CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of Council Meeting, Regular Session

Date of Meeting January 16, 2007
Time of Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Place of Meeting Council Chambers, 501 North Anderson Street

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

Excused absence: Councilmember Carlson.

Others present were City Manager Barkley; City Attorney Pidduck; City Clerk Reno; Executive Assistant Gigstead; Senior Planner Smith; Public Works Director Akers; Police Chief Miller; and five members of the audience.

Agenda Approval


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

A. Approve Minutes - January 2, 2007, Regular Session
B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions
   (1) Planning Commission - December 7, 2006
   C. Approve Noise Waiver Application from Washington State Mounted Shooters at the Kittitas County Fairgrounds on January 19 and 26, February 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2007 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
D. Accept Resignation from Bryan Bachman-Rhodes, Planning Commission and Authorize Mayor to Sign Letter of Appreciation
E. Approve University Way Banner Request from Spirit of the West Cowboy Gathering from February 1-18, 2007
F. Approve January 16, 2007 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 81158 Through 81373 in the Total Amount of $1,288,211.28; Payroll Fund Check Numbers 68957 Through 69098 in the Total Amount of $169,405.53; and Direct Deposit in the total amount of $148,297.88. Affirmed
Public Hearing - Prather Zone Change Request - I-H to R-O - 609 Wenas Street

Mayor O'Brien reopened the public hearing to consider the Prather Zone Change request. 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 17-24 of the agenda and Attachments A-R.

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

Uphold the SEPA Determination of Non-Significance issued November 21, 2006. Barry Affirmed

Approve the rezone request and require that the legal description for the property be corrected Barry to the satisfaction of the City Attorney prior to enactment of the adopting ordinance. Affirmed

McIntosh Preliminary Plat - East of Ellington Street and North of Greenfield Avenue

Mayor O'Brien opened the public hearing to consider the McIntosh 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 25-54 of the agenda and an additional handout for Exhibit "F" Page 2.

Mike Stougard, 1215 Pfenning Road, discussed the proposed plat and stated that he has spoken with the landowners to the north of the plat and they do not want the road to go through to the north.

Mitch Williams, 1880 Quail Run Lane, discussed road issues that need to be considered. He requested that if the City Council does approve the plat that there be some guidance in the record for the Public Works Department which would enable them to not feel bound by the intersection alignment ordinance and that they not provide an obligation for adjoining properties to structure their streets in direct alignment.

Council asked questions of Mr. Williams, staff and Mr. Stougard.

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

Uphold the SEPA Responsible Official's issuance of a Determination of Non-Significance on Lillquist October 18, 2006. Affirmed
Approve the McIntosh preliminary plat subject to the following conditions: Lillquist

a) The applicant will meet the requirements of the Public Works Department discussed in its memorandum dated June 16, 2006.

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

c) The applicant will meet the requirements of the Fire Department for hydrants and adequate cul-de-sac turnaround.

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. Affirmed

Council discussed the street issues with Public Works Director Akers.

**Proposed Ordinance - Zoning Text Amendment - Senior Citizen Housing**

Mayor O'Brien opened the public hearing to consider the proposed zoning text amendment for senior citizen housing to include a second category for 55 years of age and older in addition to the current 62 years and older category.

Senior Planner Smith summarized the agenda report.

Steve Willard, 1709 E. Sanders Road, stated he has requested the zoning text amendment and agrees with staff's recommended language.

Council asked questions of Mr. Willard.

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

Read for the first time, Ordinance No. 4468 and amend ordinance Section 13.04.91 Lillquist to have a limit of three bedrooms for Type B instead of no limit on bedrooms and the parking requirements will be in compliance with the City Code for single family housing parking for Type B.

An ordinance relating to zoning and to the Public Works Development Standards and amending Title 13 of the Ellensburg City Code by adding a second category of Senior Citizen Housing for ages 55 and older to the definition section and amending the Public Works Development Standards Section 6 - Parking Standards to require execution of a covenant to qualify for the Senior Citizen Housing parking
Proposed Resolution for the Findings, Conclusions, and Decision for the Huie Family, LLC Zone Change and Proposed Ordinance Enacting the Zone Change

The proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision support the Council's January 2, 2007 decision approving the Huie Family Zone Change request.

Adopt Resolution No. 2007-01. Bassett Affirmed

Read for the first time, Ordinance No. 4469. Barry

An ordinance relating to zoning and amending Title 13 of the Ellensburg City Code by changing the zoning classification of certain property within the City of Ellensburg from Residential Medium (R-M) to Central Commercial II (CC-II) classification. Affirmed

Proposed Resolution - Surplus of Firearms

The proposed resolution authorizes the Police Department to surplus six weapons.

Adopt Resolution No. 2007-02. Barry Affirmed

Proposed Resolution - Reimbursement of Two Digital Cameras

The proposed resolution authorizes the acceptance of reimbursement funds by Abuse Support and Prevention Education Now for two digital cameras.

Adopt Resolution No. 2007-03. Barry Affirmed

Proposed Resolution - Authorize the Opening of an Account with U.S. Bank

The proposed resolution authorizes the opening of an account with U.S. Bank for the Flexible Spending Account Plan.

Adopt Resolution No. 2007-04. Barry Affirmed

MANAGER'S REPORT

Request to Set Public Hearings

Set a public hearing on February 5, 2007 to consider the Northwest Audiology Rezone. Barry Affirmed

Set a public hearing on February 5, 2007 to consider the Simpson Annexation. Barry Affirmed

COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

Councilmember Barry attended the Critical Areas Ordinance Committee meeting.
Councilmember Bassett attended the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meeting.

Councilmember Lillquist attended the Animal Shelter Committee meeting.

Councilmember Niner attended the KITTCOM Board meeting.

Councilmember Niner discussed impact fees.

Council directed staff to schedule a special meeting on February 12, 2007 to discuss impact fees.

Council discussed snow and ice removal on sidewalks in the downtown area.

Council directed staff to increase code enforcement and compliance actions to clear sidewalks.

Mayor O’Brien attended the HopeSource Board meeting and the Utility Advisory Committee meeting.

RECESS

Council recessed to executive session at 9:18 p.m. to discuss the price and terms for a real estate transaction and potential litigation for approximately 35 minutes. Council did not expect to reconvene to take action.

At 9:54 p.m., Council announced it was extending the executive session for 10 minutes.

At 10:05 p.m., Council returned to the regular meeting. No action was taken.

ADJOURN Adjourn at 10:06 p.m. Barry Affirmed

_______________________________ Mayor

ATTEST: ___________________________ City Clerk