the Shopper Shuttle. He stated that numbers were better for the Shopper Shuttle than for the previous Senior Shuttle, but they are still not up to where they thought they should be. He also indicated that the Shopper Shuttle should probably get more use, especially now with Walmart being open, because they will go to the front door.

Councilmember Benjamin wanted to know if there was any way to work with Walmart to get the information out about the Shopper Shuttle. Transit Manager Thornton said he would contact Walmart and see what they could come up with.

Councilmember Wright said she had received comments from several citizens that they are completely thrilled with the Shopper Shuttle.

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

Motion Carried.

City Supervisor Sherman 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 was none. Councilmember Bloom moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried.

### **Motions**

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| Minutes - October 12, 2010                                 | 1. | The Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of October 12, 2010, and approved them as submitted.                     |
| Reaney Park Waterline Complete                             | 2. | The Council accepted as complete Contract No. 10-04, Reaney Park Waterline.   |
| Change Order on Sidewalks 2010                             | 3. | The Council ratified Change Order No. 1 on Contract No. 10-01, Sidewalks 2010.  |
| Lodging Tax Grant - Holiday Festival & Tree Lighting Event | 4. | The Council approved a Lodging Tax Grant to the Pullman Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$10,000 for the Holiday Festival & Tree Lighting Event. |
| Claim for Damages - Christianson                           | 5. | The Council referred a Claim for Damages submitted by Chad Christianson for the sum of \$515.21 to the Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA).  |

### **Resolution**

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| Resolution No. R-80-10 - Cougar Logo | 6. | Resolution No. R-80-10<br><br>A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A BUSINESS USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PULLMAN AND WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY FOR THE USE OF THE COUGAR LOGO ON THE WAWAWAI WATER STANDPIPE. |
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Resolution No. R-80-10 was adopted unanimously.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **Public Hearing**

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| Resolution No. R-81-10 - Grant Application | 7. | Mayor Johnson announced that a grant application to the Rural Washington Loan Fund Grant for approximately \$250,000 has been prepared. Planning Director Dickinson presented the staff |
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report. He went through elements of what would be required on the part of the City and the responsibilities of the City. He emphasized that this was a pass-through agreement that we were not responsible for the loan, it was just a mechanism in order to get it in the hands of Ecowell, that had applied for the grant. Staff also indicated they recommend approval by the Council.

Planning Director Dickinson then introduced Donald Tilton, Ecowell, who gave a short presentation on his company and what their plans are.

After Mr. Tilton's presentation, Councilmember Waldrop asked how the process would work. Mr. Tilton explained the process.

Councilmember Bloom asked about the infiltration system. Mr. Tilton explained the system. Councilmember Benjamin wanted to know about parental controls. Mr. Tilton explained how this works. Councilmember Weller was really excited about the process. Councilmember Wright thought it would be good if they could come up with a home model.

There was no public comment.

Resolution No. R-81-10 by title only reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A RURAL WASHINGTON LOAN FUND GRANT IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$250,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR SUCH FUNDING.

Councilmember Waldrop moved, Councilmember Bloom seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-81-10. The motion carried unanimously.

**Motion, Resolution,  
and Ordinance**

Adopt Findings 8.  
of Fact, Resolution  
No. R-82-10, and  
Ordinance No. 10-22  
- Zone Change

Mayor Johnson announced that a motion, resolution, and ordinance have been prepared relating to approximately 5.1 acres located between NW Harold Drive and Old Wawawai Road.

Planning Director Dickinson presented the staff report and went through the history of the proposal as well as the meetings of the Planning Commission.

Between the Planning Commission and the staff, they both recommended that the proposal be denied.

Mayor Johnson asked the following questions:

1. Does any member of this Council have knowledge of having conducted business with either the proponents or the opponents of this zone change?

All Councilmembers and the Mayor responded no.

2. Does any member of this Council have either a pecuniary or a non-pecuniary interest in the outcome of this proceeding?

All Councilmembers and the Mayor responded no.

3. Does any member of this Council know whether or not their employer has a financial interest in the area for which this zone change is requested, or has an interest in the outcome of this proceeding?

All Councilmembers and the Mayor responded no.

4. Does any member of this Council live or own property within 300 feet of the area for which the zone change is requested?

All Councilmembers and the Mayor responded no.

5. Does any member of this Council have any special knowledge about the substance or the merits of this proceeding which would or could cause the Councilmember to prejudge the outcome of this proceeding?

All Councilmembers and the Mayor responded no.

6. Is there a member of this Council who believes that he or she cannot sit and hear this matter fairly and impartially, both as to the respective positions of the proponents and the opponents of the requested zone change?

All Councilmembers and the Mayor responded no.

7. Is there any member of the audience who

because of the "Appearance of Fairness Doctrine" wishes to disqualify any member of this Council from hearing this matter? If so, please state the name of the Councilmember and the reason or reasons why you believe that Councilmember should be disqualified because of the "Appearance of Fairness Doctrine".

There was no response from the audience.

Councilmember Waldrop moved, Councilmember Hawbaker seconded to adopt the Findings of Fact. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-82-10 by title only reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION DENYING THE PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN FROM COMMERCIAL TO LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL FOR THE REAL ESTATE HEREIN DESCRIBED LOCATED BETWEEN NW HAROLD DRIVE AND OLD WAWAWAI ROAD, BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY NW EFFIE DRIVE ON SUNNYSIDE HILL.

Councilmember Waldrop moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-82-10. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 10-22 by title only reads as follows:

AN ORDINANCE DENYING THE PROPOSAL FOR AN AMENDMENT OF THE ZONE CLASSIFICATION FROM C3 TO R2 FOR THE REAL ESTATE HEREIN DESCRIBED CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 5.1 ACRES LOCATED BETWEEN NW HAROLD DRIVE AND OLD WAWAWAI ROAD, BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY NW EFFIE DRIVE ON SUNNYSIDE HILL.

Councilmember Paul moved, Councilmember Waldrop seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 10-22. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Discussions**

### Pre-Budget Workshop

9. Mayor Johnson announced that the second Pre-Budget Workshop is scheduled. City Supervisor Sherman presented the staff report. Finance Director Mulholland went through elements of his staff report trying to seek additional guidance from the Council. City Supervisor Sherman mentioned that we left the PERS contribution at 5.31 percent because the Association of Washington Cities had stated that they were going to the legislature to try to get the increase that is due July 1 deferred

until the beginning of 2012.

Finance Director Mulholland also discussed deferral of some Metropolitan Park set-aside projects. He had a new memo which addressed the item in greater detail and the effect on the Metropolitan Park deferral as originally reported in his memo was \$112,000 plus. Actually there was only \$26,000 which was for Mary's Park that needed to be deferred. Both Planning Director Dickinson and Recreation Superintendent Dahmen told the Council that in all probability there is no way that Mary's Park would even be able to be started until the end of 2011, but probably not until 2012.

The Council accepted this suggestion to leave the contribution at 5.31 percent for the full year and also allow the deferral of projects for the park which included \$70,000 which was from bond default money and then \$15,500 which was a CIP carryover.

Council Meeting 10.  
Date

Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion is scheduled on a possible change in a City Council meeting date.

City Supervisor Sherman gave some of the reasons to the Council for the change. The Council agreed and the meeting date was changed from the regular meeting date of Tuesday, November 16 to a special meeting on Monday, November 15.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Motion Carried.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council at 9:13 p.m.

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