ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Bassett, Carlson, Collins, Lillquist, O’Brien, Perrie, and Mayor Barry.

Others present were City Manager Barkley; City Attorney Pidduck; City Clerk Reno; Senior Planner Smith; Energy Services Director Titus; Parks and Recreation Director Case; Rate Analyst Rowbotham; Executive Assistant Gigstead; Library Director Kline and approximately 20 members of the audience.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Approve agenda with the correction of the date on Page 67 from January 5, 2003 to January 5, 2004. 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: Carlson

A. Approve Minutes – August 1, 2005, Regular Session
B. Approve Minutes – August 15, 2005, Regular Session
C. Approve Minutes – August 19, 2005, Special Session
D. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions
(1) Arts Commission – August 2, 2005
(2) Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission – June 8, 2005
(3) Planning Commission – July 14, 2005 and August 11, 2005
C. Approve the Request from The Hawaiian Cowboys to use West Ellensburg Park Baseball Complex on October 1-2, 2005 for a Charity Wiffle Ball Tournament
D. Approve the Closure of the Alley East of Pine Street, West of Ruby Street, North of Fifth Avenue
and South of Sixth Avenue on September 15, 2005 and Approve a Noise Ordinance Waiver from 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. for Elmview

E. Accept the Washington Preservation Initiative Library Services and Technology Act Grant and Authorize the City Manager to Sign the Contract

F. Approve Request from Chamber of Commerce for the Closure of Fourth Avenue between Pearl and Pine Streets and Pine Street between Third and Fourth Avenues on September 20, 2005 from 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for the Welcome Back Wildcats

G. Approve Request from Central Washington University to Waive the Fees for Ambulance Service for all Home Football Games

H. Reallocation Funds in the Amount of $20,000 for the 2005 Capital Improvement Budget and Authorize $7,533.56 in Sales Tax Reserves for the Purchase of Irrigation Supplies

I. Approve the Continuation of the Street Use Permit with Kittitas Valley Community Hospital

J. Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Final MWM Plat – Phase I Mylar and Approve the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

K. Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Final Sun Ridge Plat – Phase 2 and Approve the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

L. Approve September 6, 2005 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 73024 Through 73308 in the Total Amount of $1,054,683.10; Payroll Fund Check Numbers 62791 Through 63034 in the total amount of $331,580.95 and Direct Deposit in the Amount of $90,261.49. Affirmed

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATIONS

Carol Johnson, Mary McClary, and Sam Penhallegon spoke regarding their interest in serving on boards and commissions.

LETTER FROM HABITAT FOR HUMANITY REQUESTING A BRIEF PRESENTATION

Mike Williams of Habitat for Humanity presented a certificate of appreciation to the City for the City’s Community Development Block Grant housing program. Margaret Kelley was the first person to receive one of the lots contributed by the City to the Habitat program. Ms. Kelley received the lot in the form of a forgivable 10 year promissory note.

MEMORANDUM FROM THE LODGING TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGARDING FUNDING OF THE SPIRIT OF THE WEST COWBOY GATHERING

Alan Walker was present to discuss the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee’s recommendation to approve an expenditure of $20,000 for the 2006 Spirit of the West Cowboy Gathering.
Grant request for funding of the event up to $20,000. O’Brien

Affirmed

**LETTER FROM HISTORIC ELLensburg REQUESTING A LETTER OF SUPPORT**

Fennelle Miller, Vice President of Historic Ellensburg, requested a letter of support for a Transportation Enhancement Act grant through the Kittitas County Department of Public Works.

Send a letter of support for the Historic Ellensburg’s grant application for Kittitas County public O’Brien

roads and authorize the Mayor’s signature. Affirmed

**LETTER FROM PAMELA BUITRAGO REQUESTING A SPECIAL MEETING REGARDING THE ANIMAL SHELTER**

Pamela Buitrago stated that she is requesting on behalf of a group of residents a special session with the City Council to express their concerns about the conditions at the Ellensburg Animal Control Shelter.

Schedule a presentation during the October 19, 2005 special session as the last item on the Carlson agenda. Affirmed

**CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ISSUES**

Don Stevenson spoke about walking 2000 miles for Alzheimer’s.

**PUBLIC HEARING – MEADOWS PRELIMINARY PLAT – WEST OF GAIL ROAD AND NORTH OF BENDER ROAD**

Mayor Barry opened the public hearing to consider the Meadows Preliminary Plat. Mayor Barry asked the council members the standard questions to determine if a conflict of interest or appearance of fairness violation existed. No council member had any conflict of interest or appearance of fairness issues to disclose.

Senior Planner Smith summarized the agenda report and included Pages 87-120 of the Agenda into the record.

Council asked questions of staff.

Martin Kaatz, 309 N. Poplar, stated he is concerned about floods in Ellensburg in general and asked staff to look into the criteria of storm drainage requirements to include snow melt and not just rain.
Elliott Severson, representing the developer of the project, discussed the current plat proposal. The current proposal has two pathways through the project that will handle the storm water situation and also provide trails through the plat for the connectivity issues that they have been trying to address. They would like input from City staff about what type of trees the developer can plant along both interior streets. They also have been working with City staff for a proposal to put in a city park.

Council asked questions of Mr. Severson.

Eric Herzog, Huibregtse, Louman Associates, Inc., Yakima, WA, stated this area is in the Airport Overlay Zone and wanted to make sure this was included in the agenda report. Also, the reason why the roads are not going over the Cascade Canal is because Kittitas County owns that property and they have an industrial park in their plans.

Council asked questions of Mr. Herzog and staff.

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

Uphold the SEPA Responsible Official’s issuance of a Mitigated Determination of Carlson Non-Significance. Affirmed

Approve the preliminary plat subject to the following conditions: Carlson

a) The applicant will meet the requirements of the Public Works Department discussed in its memorandum dated July 11, 2005.

b) The applicant will meet the requirements of the Energy Services Department for utility installation.

c) The applicant will work with the Fire Department to meet its requirements for hydrants and access.

d) The applicant will work with the Cascade Irrigation District to insure that all of its requirements have been met.

e) The applicant will place on the face of the plat signature blocks for the following: City Engineer, Community Development Director, Cascade Irrigation District, County Treasurer, County Auditor, and the Mayor of Ellensburg.

f) The applicant will place the following note on the face of the plat: This property is located within the Airport Overlay Zone in which a variety of airport aviation activities occur. Such airport aviation activities may impact the use of your property. Affirmed

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-25 – OPPOSITION TO BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION’S PARTICIPATION IN GRID-WEST

Regional Public Power Associations have determined that now is the time to actively voice the City’s
opposition to the creation of a Regional Transmission Organization in the northwest.

**Adopt Resolution No. 2005-25.** Bassett Affirmed

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-26 – SUPPORT OF THE “$27 IN ‘07” CAMPAIGN OF THE NORTHWEST COALITION FOR AFFORDABLE POWER**

Bonneville Power Administration has suggested that the new power rates might be as high as $39/Mwh. The proposed resolution supports the “$27 in ’07” campaign of the Northwest Coalition for Affordable Power and pledges $10,000 to the campaign.

**Adopt Resolution No. 2005-26.** Carlson

Affirmed

Approve the City to pledge up to $10,000 from the Energy Services Budget for the campaign.

Carlson

Affirmed

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-27 – BEQUEST FROM MARGUERITE GUSTAFSON**

The Library Board requests the acceptance of a bequest from the estate of Marguerite Gustafson in the amount of $50,000 for the Library Trust Fund for the purpose of establishing an endowment.

**Adopt Resolution No. 2005-27.** Carlson

Affirmed

**CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY CONNECTOR BUS SERVICE**

The Central Washington University (CWU) Police Department is proposing to modify its current on-call transportation service and transform this operation into a regularly scheduled bus route. It will be necessary to establish bus stops on the public right-of-way in several locations.

Authorize bus stop sign installation on a reimbursable basis. Lillquist

Affirmed

**NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) GRANT FUNDING OFFER**

The Mayor received a communication from the Department of Ecology announcing a $75,000 grant funding offer and requesting a letter of intent to secure the funding.

Authorize staff to submit a letter of intent to the Department of Ecology for the purpose of Carlson
NPDES Grant funding and assent to the staff’s direction to partner with the 10 other central Washington cities in developing a compliance model. Affirmed

**BROOKSFIELD PLAT – FINAL PLAT APPROVAL AND FINDINGS OF FACT**

Staff has reviewed the Final Brooksfield Plat and has determined that the Plat is ready for final approval.

Approve the amended subdivision improvements agreement for the Brooksfield Plat. Carlson

Affirmed

Approve the Final Brooksfield Plat, authorize the Mayor to sign the final plat, and Carlson approve the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for the final plat. Affirmed

**DISCUSSION REGARDING THE POTENTIAL USE OF AN ADVISORY QUESTION IN THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION AS PART OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVISION PROCESS**

Council had discussion regarding the potential use of an advisory question related to the Comprehensive Plan revision process in the November General Election. Council decided not to pursue this matter.

**MANAGER’S REPORT**

**2006 Budget Process**

Set October 19, 2005 meeting at 6:30 p.m. Carlson

Affirmed

Move the October 11, 2005 meeting to October 18, 2005. O’Brien

Affirmed

Set the following special meetings for budget review: Carlson

October 5, 2005; October 13, 2005; October 24, 2005; and amend October 18, 2005 to October 25, 2005.

Affirmed

**Request to Hire a Finance Director**

Finance Director Carpenter has announced his retirement effective March 31, 2006. Staff requests
permission to recruit a Finance Director.

Go forward with hiring an overlap Finance Director. Carlson

Affirmed

**Request for Vacation**

Authorize City Manager to be absent from the November 21, 2005 meeting. Carlson

Affirmed

**COUNCILMEMBERS’ REPORTS**

Councilmember Bassett attended the rodeo and parade events.

Councilmember Carlson attended a Law and Justice Council meeting, a Sanda City Committee meeting, and the rodeo and parade events.

Councilmember Collins attended the rodeo and parade events.

Councilmember Lillquist attended two Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee meetings, the rodeo and parade events, and a Salmon Recovery meeting.

Councilmember O’Brien attended the rodeo and parade events and the City/County Breakfast.

Mayor Barry attended the Utility Advisory Committee meeting, the Quadco RTPO meeting, the rodeo and parade events, a Fire and Police Disability Board meeting, a Sanda City Committee meeting, and the City/County Breakfast.

**RECESS**

Council recessed to executive session at 10:49 p.m. to discuss offers on the City’s Railroad Avenue property and collective bargaining issues for approximately 35 minutes. Council did expect to reconvene for possible action.

**ADJOURN** Adjourn at 11:38 p.m. Carlson

Affirmed

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Mayor

ATTEST: _____________________________ City Clerk