Meeting Information:

**CITY OF ELLENSBURG**

**Minutes of Council Meeting, Regular Session**

**Date of Meeting**: February 22, 2011  
**Time of Meeting**: 7:00 p.m.  
**Place of Meeting**: Council Chambers, 501 North Anderson Street

**Roll Call Present**: Arango, Bassett, Bottcher, Elliott, Lillquist, Tabb.

**Absent**: Miller

Motion to approve an excused absence for Councilmember Miller. Elliott

Affirmed

Others present were City Manager Barkley; City Attorney Pidduck; City Clerk Reno; Executive Assistant Gigstead; Public Works Director Akers; Community Development Director Smith; Gas Operations Supervisor Larsen; Energy Services Director Titus; Planner Eyerly; Planning Supervisor Bailey; and approximately 10 members of the audience.

**Agenda Approval**

Motion to approve the agenda. Elliott

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: Lillquist

A. Approve Minutes – January 31, 2011, Special Session

Approve Minutes – February 1, 2011, Special Session

Approve Minutes – February 4, 2011, Special Session

Approve Minutes – February 7, 2011, Regular Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

(1) Landmarks and Design Commission – January 18, 2011

(2) Library Board – January 11, 2011
C. Approve Street Closure Application to Close Berry Road East of Canyon Road to Bull Road for the Yakima River Canyon Marathon from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. on April 2, 2011

D. Award Bid Call 2011-02 – Sidewalk Repair Program to MDJ Contractors, LLC

E. Award Bid Call 2011-04 – Extension of Willow Street Storm Sewer to Belsaas and Smith Construction, Inc.

F. Approve University Way Banner Request for KV Family Wellness Diabetes Fair from April 3-17, 2011

G. Approve Resolution No. 2011-04 for Public Works Tree Removal on Railroad Avenue

H. Approve Request from Ellensburg Foursquare Church to use Mountain View Park and Waive the Fee on April 24, 2011 for an Easter Egg Hunt

I. Approve the Agreement Between the City of Ellensburg and the Ellensburg Employee Association


**Boards and Commissions Appointments**

Mayor Tabb recommended the following appointments: Monica Miller and Timothy Spencer be appointed to the Arts Commission and Ben Oblas be appointed to the Landmarks and Design Commission.

Motion to approve the Mayor’s recommended appointments. Lillquist

Affirmed

**Report from Ellensburg Downtown Association**

Carolyn Honeycutt, Ellensburg Downtown Association, gave a quarterly report and handed out a memorandum regarding a National Endowment for the Arts Grant.

The Council indicated that it is supportive of the proposed downtown lighting project.

Motion to support the Mayor’s signature on a letter of endorsement for the Our Town Elliott National Endowment for the Arts Grant. Affirmed

**Boards and Commissions Appointments**
Mayor Tabb recommended the following appointments to the Planning Commission: Beverly Heckart, Fred Padjen, and Gretchen Thatcher.

Motion to approve the Mayor’s recommended appointments. Elliott

Affirmed

**Formal Acceptance of Resignation of Councilmember Stan Bassett**

Motion to accept Councilmember Stan Bassett’s letter of resignation effective March 4, 2011. Affirmed

**Proposed Ordinance – Outdoor Lighting**

At its January 18, 2011 meeting, the City Council directed staff to bring back a draft outdoor lighting ordinance for consideration.

**Motion for first Reading of Ordinance No. 4586.** Elliott

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington relating to outdoor lighting on public and private property, and adding a new chapter 3.40 to the Ellensburg Municipal Code. Affirmed

Council requested staff bring back the Public Works Illumination Standards.

**Provision of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations**

The City has the opportunity to install a specialty Tesla charging station and use existing electric outlets as an interim solution to supplying electric vehicle charging services. Temporarily using an existing rate and seeking Lodging Tax funds would resolve funding issues.

Motion to: 1) authorize Energy Services to accept the donation of a Tesla fast charging station to be installed at 3rd & Main; 2) authorize existing 120v/240v electric outlets in the downtown core to be available for electric vehicle charging; 3) authorize Energy Services to apply for Lodging Tax funding to support visitor electric vehicle charging and community event electrical use; and 4) to charge for electrical usage at the Non-Profit Agency rate until such time as sufficient data is available to create a new electric vehicle charging rate schedule.

Affirmed

**Brothers Venture LP Annexation Request**

The City has received a request for annexation from Brothers Venture LP for four parcels totaling 58.10 acres north of Bender Road and south of Bowers Road. Council must identify that area which will be considered for annexation by the Planning Commission and Council in subsequent meetings.
and a public hearing.

Motion to: confirm the City’s intent to consider the annexation; Elliott

set the annexation area as those four parcels owned by Brothers Venture LP totaling 58.10 acres; require the property’s use to comply with the City’s Comprehensive Plan; require the property to assume its share of City indebtedness and any LID or public utility installation costs in which it did not originally participate; and refer the petition to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation.

Motion to amend to include Area #2 on Page 70 of the Council Agenda. Lillquist

Affirmed (Bottcher, Elliott – no)

Vote on main motion. Affirmed

Manager’s Report

Urban Growth Area – Interlocal Agreement Update

Motion to appoint Mayor Tabb to represent the City on the Task Force for the Urban Growth Area Interlocal Agreement. Affirmed

Councilmembers’ Reports

Councilmember Lillquist reported on the Yakima Basin Fish and Wildlife Recovery Board meeting, a Chamber lunch, a Yakima River By-way meeting, and a Kittitas County Community Network meeting.

Councilmember Elliott reported on the Utility Advisory Committee, the HopeSource Board, and stated the delivery vehicle ordinance should be ready in the next two weeks.

Councilmember Bottcher reported on the AWC Legislative Action Conference.

Councilmember Bassett reported on the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

Councilmember Arango reported on the trail project and brownfields project.

Mayor Tabb met with the State Legislators.

Recess

Council recessed to executive session at 9:13 p.m. to discuss a closed meeting for labor negotiations for approximately 15 minutes, pending litigation for approximately three minutes and review of the performance of a public employee for approximately 12 minutes. Council was expected to possibly reconvene to take action.
At 9:21 p.m., the executive session and closed meeting for labor negotiations commenced.

At 9:51 p.m., Council extended the session for five minutes.

Reconvene

At 9:56 p.m., Council returned to the open meeting.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:57 p.m. Elliott

Affirmed

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Mayor

ATTEST: ____________________________

City Clerk