CITY OF ELLENSBURG
Minutes of Council Meeting, Regular Session
Date of Meeting
December 21, 2009
Time of Meeting
7:00 p.m.
Place of Meeting
Council Chambers, 501 North Anderson Street

Roll Call.


Absent/Excused: Miller.

Absent: O’Brien

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

Affirmed

Others present were City Manager Barkley; City Attorney Pidduck; City Clerk Reno; Executive Assistant Gigstead; Planning Supervisor Bailey; and approximately 10 members of the audience.

Agenda Approval

Motion to approve the agenda with the correction of Item 5.C from 1:00 a.m. to Elliott

11:00 a.m. and the removal of Item 11.A. 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: Elliott

A. Approve Minutes – December 7, 2009, Regular Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

(1) Downtown Task Force – October 22, 2009

C. Approve the use of Rotary Pavilion and Sidewalk in front of the Pavilion on January 15, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for WinterHop BrewFest

D. Award Bid Call 2009-16 – Small Natural Gas Meters to Itron, Inc. for $31,215
E. Approve the use of Rotary Pavilion and Three Parking Spaces in front of the Pavilion on February 12-14, 2010 for Spirit of the West Cowboy Gathering

F. Approve University Way Banner Request for Summer Session from May 3-9, 2010; June 7-13, 2010; and June 22-27, 2010

G. Adopt Resolution No. 2009-37 – Removal of Trees at 700 E. 5th Avenue Requested by Kent Snowden

H. Authorize City Manager to Execute Contract with RH & Associates, Inc. for Dolarway Improvements Project

I. Authorize Five Year Extension for Street Use Permit at 201 North Pine Street 18

J. Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Memorandums of Agreement with Puget Sound Energy and Seattle City Light for Funding of Solar Project Phase III

K. Approve Street Closure Application for the East End of Craig Avenue for Puget Sound Region of the Walter P. Chrysler Car Club on June 26, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

L. Approve December 21, 2009 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 95909 Through 96125 in the Amount of $1,155,081.27, Payroll Fund Check Numbers 78151 Through 78243 in the Total Amount of $104,070.44, Direct Deposit in the Amount of $175,777.79, and Electronic Fund Transfer of $4,172.00. Affirmed

Letter from Xinbao Wang Requesting that the Council Provide a Letter of Support for an Application to the Utility and Transportation Commission to Provide Transportation Services between Ellensburg and Seattle

The letter from Xinbao Wang was acknowledged. He no longer needed a letter of support since his application has already been approved.

Follow-up from the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan Pilot Project to place “Sharrow” Markings on 5th Avenue (Presentation by Kittitas County Health Department)

Sarah Bedsaul, Kittitas County Public Health Department, discussed the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan Pilot Project to place “sharrow” markings on 5th Avenue.

Council asked questions of Ms. Bedsaul.

Council asked staff to bring back information regarding sustaining and expanding the “sharrow” program.

Ordinance No. 4556 – Comprehensive Plan Amendments
The proposed ordinance adopts several amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. Council gave ordinance No. 4556 first reading at the December 7, 2009 meeting and amended the ordinance.

Vote on motion to approve the SEPA Responsible Official's issuance of a SEPA Determination of Non-Significance on November 5, 2009 for the proposed Comp. Plan Amendments. Affirmed

**Motion for second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 4556 with the Elliott**

following Amendment on Page 4: “...and emergency management costs, and we shall seek to resolve this conflict. The City will encourage appropriate development at the interchange that protects sensitive aquatic habitat and does not exacerbate flooding”.

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington amending the Ellensburg Municipal Code relating to planning and amending the Comprehensive Plan adopted by Ordinance No. 3997 as last amended by Ordinance No. 4535 and set out in Chapter 3.32 of the Ellensburg City Code. Bassett (yes)

Bottcher (yes)

Elliott (yes)

Tabb (yes)

Lillquist (yes)

Motion approved.

**Ordinance No. 4557 - 2009 Supplemental Budget**

The proposed ordinance provides for supplemental appropriations and revenues in various funds. Council gave Ordinance No. 4557 first reading at the December 7, 2009 meeting. Staff is proposing an amendment to Section 5 regarding the Hal Holmes Trust Fund.

**Motion for second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 4557 with the following Elliott amendment: Section 5.** The following additional revenues and appropriations shall be made from the Hal Holmes Trust Fund.

**Account No.**

Hal Holmes Trust Fund

621/3670000 Trust Fund Contribution $12,940

621/5080000 Ending Fund Balance 12,060
AN ORDINANCE amending the 2009 Annual Budget of the City of Ellensburg as set forth in Ordinance No. 4530 and Ordinance No. 4546 to provide additional revenues and appropriations in the General Fund, Parks Acquisition, Risk Management, EURERF, Sidewalk Improvement, Sewer Construction, and Hal Holmes Trust Funds. Bassett (yes)

Bottcher (yes)

Elliott (yes)

Tabb (yes)

Lillquist (yes)

Motion approved.

Ordinance No. 4558 – Hal Holmes Code Revisions

The Library is requesting revisions to the City Code regarding Hal Holmes to simplify the explanation and calculation of fees and charges and to clarify and shorten associated text. Council gave Ordinance No. 4558 first reading at the December 7, 2009 meeting.

Motion for second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 4558. Tabb

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON RELATING TO CHAPTER 2.36 “HAL HOLMES CENTER RATES AND OTHER MEETING FACILITIES RATES AND FEES,” AND AMENDING SECTIONS 2.36.040 and 2.36.080 OF THE ELLENSBURG MUNICIPAL CODE.

Bassett (yes)

Bottcher (yes)

Elliott (yes)

Tabb (yes)

Lillquist (yes)

Motion approved.

Proposed Ordinance – Establishing a Process for Councilmember Waiver of Compensation

The proposed ordinance would establish a procedure for councilmembers to decline receipt of part or
all of their established salary.

**Motion for first Reading of Ordinance No. 4559.** Bassett

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington relating to Ellensburg Municipal Code Chapter 1.30 “salaries and bonds”; amending Section 1.30.040; adding a new section 1.30.500 to provide a waiver provision for councilmember compensation; and repealing Section 1.30.660 “battalion chief salary”. Affirmed

**Proposed Resolution – Establish Health and Benefits Fund**

The proposed resolution is for the establishment and administration of a Health and Benefits Fund.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2009-38. Elliott

Affirmed

**Comprehensive Revision of City Personnel Policies**

The City is proposing a comprehensive revision to its Personnel Policies.

Motion to approve the comprehensive revision of the Personnel Policies effective Elliott January 1, 2010. Affirmed

**Manager’s Report**

**Set Special Meetings**

Establish a special meeting for Council priorities and planning retreat on February 5, 2010. Tabb

Affirmed

**Security Cameras**

Motion to approve an expenditure of up to $12,033 for security cameras to be Tabb installed at the Library. Affirmed

**Councilmembers’ Reports**

Councilmember Bottcher reported on the Outdoor Lighting Committee.

Councilmember Elliott reported on the 2008 audit exit conference.

Mayor Lillquist attended the 2008 audit exit conference and reported on the Nonmotorized Transportation Code Committee.
Recess

Council recessed to executive session at 8:21 p.m. to discuss the price and terms under which the City may acquire real property. The executive session was expected to last approximately 20 minutes and it was announced that Council may reconvene to take action.

At 8:22 p.m., the executive session commenced.

Reconvene

At 8:42 p.m., the Council returned to the regular open meeting.

Motion to authorize City Manager and staff to negotiate purchase of Murphy Elliott property at 700 Anderson Road for the amount of $204,958.00, the purchase and sale terms to include such other minor terms and conditions as the City Manager determines appropriate, as well as a lease to allow sellers to reside on the property for up to six months after closing.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. Tabb

Affirmed

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Mayor

ATTEST: __________________________________________

City Clerk