CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of Council Meeting, Special Session
Date of Meeting
July 28, 2008
Time of Meeting
7:00 p.m.
Place of Meeting
Council Chambers, 501 North Anderson Street


Others present were City Manager Barkley; City Clerk Reno; Finance Director Ariwoola; Energy Services Director Titus; and five members of the audience.

Reject Bid Call No. 2008-19 – Rotary Park Baseball Field Backstop and Chain Link Fence Project

Two bids were received for Bid Call 2008-19, both of which exceeded the funds available for this part of the baseball field construction project.

Motion to reject the bids and authorize staff to re-scope and re-bid the project. Niner

Affirmed

Review of Council Priorities/Financial Status/Activities and Directives

Finance Director Ariwoola presented the Financial Status Report for the quarter ending June 30, 2008.

Councilmember O’Brien arrived at the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Council asked questions of staff related to the Quarterly Financial Status Report.

Council reviewed the Council priorities tracking table and the listing of the specific directives that came from Council during the first six months of 2008, and the status of these directives.

• Critical Areas Ordinance - a scope of consulting services will be presented at the August 4 meeting.

• Stormwater Utility – the target date of adoption is in November. Council asked if that schedule could be moved up sooner.

• UGA Interlocal Agreement – the latest revision is under review by the County and will be back to the City in August.

• Traffic Impact Fee – an ordinance will be presented to Council in August.

• Park Impact Fee – staff proposes a public process that is concurrent with Traffic Impact Fees.

• Economic Development Strategy – discussion draft to Council following KCEDG Summit and contract development with EBDA (August).
• West Ellensburg Land Disposition – joint funding of approved proposal to follow in 4-6 weeks.

• Joint meeting with School District.

• Regional Retail issues – second half of 2008.

• Comp. Plan Amendments – amendments have been docketed.

• Non-Motorized Transportation Plan – has been docketed.

• Housing – Comp. Plan amendment has been docketed.

• UGA Boundary – report will be back shortly.

• Downtown Plan – code/permitting, parking – Comp. Plan amendment – Heckart/Newman Comp. Plan amendment docketed – possible Special Session and invite other groups. The property exchange with the County for parking may be on the August 18 meeting.

• Sign Code review – Councilmember Miller moved to ask the Landmarks and Design Commission to take the lead to review and revise the Sign Code and solicit input from interested parties including but not limited to the Ellensburg Downtown Association and Downtown Task Force. The motion was approved unanimously.

• Binding Site Plan Ordinance - November.

• Public Transit.

• 2009 Budget – Council Budget Retreat scheduled.

City Manager Barkley updated the Council on the activities and directives status and schedule.

Motion to drop the item for staff to draft a contract with EBDA to include elements of the Niner overlay zone and definitions off the list. Affirmed

Council discussed the following changes:

1) Change irrigating to landscaping in reviewing options for Mountain View right of way;

2) In considering holding public hearings for rezones before the Planning Commission, they would like to look into adding a hearings examiner;

3) They would like to review options for the Ellensburg Racquet and Recreation Center, Adult Activity Center and Pool as part of the budget process.

4) Look into the downtown node program.
ADJOURN

Adjourn at 10:00 p.m. O'Brien

Affirmed

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Mayor

ATTEST: ______________________________

City Clerk