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

Others present were City Manager Barkley; City Attorney Pidduck; City Clerk Reno; Finance Director Carpenter; Senior Planner Smith; Energy Services Director Titus; Executive Assistant Gigstead; Parks and Recreation Director Case; Public Works Director Akers, and approximately 13 members of the audience.

City Clerk Reno administered the oath of office to Councilmembers Lillquist, Niner, and O’Brien.

ELECT MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM

Mayor Barry nominated Councilmember O’Brien for Mayor.

Cast unanimous ballot. Perrie

Affirmed

Councilmember Bassett nominated Councilmember Lillquist for Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Barry nominated Councilmember Carlson for Mayor Pro Tem.

The nominations were closed.

City Clerk Reno read the ballots as follows: Councilmembers Bassett, Lillquist, and Niner voted for Councilmember Lillquist; Councilmembers Barry, Carlson, Perrie and Mayor O’Brien voted for Councilmember Carlson.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Mayor O’Brien observed a moment of silence in honor of Celeste Kline, Library Director.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Approve Agenda. Carlson

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 – December 19, 2005, Regular Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

C. Approve request from Gallery One Visual Arts Center for use of the sidewalk outside the gallery on January 21, 2006 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to cook and sell food

D. Approve Noise Waiver Application for The Rocky Mountain Renegades on February 25, 2006 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Bloom Pavilion, Kittitas County Events Center

E. Accept Transportation Improvement Board Grant for the University Way Signal and Authorize Mayor and Finance Director to Execute the Agreement

F. Accept Transportation Improvement Board Grant for Ruby Street/Mountain View Avenue and Authorize Mayor and Finance Director to Execute the Agreement

G. Authorize Mayor to Execute Grant Agreement with the Bonneville Environmental Foundation for the Community Solar Photovoltaic Project

H. Approve January 3, 2006 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 74834 Through 75027 in the Total Amount of $1,415,424.51; Payroll Fund Check Numbers 64604 Through 64775 in the total amount of $164,544.79 and Direct Deposit in the total amount of $114,828.47. Affirmed

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS INTRODUCTIONS

Howard Lyman spoke about his interest in serving on the Downtown Task Force.

LETTER FROM PAT KELLEHER REGARDING ELECTRIC RATES

Pat Kelleher spoke regarding the 10 percent electric rate increase that was approved by the City Council at the December 5, 2005 meeting.

Energy Services Director Titus responded to Mr. Kelleher’s comments.

The City Council took the comments under advisement.

PRESENTATION FROM LAUGHING HORSE ARTS FOUNDATION REGARDING MORGAN
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Don Solberg, member of the Laughing Horse Arts Foundation, submitted a petition to the City and spoke regarding the Morgan Performing Arts Center.

Direct staff to work with the Ellensburg School District to explore options for the Morgan Barry Performing Arts Center. Affirmed

LETTER FROM JOE SHEERAN REGARDING ZONING DESIGNATION OF CITY OWNED WEST ELLENSBURG PARK AND ADJACENT CITY OWNED PROPERTY

Council acknowledged the letter from Joe Sheeran, Chairman of the Environmental Commission, regarding the zoning designation of the City owned West Ellensburg Park and adjacent property as part of the 2005/2006 Comprehensive General Plan updates.

ORDINANCE NO. 4427 – COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS

The proposed ordinance adopts the two remaining Comprehensive Plan amendments approved by the City Council on November 7, 2005.

Amend Ordinance No. 4427 to include Exhibit “M” entitled “Page 53A – Future Land Use Map Carlson For Land within the City Limits”. Affirmed

Read for the second time and adopt amended Ordinance No. 4427. Carlson

Barry (yes)

Bassett (yes)

Carlson (yes)

Lillquist (yes)

Niner (abstain)

Perrie (yes)

O'Brien (yes)

Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 4430 – AMENDMENT TO ECC 2.36.10 PERTAINING TO ANNUAL INCREASES IN RATES AND FEES FOR HAL HOLMES CENTER AND OTHER CITY MEETING FACILITIES

The proposed ordinance corrects an inadvertent error in recently passed Ordinance No. 4425 by
delaying the effective date of the incremental annual fee increase provision set forth in ECC Section 2.36.10 from January 1, 2006 until January 1, 2007.

**Read for the first time, Ordinance No. 4430.** Carlson

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington relating to Chapter 2.36 “Hal Holmes Center and other meeting facilities rates and fees,” and amending Section 2.36.10 of said chapter to change the year for implementation of automatic annual rate and fee increases. Affirmed

Waive Council rule 1.4.44 (C) (2) to allow for second reading of the ordinance. Carlson

Barry (yes)
Bassett (yes)
Carlson (yes)
Lillquist (yes)
Niner (yes)
Perrie (yes)
O’Brien (yes)

Motion approved.

**Read for the second time and adopt Ordinance No. 4430.** Carlson

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington relating to Chapter 2.36 “Hal Holmes Center and other meeting facilities rates and fees,” and amending Section 2.36.10 of said chapter to change the year for implementation of automatic annual rate and fee increases. Affirmed

Barry (yes)
Bassett (yes)
Carlson (yes)
Lillquist (yes)
Niner (yes)
Perrie (yes)
O’Brien (yes)
Motion approved.

**ORDINANCE NO. 4431 – 2005 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET**

The proposed ordinance provides for supplemental appropriations in various funds.

**Read for the first time, Ordinance No. 4431.** Barry


**ORDINANCE NO., 4432 – TRAFFIC CODE REVISIONS**

The proposed ordinance reflects various changes necessitated by new development or requested in the Traffic Code.

**Read for the first time, Ordinance No. 4432.** Barry

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington relating to Chapter 8 “Traffic” and amending Subsections 8.10.02, 8.30.02, 8.36.04, and 8.36.12 of the Ellensburg Municipal Code.

Affirmed

**LETTER FROM THE CASCADE LAND CONSERVANCY SEEKING SUPPORT FOR UTILIZING TRANSFERABLE DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS AS A PLANNING TOOL**

At the previous meeting, the Director of Kittitas County Conservation gave a presentation regarding a planning tool called “transfer of development rights”. The City Council requested this issue be scheduled again for this meeting. A representative from Kittitas County Conservation was present to answer questions.

Support the Cascade Land Conservancy’s development of the “transfer of development Carlson rights” as a planning tool. Affirmed

**CHANGES TO THE HOURS OF OPERATION AT THE ELLENSBURG RACQUET AND RECREATION CENTER**

At the conclusion of the 2006 budget process, Parks and Recreation Department staff was directed to reduce the Ellensburg Racquet and Recreation Center 2006 operating budget by $20,000. Staff has proposed ways to reduce the budget by the requested amount.
Council directed staff to discuss the proposed changes with the patrons of the facility and the Parks and Recreation Commission and bring the proposal back to the City Council.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Comprehensive Plan Special Meetings

The Special Meetings for the draft Comprehensive Plan will be held at City Hall, with the exception of March 1, which will be held at the Hal Holmes Center.

Employee Health Insurance Coverage

Authorize City Manager’s signature on agreements needed for health insurance. Carlson

Affirmed

COUNCILMEMBERS’ REPORTS

Councilmember Carlson offered to be the representative on the Airport Advisory Committee.

Councilmember Lillquist requested that the Council board and committee assignments be reviewed at the next meeting.

Councilmember Barry attended the Utility Advisory Committee meeting and the City/County Breakfast. He stated that he will be arriving late at the January 17, 2006 meeting.

Mayor O’Brien attended the City/County Breakfast and a Campus and Community Coalition meeting.

RECESS

Council recessed to executive session at 9:48 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. Council did not expect to reconvene to take action.

At 10:13 p.m., Council returned to regular open meeting.

ADJOURN Adjourn at 10:14 p.m. Carlson

Affirmed

Mayor

ATTEST: __________________________ City Clerk