ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Barry, Collins, Lillquist, Perrie, Savidge, Sowards, and Mayor Bassett.

Others present were City Manager Barkley, City Attorney Pidduck, City Clerk Reno, Senior Planner Caspar, Planning Associate Eyerly, Energy Services Director Titus, Fire Chief Schmidt, Parks and Recreation Director Archer, Executive Assistant Gigstead, Daily Record Reporter Muir and approximately 18 members of the audience.

AGENDA APPROVAL


Affirmed

Approve agenda as amended. Barry

Affirmed

CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed under the Consent Agenda were distributed to Councilmembers in advance for study and were enacted by one motion with separate discussion to the extent any items were removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of a Councilmember.

Approve the Consent Agenda as follows: Barry

K. Approve Minutes – June 3, 2002, Regular Session

L. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

(1) Landmarks & Design Commission – May 7, 2002

(2) Energy Advisory Committee – May 16, 2002

(3) Environmental Commission – May 15, 2002

(4) Library Board – May 21, 2002

(5) Landmarks & Design Commission – May 21, 2002
(6) Cable Television Commission – May 22, 2002

(7) Planning Commission – May 23, 2002

(8) Arts Commission – May 28, 2002

(9) Lodging Tax Advisory Committee – June 5, 2002

M. Accept Bid Call 2002-04 – Cured-in-Place Sewer Line Rehabilitation Project as Complete

N. Approve Noise Ordinance Waiver from June 24 – July 3, 2002 for Euclid Way/10th Avenue Overlay Project

O. Authorize Mayor to Sign Grant Agreement with State Department of Health for Fire Department Smoke Detectors and Education

P. Approve use of Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park for R/C Unlimiteds Model Hydroplane Race on June 23 and July 13 and 14, 2002

Q. Approve use of Memorial Park on June 20-22, 2002 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for Cub Scout Day Camp

R. Authorize Mayor to Sign Agreement with Moss Adams for Information Technology Plan

S. Approve Facility use Agreement with Michael Smith, Mike’ s Diving to hold SCUBA Classes at Kittitas Valley Memorial Pool

T. Authorize Mayor to Sign Contract with Washington State Library for Children’ s Library Grant

U. Authorize Mayor to Sign Amendment to Agreement with Central Washington University for Brooklane Well

V. Accept Food Donation of $120 from Ranch & Home for Animal Shelter

M. Approve June 17, 2002 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 54255 Through 54476 in the Total Amount of $618,661.61 and Payroll Fund Check Numbers 45472 Through 45885 in the Total Amount of $670,325.93. Affirmed

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Bassett recommended Roberta Soltz be appointed to the Environmental Commission.

Confirm Mayor’ s appointment. Savidge

Affirmed

REQUEST FROM GALLERY ONE FOR PROJECT FUNDING/RECOMMENDATION FROM
LODGING TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC), at their last meeting, passed a motion granting $20,000 toward the Gallery One/Stewart Building Improvement Project. The award would be from monies in the Lodging Tax Fund that are currently budgeted for downtown parking improvements and public restrooms in the downtown area. In order to use LTAC monies for this purpose, an agreement through which the City would gain some degree of ownership over tourism related assets must be negotiated. The fund balance is adequate to fund this project, however, the organization of the line items within the adopted budget does not contemplate this use. Another option would be to move forward with the adoption of a façade and code compliance improvement program that Council discussed at the May 6, 2002 meeting. This program would use part of the Community Development Block Fund housing loan repayment pool to fund façade and code compliance projects in the historic district.

Direct staff to proceed with development of a historic district improvement grant Lillquist program as outlined on page 109 of the agenda. Affirmed

City pledge funds to Gallery One for improvements to Stewart Building contingent Lillquist on adoption of historic district improvement grant program and Stewart Building project meeting the grant requirements. Affirmed

Set study session for July 8 with Lodging Tax Advisory Committee. Bassett

Affirmed

CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ISSUES

Larry Nickel suggested Council look at the Schaake property master plan and consider bringing the property into the City through annexation.

Mr. Crane stated it is taking 4-6 weeks to get a building permit and requested the City get help to issue permits more quickly.

PUBLIC HEARING/PROPOSED ORDINANCE – AMENDMENT TO COMMERCIAL HIGHWAY (C-H) AND TOURIST COMMERCIAL (T-C) ZONES TO ADD OFFICES AS PERMITTED USES

Mayor Bassett opened the public hearing to consider a proposed ordinance to amend the C-H and T-C Zones to add offices as permitted uses.

Senior Planner Caspar reviewed the agenda report. The City received a request from Tom Morris of R & R Auto Body to consider the zoning amendment to permit personal and professional offices in the C-H Zone. The Planning Commission reviewed the request and moved to recommend the City Council amend both the C-H and T-C Zones by adding personal and professional offices as permitted uses to
those zones. The Planning Commission’s rationale was that it received testimony at its December 13, 2001 meeting from real estate professionals that adding offices to these zones would be in concert with the needs of the community and the applicant’s request.

Larry Nickel, 317 ½ N. Pearl #1, stated he is opposed to the ordinance and this issue should have been handled as a Comprehensive Plan amendment and gone through the GMA process.

Sue Armstrong, 1633 Vantage Highway, speaking for the Willett and Law families, stated they are in favor of the proposed zoning amendment as they own property in these zones and this could help them as well as other property owners.

Ken Fyall, 907 E. Manitoba, stated he is opposed to the proposed zoning amendment as the City Council rezoned the property around Fred Meyer from I-L to CC-II so that it could be contiguous to the downtown for business and retail uses.

Mark Holloway suggested Council look at the Comprehensive Plan and fill vacant office space in the downtown core first before moving outside the downtown.

Frank Erickson, 309 N. Pearl, Fennelle Miller, 605 N. Anderson, Donna Nylander, Jim, Armstrong, and Dick Elliott, 101 N. Pearl, all spoke in opposition to the proposed zoning amendment and would like to keep these uses in the downtown in order to preserve and enhance the downtown.

Council asked questions of staff and audience members.

There being no further testimony, Mayor Bassett closed the public hearing.

Continue discussion until after Council has input from the Downtown Task Force. Savidge

Motion withdrawn.

Direct staff to docket this issue as a Comprehensive Plan amendment on July 1. Sowards

Affirmed

PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCE NO. 4323 – SPECIAL VALUATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO HISTORIC PROPERTY

Mayor Bassett opened the public hearing to consider a proposed ordinance for special valuation for improvements to historic property.

Associate Planner Eyerly reviewed the agenda report. The state legislature enacted the program for the purpose of encouraging the rehabilitation of privately owned historic buildings. Property owners benefit in that qualified rehabilitation costs are deducted from the assessed value of their property each year for ten years.
Fire Chief Schmidt stated the Fire Department needs to work with downtown property owners on fire sprinklers which could be made a requirement of the program.

Flo Lentz, 107 E. 17th, speaking on behalf of Historic Ellensburg, stated they are in favor of the ordinance for commercial and single family dwellings.

Mark Holloway stated if sprinkler systems need to be installed, this may be cost prohibitive.

Fennelle Miller, 605 N. Anderson, Margaret Condit and Colin Condit, 215 E. 9th Avenue, Paula Hunter, 1502 Brooklane, and Fritz Glover, Payne Road, all spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.

There being no further testimony, Mayor Bassett closed the public hearing.

Read for the first time, Ordinance No. 4323. Savidge

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington amending the Ellensburg Municipal Code relating to Chapter 1.45 Landmarks and Design, and amending Section 1.45.12 "Definitions" and adding a new Section 1.45.70 entitled "Special Valuation for Historic Properties.” Affirmed

ORDINANCE NO. 4324 – PROHIBIT FIREWORKS SALES FROM DECEMBER 27-31

Recent state fireworks legislation includes a new period of time, December 27 through 31, during which "consumer fireworks" may be sold and purchased unless a city takes affirmative action to prohibit this purchase and sale period. The proposed ordinance is consistent with this state law which allows cities the option of enacting ordinances within 60 days of June 13 to limit or prohibit the sale and purchase of fireworks between December 27 and December 31.

Read for the first time, Ordinance No. 4324. Sowards

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington amending the Ellensburg Municipal Code relating to fireworks limitations and amending ECC Sections 3.03.50, 3.03.54 and 3.03.62. Affirmed

AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSAL FIELD SERVICES FOR BURLINGTON NORTHERN DEPOT ACQUISITION

An agreement has been prepared for Council’s consideration that provides for appraisal and negotiation services to acquire the Burlington Northern Railroad Depot.

Authorize Mayor to sign agreement with Universal Field Services on the City’s behalf. Barry

Affirmed

WEST ELLensburg PARK EXPANSION MASTER PLAN REVISION
A revision of the West Ellensburg Park Expansion Master Plan was presented.

Approve revised West Ellensburg Park Expansion Master Plan. Perrie

Affirmed

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-16 – DECLARING PROPERTY SURPLUS TO CITY’ S NEEDS AND AUTHORIZING REAL PROPERTY EXCHANGE WITH SCHAAKE NORTH LLC

The proposed resolution would declare surplus to the City’s needs a 33.82 acre parcel located to the west of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and adjacent to the east bank of the Yakima River, and authorize the conveyance of that property to Schaake North LLC in exchange for 5.63 acres of property of equal value located contiguous to the Treatment Plant. A revised Exhibit “ B” was handed out which has a correction to the legal description.

Adopt Resolution No. 2002-16 with amended Exhibit “ B”. Barry

Affirmed

APPEAL OF SIDEWALK DEFERRAL DECISION

David DeWitte, a future applicant for a commercial building permit on property located at the I-90 west interchange applied for a deferral of the necessary curb, gutter, and sidewalk improvements on a currently unimproved right-of-way that serves as the access for the property. The request was denied by staff based upon the requirements of the City Code. Pursuant to that portion of the City Code, an appeal of that decision has been filed. Staff does not believe that granting a deferral of improvements in this location would create access or other problems.

Grant curb, gutter, and sidewalk deferral request for Dewitte Family Ltd. Partnership. Barry

Affirmed

AWARD BID CALL 2002-24 – SEWER AND CATCH BASIN CLEANER

Bids were solicited for the purchase of a new sewer and catch basin cleaner for the Sewer Division. Staff recommends awarding the bid to Enviro-Clean Equipment, Inc. for the demonstration unit and waiving the performance bond.

Waive the performance bond requirement for demonstration unit (decrease Lillquist bid amount by $3,663.91); award bid to Enviro-Clean Equipment, Inc. for the total amount of $183,195.59. Affirmed

TRI-COUNTY WATER RESOURCE AGENCY (TCWRA) REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT
The TCWRA is nearing the end of funding for watershed planning. The Board is now discussing continuance of operation with funding from the membership. The City has one seat on the Board, and initial discussions yield a range of cost for the City of between $8,000 and $20,000 annually for continued participation. The Board has requested that each member poll their respective agency to determine if financial support is possible and report back to the Board at its June 20 regular meeting. Due to the City’s current fiscal condition and the ability to participate in planning updates without sitting on the Board, it is staff’s recommendation not to provide funding at this time. It would appear to be most cost effective to wait for this issue to work through the legislature.

Do not provide funding for TCWRA. Barry

Affirmed

AGREEMENT WITH 3H CABLE COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTANTS TO REVIEW CABLE TELEVISION SERVICES

The City issued a request for proposals for a cable television consultant in April. After negotiating with the consulting firm, 3H Cable Communications Consultants, a contract and scope of services has been finalized that staff feels would provide the City with the information necessary to deal effectively with Charter Communications on franchise issues.

Authorize Mayor to sign agreement with 3H Cable Communications Consultants Sowards to review cable television service in Ellensburg and administer franchise agreement for one year. Affirmed

MANAGER’S REPORT

Electric Rates

Schedule a study session with Energy Advisory Committee to receive consultant’s Barry report and discuss other rate making issues. Affirmed

Public Hearings

Set a public hearing on July 1 to consider the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Bassett Plan. Affirmed

Set July 1 for a public hearing to consider a zone change request for a portion of the Bassett City’s West Ellensburg property that fronts on Railroad Avenue from Residential Suburban to Light Industrial. Affirmed
Youth and Community Center Landscape and Parking Lot Project

Staff requests permission to extend the Youth and Community Center Parking lot and
Landscape project.

Extend the Youth and Community Center parking lot and landscape project to include Barry
Paving around the building and additional landscaping at a total extended contract cost
of not more than $49,900. Affirmed

COUNCILMEMBERS’ REPORTS

E-Mail from Property Owners in Creekside Circle

Councilmember Collins mentioned the e-mail that was received in the last Friday mail packet from
property owners in Creekside Circle with concerns of the ongoing problems with parties and
disturbances in the neighborhood. Staff will be providing a response to the e-mail.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Council Meeting

Councilmember Lillquist reported on the last EMS Council meeting.

Chamber of Commerce

Councilmember Perrie attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting at which they discussed hiring a
new director.

Yakima Salmon Recovery Board

Councilmember Perrie reported on the last Yakima Salmon Recovery Board meeting he attended.

Mental Health and Disabilities Board

Councilmember Savidge reported on the last Mental Health and Disabilities Board meeting he
attended.

KITTCOM Board Meeting

Councilmember Sowards reported on the KITTCOM Board Meeting she attended.

Drug and Alcohol Task Force

Mayor Bassett attended a Drug and Alcohol Task Force meeting at Central Washington University.

ADJOURN Adjourn at 11:14 p.m. Barry
Affirmed

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Mayor

Attest: ______________________

City Clerk