CITY OF ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON

Minutes of Council Meeting, Special Session
Date of Meeting January 27, 2003
Time of Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Place of Meeting Central Washington University, Barge Hall, Room 412, 400 E. 8th Avenue


Others present were City Manager Barkley; Public Works Director Akers, Energy Services Director Titus; Deputy Clerk Keno; CWU President Jerilyn McIntyre; Rich Corona, CWU Vice President for Business & Financial Affairs; Daily Record City Reporter Muir and approximately ten members of the audience.

Councilmembers and City staff introduced themselves and President McIntyre introduced CWU staff in attendance.

The purpose of the joint meeting is to advise the City of capital improvements underway and planned on the CWU campus.

JOINT MEETING WITH CWU ADMINISTRATION

General Discussion of Growth Plans and Goals

CWU President Jerilyn McIntyre outlined projects in process on the CWU campus:

Construction of Phase I of the new Music Education Building

Design work on the new Student Union/Recreation (SUBREC) Building scheduled to begin construction in 2004

Renovation of Kamola Hall

Upgrades in connection with relocation of the Women’s Soccer Fields to the corner of Alder & 18th

Community and campus parking needs

John Wayne Trail Reconnection

Relocation of Power Transmission Lines in connection with construction of the new SUBREC Building

She reported applications for new student admissions are up 20% over last year; the average full time enrollment (FTE) is 8,068.

Rich Corona, Vice President for Business & Financial Affairs, presented an overview of the
University’s master planning process. He outlined issues with Hertz Hall and Kamola Hall. Construction of the new SUBREC building has brought forward the infrastructure issue with the power transmission lines.

Steve Rittereiser, Chief of Police, spoke about parking development on campus. A three-year lease agreement for parking at 8th & Pearl (Lot C-1) will help with alleviating parking congestion at Kamola and Muzzall Halls. CWU will be offering incentives for students to park in this lot. Additional parking will be available south and east of the new Music Building in conjunction with Phase I of the music building project. More parking will be available with the relocation of the Women’s Soccer Fields to the corner of Alder & 18th and student village parking will increase. The parking improvements planned on campus will provide a total of approximately 550 additional parking spaces. In answer to City inquiry, these spaces will be permit parking but visitors can always buy a permit. Parking in campus lots is free after 4:30 p.m. The student village parking should be ready by fall of 2003. In answer to City inquiry, Courson and Muzzall Halls could see more conference center use depending on enrollment numbers.

Bill Yarwood, Steve Waldeck and John Drinkwater talked about the project siting for the SUBREC building and reviewed the construction timeline. Construction is scheduled to begin in April 2004 with opening of the Student Union planned for January 2006. The new building is 230,000 square feet. The Recreation portion of the building is scheduled for completion first with the Student Union portion scheduled for completion second. Total cost of the project is $50 million dollars with some mitigation costs. In answer to City inquiry, the current SUB building may be utilized as a student services center for career development, administration, etc.

? General Discussion of Process and Options for the Relocation of the Puget Sound Energy Transmission Lines

Rich Corona, Vice President for Business & Financial Affairs, reviewed the criteria used in moving the power transmission lines, the seven potential routes identified and the two routes left remaining. These routes are the Town Ditch route and the Maple Street Right of Way to 11th Avenue route. The University is in the process of analyzing the two routes and will have more discussions with the City, Puget Sound Energy (PSE) and Ellensburg Water Company before going to the Board of Trustees to request a decision on which route to take. Libby Street, Special Assistant to President McIntyre, shared health and safety criteria used including research gathered by the University on the Electro Magnetic Fields (EMF) issue. In February the Board will be asked to approve the final design for the SUBREC building which will include approval of the site. The University hopes to have a final decision by the first week in March. It will take approximately 14-18 months to build and ship the transmission poles; actual relocation of the lines will occur in 2004. The University plans to solicit additional public comment through a forthcoming newspaper advertisement to be followed by the SEPA process.

Council and CWU staff expressed a mutual interest in holding future joint meetings.
**ADJOURN** Adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Barry Affirmed

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ATTEST: ______________________________________

City Clerk