ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Bassett, Bottcher, Miller, Niner, Tabb and Mayor Lillquist.

Motion to excuse Councilmember O’Brien’s absence. Bassett

Affirmed

Others present were City Manager Barkley; City Attorney Pidduck; City Clerk Reno; Executive Assistant Gigstead; Parks and Recreation Director Case; Planning Associate Eyerly; Animal Shelter Manager Hake; Community Development Director Smith, Finance Director Ariwoola and approximately 20 members of the audience.

Agenda Approval

Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a letter from Randy Graham as Item 6.C. Miller

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.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: Miller

A. Approve Minutes – April 24, 2008, Special Session

Approve Minutes – April 28, 2008, Special Session

Approve Minutes – May 5, 2008, Regular Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

(1) Arts Commission – April 8, 2008

(2) Lodging Tax Advisory Committee – March 5, 2008

(3) Planning Commission – May 8, 2008
(4) Utility Advisory Committee – March 20, 2008

C. Approve Ellensburg Rodeo’s Request for University Way Banner from August 25, 2008 to September 2, 2008

D. Award Bid Call 2008-04 – Electrical Distribution Construction Contract to Lowest Responsive Evaluated Bidder, Moza, Inc. at an estimated total Contract Price of $97,518 (including sales tax)

E. Approve Request to use Facilities at Memorial Pool with the Fee Waived for the Whisky Dick Triathlon on July 20, 2008

F. Approve May 19, 2008 Voucher Listing 88169 Through 88372 in the Total Amount of $1,004,818.20; Payroll Fund Check Numbers 73966 Through 74085 in the Total Amount of $127,252.10; Direct Deposit in the Amount of $135,635.81; and Electronic Fund Transfer of $5,432.50. Affirmed

Boards and Commissions Appointments

Mayor Lillquist recommended the following appointments: Ed Cushing, Utility Advisory Committee; Scott King, Cable Television Commission; and reappointments of William Amo, David Cross, and Fred Krueger, Landmarks and Design Commission; Susan Markovitch and Michoan Spoelstra, Parks and Recreation Commission; Bruce Simpson, Planning Commission; Evelyn McClure, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee; and Edward Barry, Utility Advisory Committee.

Motion to confirm Mayor’s appointments. Bassett

Affirmed

Campus-Community Coalition Presentation

Lynne Harrison, Coordinator of Campus-Community Coalition, gave a presentation of Campus-Community Coalition activities.

Letter from Ron Graham, Regarding Park Use for Recreation Vehicles

Randy Graham is requesting permission to allow recreation vehicles to camp overnight at the West Ellensburg Park for May 23-25 – Blue Rocks Tournament and June 6-8 Babe Ruth Tournament.

Motion to allow recreational vehicles to camp overnight at the West Ellensburg Park on Tabb

May 23, 24, and 25 for the Blue Rocks Tournament and June 6, 7, and 8 for the Adam Swangler Babe Ruth Tournament. Affirmed

Motion to adopt the following findings of fact: Miller

That this is being approved for an organized tournament in association with bona fide park use; the users will be required to abide by all rules, especially the alcohol prohibition; that this will only be
approved for self contained recreational vehicles; that the participants will be locked in at night; this will be only allowed in the parking lot furthest away from the West Ellensburg neighborhood; and that this is being allowed because there are no other accommodations available in town these two weekends.

Motion to amend the motion so that the findings of fact #4 shall read that there will be no in Miller and out between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. unless for an emergency and also during those hours, the gate shall be closed but not locked. Affirmed

Vote on main motion. Affirmed

Citizen Comment on Non-agenda Issues

David Kaufman discussed pedestrian matters and handed out a copy of a survey completed by the University District First Railroad Addition Interest Group and Shape Up Kittitas County.

Public Hearing/Proposed Ordinance – Sorensen Annexation – South Canyon Road

Mayor Lillquist opened the public hearing to discuss the Sorensen Annexation. At its April 21, 2008 meeting, City Council stated its intent to annex the area known as the Sorensen Annexation. The area set includes the petitioners’ 338.95 acres identified as the Sorensen property and 1.24 acres identified as the Layman property. Council also included two parcels located within the Sorensen property owned by Daniel J. Burns and Phyllis Weddington, and Jay Ulmer totaling 2.48 acres; 541.85 acres located between Canyon Road and the Yakima River and bounded by Interstate 90 to the north owned by USA Bureau of Reclamation, City of Ellensburg, Kittitas County and Twin City Foods, Inc.; and Canyon Road, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad and Interstate 90 rights-of-way located within the annexation area.

Planning Associate Eyerly summarized the agenda report. A letter was handed out this evening from Daniel J. Burns along with letters from Community Development dated May 12, 2008, May 2, 2008, April 21, 2008, April 18, 2008, and March 21, 2008. Mayor Lillquist admitted these documents and pages 37-46 of the agenda into the record.

Doug Sorensen, 9409 N. Harborview Drive, Gig Harbor, WA, representing Sorensen Properties, updated the Council on what they have been doing with their property and the future plans for development of the property. Since the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan, they have been trying to locate a developer. They are talking to a developer now. The developers have major concerns with the Critical Areas Ordinance. They are concerned that it will become too imposing on their property and make it less desirable. They are concerned that they do not have the opportunity to be vested. They are also concerned that the imposing of buffers that are beyond their control will make it impossible to develop the property. They view their property as a gateway to the City and also a connection to the City.
Martin Kaatz, member of the Downtown Task Force, although he is not speaking for the Task Force, referred to a document submitted to Council by the Task Force at the October 17, 2007 Special Meeting. As far as he can tell, the Sorensen annexation would account for about 8% of the City’s total incorporated acreage. He and the Task Force and many others have been concerned with sprawl. He believes what is driving the idea of an annexation of this size is an unfortunate clause in the Comprehensive Plan which sets 40 acres as a minimum for a particular kind of development. He views the area proposed for annexation as an excessive amount of land to be added for that particular usage.

Beverly Heckart, 906 E. 1st, stated she believes that this is an excessive amount of land to be annexed under C-T and would like the Council to consider annexing only the land to the freeway. She is concerned about sprawl.

Council asked questions of staff and the applicant and discussed the proposed annexation.

Mr. Kaatz and Mr. Sorensen spoke again.

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

Motion to amend the ordinance to only include the land owned by the Sorensen’s north of I-90. Miller
Affirmed (Tabb, Lillquist – no)

Motion to read for the first time, Ordinance No. 4516. Miller

An Ordinance annexing certain territory to the City of Ellensburg, Washington, and assigning Commercial Tourist zoning classification. Affirmed (Tabb, Lillquist – no)

Council took a brief recess at 9:37 p.m. and reconvened at 9:46 p.m.

Public Hearing/Proposed Ordinance – Proposed Amendment to Subdivision Code Providing for Extension of Time for Final Plat/Short Plat Submittals – Legislative

Mayor Lillquist opened the public hearing to consider a proposed amendment to the Subdivision Code providing for an extension of time for final plat/short plat submittals.

Community Development Director Smith summarized the agenda report.

Robert Terrell, 7120 Hansen Road, spoke in support of the proposed ordinance.

Council asked questions of staff.

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

Motion to include the italicized paragraph on Page 49 of the agenda to allow for a Niner
grace period of 45 days. Affirmed

**Motion to read for the first time, Ordinance No. 4517 as amended.** Bassett

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON RELATING TO SUBDIVISIONS; AND AMENDING ELLENSBURG MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 12.08.480 PERTAINING TO FINAL PLAT SUBMITTAL DEADLINE AND SECTION 12.10.180 PERTAINING TO FINAL SHORT PLAT SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.

Motion to amend the ordinance so the amendatory language set forth in this ordinance Miller

shall expire 365 days after the effective date of the ordinance. Affirmed (Lillquist – no)

Vote on main motion. Affirmed

**Ordinance No. 4515 - Allowing the Serving and Consumption of Alcohol at the Adult Activity Center**

The proposed ordinance would allow the serving and consumption of alcohol at the Adult Activity Center. Council gave Ordinance No. 4515 first reading at the May 5, 2008 meeting.

**Motion to read for the second time and adopt Ordinance No. 4515.** Niner

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington, amending the Ellensburg Municipal Code relating to Chapter 2.34 “Parks and Recreation Facilities Rules and Regulations”; amending Section 2.34.160; and adding a new Section 2.34.300 entitled “Alcohol Policy for City Facilities.” Bassett – no

Bottcher – yes

Miller – yes

Niner – yes

Tabb – yes

Lillquist - yes

Motion approved.

**Proposed Resolution – Declaring the Soccer Goals at Rotary Park as Surplus**

The proposed resolution would authorize the conveyance of the soccer goals at Rotary Park to the Ellensburg School District at no cost to the City for removal and disposal.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution No. 2008-19. Miller
Affirmed

Status Report of Animal Shelter Committee

Animal Shelter Manager Hake gave a report of the Animal Shelter Committee’s work. The Shelter Committee feels its work is complete.

Motion to send thank you letters to citizens on the Committee with the Mayor’s Signature. Lillquist

Affirmed

Donation to Animal Shelter from Richard C. Thompson

The Ellensburg Animal Shelter actively participated in a national contest known as the “Million Dollar Shelter Make Over Contest” sponsored by Zootoo House. The creator of Zootoo is Richard Thompson former CEO and “Top Cat” of the Meow Mix Company. While working at Meow Mix, Mr. Thompson donated hundreds of thousands of pounds of cat food to animal shelters across the country. He also visited many of the shelters and came to see firsthand the overwhelming challenges most shelters face. Although ultimately the Ellensburg Animal Shelter was found to be ineligible for the one million dollar make over, Mr. Thompson recognized the hard work and dedication our community has done on behalf of the shelter and pets in Ellensburg. He personally awarded the City of Ellensburg Animal Shelter a $5,000 donation.

Motion to accept the $5,000 donation from Mr. Richard Thompson; authorize the Finance Director to set this money aside to be used as seed money toward the animal shelter software project; and authorize the staff to continue seeking donations for the software project until research is complete and council has approved the purchase of shelter software. Affirmed

Motion that during the upcoming budget process, commit up to $5,000 matching funds for the software. Affirmed

Quarterly Financial Status Report

Finance Director Ariwoola presented the 2008 Financial Status Report for the quarter ending March 31, 2008.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Authorize Grant Submittal – Sales & Use Tax Public Facilities Application – Dolarway Improvements Project

Motion to authorize the City Manager to sign the Dolarway grant application to the Sales and Miller
Use Tax for Distressed Counties – Public Facilities in Rural Counties grant program in the amount of $300,000. Affirmed

Ellensburg Business Development Authority (EBDA) Plan Presentation

The EBDA has requested time on the June 16, 2008 agenda to discuss a proposal for developing and marketing City owned property in West Ellensburg. Council requested input from the Planning Commission regarding the Light Industrial zone for the meeting.

COUNCILMEMBERS’ REPORTS - None

ADJOURN Motion to adjourn at 11:44 p.m. Miller

Affirmed

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Mayor

ATTEST: _______________________

City Clerk