Minutes of Council Meeting, Regular Session

City of Ellensburg

Date of Meeting: October 1, 2012
Time of Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
Place of Meeting: Council Chambers, 501 North Anderson Street

Roll Call Present: Aronica, Elliott, Lillquist, Miller, Scheffer, and Tabb.

Absent: Morgan

Motion to approve an excused absence for Councilmember Morgan. Scheffer

Affirmed

Others present were City Attorney Pidduck; City Clerk Reno; Executive Assistant Gigstead; Police Captain Keightley; Energy Services Director Titus; Planning Supervisor Bailey; Finance Director Ariwoola; Parks and Recreation Director Case; Community Development Director Smith; and approximately 12 members of the audience.

Proclamations

Mayor Tabb read the proclamation for Public Power Week.

Motion to authorize Mayor to sign the proclamation. Lillquist

Affirmed

Mayor Tabb read the proclamation for Public Natural Gas Week.

Motion to authorize Mayor to sign the proclamation. Lillquist

Affirmed

Agenda Approval

Motion to approve the agenda with the pulling of Items 6.A and 6.C. Aronica

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 – September 17, 2012, Regular Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

(1) Arts Commission – April 12, 2012; May 10, 2012; July 10, 2012; and August 9, 2012

(2) Landmarks & Design Commission – August 21, 2012


C. Approve Street Closure Application for Kittitas County Veterans Association for North on Pearl Street from 1st Avenue to 6th Avenue, East on 6th Avenue to Pine Street, South on Pine Street to 1st Avenue, West on 1st Avenue to Pearl Street on November 11, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

D. Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Stormwater Decant Facility Design Engineering Contract with PACE Engineers, Inc.

E. Award Bid Call 2012-31 – Tree Pruning Contract to Asplundh Tree Expert Co. for 320 Hours at a cost of $56,448 Plus Tax

F. Accept Bid Call 2012-23 – Renewable Park Fencing Project as Complete

G. Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Consultant Agreement with Gray & Osborne, Inc. for the Water System Plan Update


Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce Tourism Update

Amy McGuffin, Director of Tourism, Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce, gave a year to date update regarding tourism.

Council asked questions of Ms. McGuffin.

Council requested that the tourism budget be presented at the Special Meeting to be set on October 12, 2012.

Public Hearing - 2013/2014 Preliminary Budget Revenues (Legislative)

Mayor Tabb opened the public hearing to consider the revenue sources for the 2013/2014 Preliminary
Budget.

Finance Director Ariwoola summarized the agenda report.

Council asked questions of staff.

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

Motion to schedule a Special Meeting on October 12, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. for the Scheffer 2013/2014 Proposed Budget. Affirmed

Motion to schedule a public hearing on October 15, 2012 to consider the 2013/2014 Scheffer property tax levy. Affirmed

Motion to schedule a public hearing on November 5, 2012 to consider the 2013/2014 Scheffer Budget. Affirmed

Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments (Legislative)

Mayor Tabb opened the public hearing to consider the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments.

Planning Supervisor Bailey summarized the agenda report.

Andrew Hatlestad, Friends of the Northern Pacific Depot, stated the Friends of the Northern Pacific Depot concur with the Planning Commission’s recommendations with respect to Amendments 5-22 with emphasis on Amendments 5 and 11.

Colin Condit, 215 East 9th, described a brief history of Historic Ellensburg's involvement in the Depot project and urged the Council to pay attention to what the Planning Commission suggests.

Ken Fyall, 3rd Avenue and Kittitas Street property owner, discussed proposed amendment 12-5.

Ron Cridlebaugh, Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce, stated he agrees with and supports the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments and encouraged Council to approve the amendments.

Jim Armstrong, Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce, discussed the Depot project and stated the Chamber Board unanimously endorsed the project.

Erin Condit, 215 East 9th, Friends of the Northern Pacific Depot, spoke in support of the proposed amendments.

Council asked questions of staff.

There being no further testimony, Mayor Tabb closed the public hearing.
Motion to direct staff to bring back an implementing ordinance for all of the Lillquist Comprehensive Plan amendments based on the Planning Commission’s recommendations as presented in the Council Agenda. Affirmed

**Proposed Amendment to the 2012 Comprehensive Plan Six Year Capital Improvement Plan – Project to Install Fire Suppression Watermains in Historic Central Business District (CBD) Area (Legislative)**

Mayor Tabb opened the public hearing to consider a proposed amendment to the 2012 Comprehensive Plan Six Year Capital Improvement Plan – project to install fire suppression watermains in Historic CBD Area.

Community Development Director Smith summarized the agenda report.

Ron Cridlebaugh, Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of the proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan Six Year Capital Improvement Plan.

Carolyn Honeycutt, Ellensburg Downtown Association, spoke in support of the proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan Six Year Capital Improvement Plan.

Council asked questions of staff.

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

Motion to direct staff to add the historic downtown fire suppression system implementation project to the Comprehensive Plan Six Year Capital Improvement Plan and incorporate into enabling ordinance of the general Comprehensive Plan ordinance for this year. Affirmed

**Proposed Resolution – Utopia Yogurt Community Service Project**

The proposed resolution authorizes the Animal Shelter to accept and utilize the donation of services and supplies from Utopia Yogurt.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-26. Elliott

Affirmed

Motion to direct staff to draft a letter of acknowledgement to Utopia Yogurt for their generous gift to the Animal Shelter for the Mayor’s Signature. Affirmed

**Proposed Resolution – Playground Equipment Donation from the Ellensburg Morning Rotary**
Club

The Ellensburg Morning Rotary Club has purchase $10,000 worth of playground equipment that the Rotary Club would like to donate to the City.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-27. Miller

Affirmed

Motion to direct staff to draft a letter of acknowledgement to the Ellensburg Morning Miller Rotary Club for their generous gift to the City for the Mayor’s Signature. Affirmed

Manager’s Report

Sidewalk Repair

Motion to direct staff to move forward with sidewalk repair on the south side of Sixth Scheffer Avenue – Ruby Street west to the alley. Affirmed

Councilmembers’ Reports

Councilmember Aronica reported on CWU Homecoming.

Councilmember Elliott reported on the county wide flood drill, a fire update, and a Kittitas Valley Community Hospital Strategic Planning meeting.

Councilmember Miller reported on the Kittitas County Law and Justice Council.

Motion to approve an excused absence for Councilmember Miller on October 15, 2012. Elliott

Affirmed

Councilmember Scheffer reported on the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

Mayor Tabb reported on Hogue Hall at CWU, the Washoe Friendship Park, and Buskers in the Burg.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:50 p.m. Scheffer

Affirmed

Mayor
ATTEST: ______________________________________

City Clerk