CITY OF ELLENSBURG Minutes of Council Meeting, Special Session
Date of Meeting November 12, 2007
Time of Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Place of Meeting Council Chambers, 501 North Anderson Street

Councilmembers Present: Barry, Bassett, Carlson, Lillquist, Niner, Perrie and Mayor O’Brien

Others present were City Manager Barkley; City Attorney Pidduck; Finance Director Ariwoola; Deputy Clerk Keno and approximately 50 members of the audience.

The purpose of the special meeting is a public hearing on the 2008 proposed budget.

REQUEST TO RESCIND OR MODIFY REGIONAL RETAIL ORDINANCE NO. 4497

This item was added to the agenda at the request of two councilmembers. City Attorney Pidduck referenced the November 12, 2007 letter from Carol Morris, Association of Washington Cities’ Land Use attorney, previously distributed to Council and Petitions filed with the City Clerk this evening under the category of potential litigation.

RECESS Mayor O’Brien announced Council would recess to executive session for 20 minutes for the purpose of obtaining guidance from the City Attorney relative to potential litigation issues.

RECONVENE Council reconvened in open meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Accept agenda. Bassett

Amend agenda to strike item 1) “Request to Rescind or Modify Regional Retail Carlson

Ordinance No. 4497.”

Roll call vote. Barry(Yes)

Bassett(No)

Carlson(Yes)

Lillquist(No)

Niner(No)

Perrie(Yes)

O’Brien(Yes)

Motion approved.
Vote on main motion to accept agenda as amended. Barry, Carlson, Perrie, O’Brien(Yes)

Bassett, Lillquist, Niner(No)

Motion approved.

Five minutes were allowed for clearing of the Council Chambers.

2008 PROPOSED BUDGET – PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor O’Brien opened the public hearing on the 2008 proposed budget. Finance Director Ariwoola summarized the staff report. The proposed ordinance is a summary of the 2008 proposed preliminary budget. Director Ariwoola distributed an amended ordinance which includes the anticipated revenue to Criminal Justice as a result of the November 6th passage of Proposition #2--the 3/10ths sales tax initiative. Anticipated revenues from passage of this initiative are $638,473.

Council asked questions of staff.

City Manager Barkley read into the record an e-mail received from Roylene Crawford explaining why a representative from the Children’s Activity Museum did not attend the assigned Council meeting to present their community program support request. The community program support line items remain as presented unless Council desires to make any changes.

Council asked further questions of staff. Council is adopting the fiscal piece of the budget handbook only.

There being no further testimony, Mayor O’Brien closed the public testimony portion of the public hearing.

Move first reading of Ordinance No. 4501 as amended by the handout tonight. Carlson

Affirmed

2008 PROPERTY TAX LEVY – CONSIDER SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 4498 AND ORDINANCE NO. 4499

The 2008 levy for property taxes to be collected in 2008 for municipal purposes consists of two separate ordinances. Ordinance No. 4498 establishes the 2008 regular property tax levy and Ordinance No. 4499 certifies the 2008 property tax levy to the Kittitas County Commissioners. Both ordinances were given first reading at Council’s November 5, 2007 meeting.

Move second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 4498. Carlson

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Ellensburg, Washington, certifying the fiscal year 2008 property tax levy.
Barry (Yes)
Bassett (Yes)
Carlson (Yes)
Lillquist (Yes)
Niner (Yes)
Perrie (Yes)
O’Brien (Yes)

Motion approved.

Move second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 4499. Carlson

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Ellensburg, Washington, levying taxes for municipal purposes of the City of Ellensburg, Washington, for the year 2008 according to the assessed valuation as determined in the year 2007 in accordance with RCW 84.55.120.

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

Motion approved.

Council discussed the vision and policies statement in the budget document.

Direct staff to review the vision section of the budget document to ensure consistency Lillquist with the comprehensive plan. Affirmed

ADJOURN Adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Carlson

Affirmed