

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN  
MARCH 10, 2009

**Roll Call** A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pullman was held on March 10, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall, Pullman, Washington with the following present:

Glenn A. Johnson	Mayor
Troy Woo	Finance Director
Francis Benjamin	Councilmember
Keith Bloom	Councilmember
Ann Heath	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 two announcements.

**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 Weller moved, Councilmember Benjamin 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 or audience. Councilmember Heath requested that item No. 2 be removed for separate discussion. Councilmember Weller moved, Councilmember Waldrop seconded adopt items 1, 3, and 4 on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Carried.

**Motions**

Minutes - March 3, 2009 1. The Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 3, 2009, and approved them as submitted.

Letters of Direction for Paradise Hills 3. The Council authorized Letter of Direction modifications for Paradise Hills Subdivisions 4 and 5.

## **Resolution**

- Resolution No. R-10-09 - Public Hearing Date
4. Resolution No. R-10-09
- A RESOLUTION SETTING MARCH 31, 2009, AS THE DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND THE SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE YEARS 2009 THROUGH 2014 FOR THE CITY OF PULLMAN.

Resolution No. R-10-09 was adopted unanimously.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **Motion**

- Change Order on Digester System Improvements Project
2. Mayor Johnson announced that this item had been removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of Councilmember Heath. Councilmember Heath thanked Public Works Director Workman for bringing a change order of this magnitude before the Council for approval. Public Works Director Workman responded. Councilmember Heath moved, Councilmember Waldrop seconded to approve Change Order No. 6 to Contract No. 05-13, Digester System Improvements Project.

### **Public Hearing**

- Ordinance No. 09-8 - Annexation Ordinance
5. Mayor Johnson announced that a public hearing is scheduled to consider a request for annexation of property to the City of Pullman. Planning Director Dickinson presented a staff report which included a summary of the findings of fact, conclusions, and staff recommendations. There were no questions from the City Council. Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing. There were no public comments. Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Bloom moved, Councilmember Weller seconded to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 09-8 by title only reads as follows:

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING TO THE CITY OF PULLMAN CERTAIN CONTIGUOUS REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF AIRPORT ROAD NORTH OF THE PULLMAN-MOSCOW REGIONAL AIRPORT.

Councilmember Waldrop moved, Councilmember Bloom seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 09-8. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Resolution**

- Zoll Medical Corp Declared a Sole Source Provider
6. Mayor Johnson announced that a resolution had been prepared declaring Zoll Medical Corporation as a sole source provider of advanced life support defibrillators. Fire Chief Wilkins presented the staff report. Councilmember Paul noted that the five-year lease payments seemed like a significant increase over the estimated cost of the original defibrillator replacements. Chief Wilkins responded. Councilmember Paul asked if the lease included an option to buy. Fire Chief Wilkins responded. Councilmember Bloom asked for clarification on the trade-in value reference in the quote. Fire Chief Wilkins responded. Mayor Johnson asked if there were

problems receiving upgrades for the current equipment. Fire Chief Wilkins responded. Councilmember Heath, Fire Chief Wilkins, and City Attorney McAloon discussed the sole sourcing language in the proposed resolution. Councilmember Benjamin asked what the life expectancy is on the equipment. Fire Chief Wilkins responded.

Resolution No. R-11-09 by title only reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING ZOLL MEDICAL CORPORATION AS A SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER OF ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT DEFIBRILLATORS.

Councilmember Bloom moved, Councilmember Weller seconded to adopt the resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

**Discussions**

Pullman Arts  
Commission  
Presentation

7. Mayor Johnson announced that a presentation is scheduled on the Pullman Arts Commission. City Supervisor Sherman introduced the discussion. Anna-Marie Shannon, chair of the Pullman Arts Commission, presented a report that included an introduction on the commission members, the mission of the Pullman Arts Commission, short-term and long-term goals of the commission, and the commission's request for approval to proceed with the banner project. Anna-Marie Shannon thanked the Pullman School District, Lincoln Middle School, and Pullman High School for their help with the design of the banners.

Kathleen Bodley, Arts Commission, described the banner greeting cards that will be sold as a fundraiser.

Mayor Johnson asked if the proposed banners conform with the existing banners and hanging equipment. Superintendent Davis and Anna-Marie Shannon responded. Mayor Johnson asked if the banners were going to withstand the Pullman winter weather. Anna-Marie Shannon responded.

Councilmember Heath asked if the commission had a preference between the two vendors. Anna-Marie Shannon responded.

Becky Thorgaard, Arts Commission, commented on the original quote from DuJulio Designs and gave a brief history of Pullman's use of the vendor. Councilmember Benjamin and Anna-Marie Shannon discussed the readability of the fonts and if other cities incorporate the city name within the banners. Mayor Johnson expressed concern that the banners might be considered generic without the Pullman name. Mayor Johnson and Councilmember Bloom suggested that the wording on the banners be changed to "Pullman Celebrates Arts". Councilmember Benjamin suggested alternating the banners so that the script font is more readable.

Mike Yates, Pullman Arts Commission, suggested adding Pullman at the bottom of the banner. Councilmember Bloom and Mayor Johnson stated that donations would come from the Councilmembers to help with the project. Councilmember Heath stated she appreciated the DuJulio comments but

given the condition of the economy that the local vendor should be used. City Supervisor Sherman stated that the City share of the funds for the project should come from the Civic Improvement Fund. Councilmember Paul stated he was in favor of the project and that it was a great, refreshing change. Mayor Johnson, Finance Director Woo, and Anna-Marie Shannon discussed how to receipt the donations. Council concurred to use Allegra for the banner project. Councilmember Benjamin commented on the goal of the Arts Commission to work with other committees to promote art within Pullman. Councilmember Weller stated it was important to thank the art teachers and the students at Lincoln Middle School and Pullman High School for the help in designing the banners. Anna-Marie Shannon and Mayor Johnson responded.

Councilmember Heath stated she was in favor of the Arts Commission to address the logo for the branding of Pullman. Councilmember Benjamin and Anna-Marie Shannon responded. Councilmember Waldrop thanked the commission for all their work and stated that mural paintings offer a great deal to the community, cited examples of murals used in other cities, and suggested that murals be utilized on North Grand to help beautify the area. Councilmember Waldrop commented on the City's motto of "High Tech, Higher Education, Highest Quality of Life". Councilmember Benjamin noted that Boyer is a local mural artist. Anna-Marie Shannon responded. City Supervisor Sherman stated that the City is very pleased with the efforts to use arts to better Pullman.

Second City  
Council Retreat

8. Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion is scheduled on the second City Council retreat. City Supervisor Sherman presented the staff report and suggested that the second City Council retreat with department heads be scheduled for April 21 or 28 and that the City Council, in the past, has tried to adopt the goals before the end of the WSU Spring semester. Council concurred to hold the retreat on April 21. City Supervisor Sherman noted that the School Board has requested a joint meeting for April 14 and described the School District's plans for high school improvements and due to those plans, the City should defer the Military Hill irrigation project so it does not interfere with the plans for a new location. City Supervisor Sherman also noted that the Utility Fund may be facing a cash flow problem in 2009 and the deferral will help address that issue. Public Works Director Workman commented on the irrigation project. Councilmember Waldrop asked what the price estimate for the irrigation project was. Public Works Director Workman responded. Councilmember Bloom stated that it was right to defer the irrigation project. Council concurred.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There were no items of new business.

**Executive Session**

Mayor Johnson announced the City Council meeting would adjourn to Executive Session for:

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;

To review the performance of a public employee.

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

Mayor Johnson announced that there would be a five-minute recess and the Executive Session would last approximately one hour and twenty minutes.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Mayor Johnson reconvened the meeting at 9:59 p.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Bloom 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 9:59 p.m.