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

Others present were City Manager Barkley; City Attorney Pidduck; City Clerk Reno; Finance Director Carpenter; Police Chief Richey; Senior Planner Smith; and approximately 10 members of the audience.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Mayor O’Brien presented certificates of appreciation to retirees Larry Carpenter, Finance Director and Bob Richey, Chief of Police.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Amend agenda to add Item 6.B – Jerry Harris, Kittitas County Health Department Carlson presentation. Affirmed

Approve Agenda as amended. 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 – February 27, 2006, Special Session

Approve Minutes – March 1, 2006, Special Session

Approve Minutes – March 6, 2006, Regular Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

(1) Downtown Task Force – February 9, 2006 and February 23, 2006

(2) Landmarks & Design Commission – February 21, 2006
C. Approve Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for the Preliminary Stoney Creek Plat

D. Approve University Way Banner Request for CWU Campus Life Student Union Opening from March 29, 2006 - April 11, 2006 and April 24, 2006 – April 28, 2006

E. Authorize the City Manager to Issue a Letter of Intent to Secure the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Depot Lease in an Amount not to Exceed $39,721

F. Adopt Resolution No. 2006-06 for the Tree Removal Requested by Marty Cramer at 108 S. Main St.

G. Approve March 20, 2006 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 76023 Through 76266 in the Total Amount of $2,490,742.97; Payroll Check Numbers 65567 Through 65727 in the total amount of $153,691.00 and Direct Deposit in the total amount of $106,513.43. Affirmed

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS

Mayor O’Brien recommended Jeff Gray, Matt Willard, and Mitch Williams be appointed to the Environmental Commission.

Confirm Mayor’s appointments. Perrie

Affirmed

PRESENTATION BY JERRY HARRIS, KITTITAS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Jerry Harris presented information regarding preparing to respond to pandemic influenza.

PUBLIC HEARING – SUNNY BROOK PRELIMINARY PLAT – WEST OF GAIL ROAD AND NORTH OF BENDER ROAD

Mayor O’Brien opened the public hearing to consider the Sunny Brook Preliminary Plat. Mayor O’Brien asked the council members a series of appearance of fairness questions. Council members indicated that there were no appearance of fairness issues.

Senior Planner Smith summarized the agenda report.

Mayor O’Brien entered into the record Pages 26-63 of the Council Agenda.

Council asked questions of staff.

Elliott Severson, representing the developer, described the proposed plat.

Council asked questions of Mr. Severson and the applicant’s engineer of Huibregtse, Louman Associates, Inc.
Council asked additional questions of staff.

There being no further testimony, Mayor O'Brien closed the public hearing.

Carlson

1) Uphold the SEPA Responsible Official's decision to retain the Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) that was issued on January 4, 2006. Affirmed

2) Approve the preliminary plat, including the proposed phases, subject to the following conditions: Carlson

a) The applicant will meet the requirements of the Public Works Department discussed in its memorandum dated December 20, 2005.

b) The applicant will meet the requirements of the Ellensburg 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; & the Mayor of Ellensburg.

f) The applicant will place the following note on the face of the plat: A portion of 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

ORDINANCE NO. 4439 – AMENDMENT TO LIBRARY REVOLVING FUND

The Library requests the City Council approve an increase of the Revolving Fund by fifty dollars.

Read for the first time, Ordinance No. 4439. Carlson

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington, relating to Chapter 2.16 “Funds” and amending Section 2.16.236 of the Ellensburg Municipal Code to increase the amount of the Library Revolving Fund to $300.00. Affirmed

Waive rule 1.4.44.C (2) in order to conduct second reading and adoption. 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. 4439. Carlson

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington, relating to Chapter 2.16 “Funds” and amending Section 2.16.236 of the Ellensburg Municipal Code to increase the amount of the Library Revolving Fund to $300.00. Barry (yes)

Bassett (yes)

Carlson (yes)

Lillquist (yes) Niner (yes)

Perrie (yes) O’Brien (yes)

Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-07 – AMEND THE LIST OF CITY OFFICIALS AUTHORIZED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS WITH CORPORATE TREASURY DIVISION OF U.S. BANK N.A.

The proposed resolution amends the resolution adopted by the City Council on May 2, 2005. The amendment changes the list of City officials authorized to transact business with the Corporate Treasury Division of U.S. Bank N.A. on behalf of the City. The amendment removes Larry Carpenter and adds Kim Snider as authorized City officials.

Adopt Resolution No. 2006-07. Carlson

Affirmed

PROPOSED AD HOC CRITICAL AREAS COMMITTEE

During the March 6, 2006 meeting, the City Council considered a plan to form an Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of reviewing Critical Areas policies and ordinance provisions and providing recommendations to the City Council. The agenda report includes the names of people who have volunteered to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee to date and the suggested policies to guide the work of the Ad Hoc Committee.

Council discussed the proposed committee makeup as well as the process and mission.
Staff will bring back the proposed Ad Hoc Critical Areas Committee to the City Council at a future date.

Council discussed that a notice should be posted in the newspaper for the March 29, 2006 special meeting indicating that the meeting will be a continued discussion of the March 27 special meeting and/or a discussion of the proposed Comprehensive Plan revision process.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Request to Set Public Hearing

Set a public hearing on April 3, 2006 for the declaration of old City Hall as surplus property. Carlson 

Affirmed

Central Transit Bus Stops

Central Washington University has requested to add three more bus stops on City right-of-way.

Add three bus stops for Central Transit. Perrie

Affirmed

COUNCILMEMBERS’ REPORTS

Councilmember Carlson attended the Airport Advisory Committee meeting.

Councilmember Lillquist attended the Animal Shelter Committee meeting and reported on the Salmon Recovery Board.

Councilmember Niner attended the KITTCOM Board meeting

Mayor O’Brien attended a meeting at the hospital and the ribbon cutting for the Dry Creek Assisted Care Facility.

ADJOURN Adjourn at 8:33 p.m. Carlson

Affirmed

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Mayor

ATTEST: ___________________________ City Clerk