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Composition: The city of Pullman has eight elected officials. The Mayor is elected by all citizens of Pullman and serves a four-year term. Seven councilmembers are elected. One member is elected by all citizens, and two members are elected from each of three wards.

City Mission: The mission of the City of Pullman is to provide the highest quality of life through essential infrastructure, public safety, recreation, and welcoming growth within the constraints of fiscally responsible government.

City Vision Statement: Pullman's vision is to continue to be a welcoming, active, visionary community that values its college town atmosphere, high technology research and industries and that fosters quality of life for all age groups, a business friendly environment, and fiscal integrity in its government.

Council Mission: The mission of the Pullman City Council is to provide visionary leadership in policy making to enable the city to provide quality services at reasonable rates.

Slogan: City of Pullman: HIGH Tech, HIGHER Education, HIGHEST Quality of Life

Major Recognitions:

In 2000, Demographics Daily rated 632 non-metropolitan U.S. cities with 10,000 to 50,000 residents. Pullman was ranked by the publication as the #1 "Dreamtown" in the state of Washington and #26 in the nation. The criteria for selection were vitality, supply of good jobs, freedom from stress, connection to cultural mainstream, support for schools, access to health care, and low cost of living.

In 2005, Pullman was selected by Seattle Business Monthly as the second best location in the state under its survey of "Best Cities for Business." Cities were measured in eleven categories that focused on "finding communities that would offer companies the best combination of economic factors, including educated employees, low living costs, a concentration of businesses and a good quality of life."

For consecutive years beginning in 2005, the city of Pullman has received the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Employee Benefit Trust Well City Award for excellence in promoting employee health.

Also in 2005, the city of Pullman received a Diversity Champion award in recognition of the Finding the Center conference collaboration.

In 2006, the city of Pullman was recognized by the Washington State Department of Ecology for outstanding leadership in making Pullman a more livable community by retrofitting 13 transit vehicles and 3 city vehicles with equipment to reduce emissions through the Diesel Retrofit Program.

Also in 2006, the city received the AWC Municipal Achiever Gold Award in recognition of the Downtown Pullman Riverwalk project, as one which significantly improved the quality of life in

our community. As envisioned, the pathway and bridges increase the flow of non-motorized traffic into the downtown area and the Pine Street Plaza terminus provides a place where people are attracted, where they meet, mingle and connect. The collaborative project stimulated innovative design changes to offset skyrocketing costs of building materials and generated more than \$400,000 in private donations.

At the end of 2007, Pullman was ranked by streetsblog.org as No. 10 nationwide among "walk-to-work" communities of more than 20,000 residents. According to the Bikes at Work database, 22.53% of Pullman residents walk to their destinations each day. The blog, which covers the livable streets movement, asked the question "What makes a place walkable?" In part it seems to be an institutional presence, such as a university, combined with a pre-auto urban design. According to the future vision portion of the city's comprehensive plan, by the year 2020, Pullman community members hope to be able to say that..."basic commercial services, transit stops, and parks are all located within walking distance of each residence, and a network of sidewalks and bicycle trails ensures that residents can reach services without getting into their cars." The more than 8 miles of city pathways and trails that residents can now enjoy contribute to realizing that vision.

Meetings: The city council meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the city council chambers of Pullman city hall.

Broadcasts: Pullman City Council meetings are televised live on the government access Channel 13 and rebroadcast on Thursday, Saturday, and Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

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