ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Bottcher, Elliott, Miller, and Mayor Lillquist.

Motion to approve excused absences for Councilmembers Bassett, O’Brien and Tabb. Miller

Affirmed

Others present were City Manager Barkley; City Attorney Pidduck; City Clerk Reno; Executive Assistant Gigstead; Community Development Director Smith; Energy Services Director Titus; Human Resources Director Smith; Land Use Consultant/Project Manager Witkowski; and approximately nine members of the audience.

Awards and Recognitions

City Manager Barkley introduced Human Resources Director Cindy Smith.

Agenda Approval

Motion to approve the agenda as presented. 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 – December 18, 2008, Special Session

Approve Minutes – January 5, 2009, Regular Session

Approve Minutes – January 7, 2009, Special Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

(1) Adult Activity Center Advisory Board – December 9, 2008

(2) Arts Commission – November 13, 2008 and December 17, 2008
C. Approve University Way Banner Request for Spirit of the West from February 1 – February 16, 2009

D. Approve University Way Banner Request for Kittitas County Friends of Animals from February 16 – March 1, 2009

E. Approve University Way Banner Request for “The Flood” from January 26 – February 1, 2009

F. Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Amendment to Second Amended Professional Services Agreement for Prosecution Services with Frances Chmelewski

G. Approve January 20, 2009 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 91525 Through 91701 in the Total Amount of $986,788.21; Payroll Fund Check Numbers 75833 Through 75945 in the Total Amount of $128,262.36; Direct Deposit in the Amount of $142,770.95; and Electronic Fund Transfer of $4,010.00.

Affirmed

Boards and Commissions Appointments

Mayor Lillquist recommended the following appointments:

Alex Eyre, Arts Commission; David Carns, Building Appeals Board; Dorrance Denner, Board of Adjustment; Roylene Crawford, Lodging Tax Advisory Committee; Lynn Jenison, Ellensburg Business Development Authority Board; and Pat Swiney and Thomas Wellock, Environmental Commission.

Motion to authorize Mayor’s appointments. Miller

Affirmed

Letter from Anna Lael, Kittitas County Conservation District (KCCD), Regarding Annexations

Anna Lael, Kittitas County Conservation District (KCCD), is requesting the City Council petition to de-annex properties from the KCCD.

Motion to authorize Mayor to sign the Washington State Conservation Commission Miller Petition for Exclusion of Territory within the Kittitas County Conservation District. Affirmed
Request for Additional Open Space Corridor – Flood Control Project

Rebecca Wassell of the Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group and Gina McCoy of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife requested the City dedicate additional property in the West Ellensburg Flood Control Project for the purposes of stream channel relocation.

Bob Titus, Chair of Ellensburg Business Development Authority (EBDA), stated the Board is requesting Council defer a decision of the proposal pending review of economic impacts.

Council asked questions of staff.

Motion to postpone a decision on this matter until February 2, 2009, at which time the Miller Council will hear reports back from staff, the project proponents, and EDBA. Affirmed

MANAGER’S REPORT

Discussion Regarding Permit Fees for Flood Recovery Projects

Motion to direct staff to suspend collection of building permit fees for flood affected Miller properties if there is no other coverage. Affirmed

Dates for Special Meetings

Motion to set January 29, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and January 30, 2009 from Miller 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. as special meetings for workshops with the Planning Commission. Affirmed

COUNCILMEMBERS’ REPORTS

Councilmember Bottcher reported on the Outdoor Lighting Committee.

Councilmember Elliott requested information on requirements for solar roof panels.

Councilmember Elliott and Mayor Lillquist requested information on a proposed wind energy ordinance be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

Councilmember Miller reported on the Airport Advisory Committee, Affordable Housing and Homeless Committee, and QUADCO.

Mayor Lillquist discussed a handicapped parking request at 5th and Main and asked staff to review the request and include it in the next parking ordinance, if appropriate.

Motion to refer the request from the Downtown Task Force regarding planter inventory Lillquist to the Ellensburg Downtown Association for their comments. Affirmed
**ADJOURN** Motion to adjourn at 9:23 p.m. Miller

Affirmed

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Mayor

ATTEST: ____________________________

City Clerk