CITY OF ELLENSBURG  Minutes of Council Meeting, Regular Session
Date of Meeting October 15, 2012
Time of Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Place of Meeting Council Chambers, 501 North Anderson Street

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

Excused Absence: Miller.

Others present were City Manager Barkley; City Attorney Pidduck; City Clerk Reno; Executive Assistant Gigstead; Public Works Director Akers; Community Development Director Smith; Finance Director Ariwoola; Energy Services Director Titus; and approximately 20 members of the audience.

Proclamations

Mayor Tabb read the proclamation for Food Day.

Motion to authorize Mayor to sign the proclamation amending the date from Lillquist Monday, October 22 to Wednesday, October 24. Affirmed

Awards and Recognitions

City Manager Barkley introduced Dan Valoff, Senior Planner, Community Development Department.

Agenda Approval

Motion to approve the agenda. Scheffer

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: Scheffer

A. Approve Minutes – October 1, 2012, Regular Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

(1) Cable Television Commission – July 18, 2012 and August 1, 2012
C. Approve Request for a Fee Waiver for use of Mountain View Park Picnic Shelter for Howl-O-Ween Fundraising Event from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on October 26, 2012

D. Approve Resolution No. 2012-28 to Authorize Charles Hill to Remove a Street Tree at 902 E. 2nd Avenue

E. Award Bid Call 2012-32 – Official City Newspaper Contract to the Daily Record

F. Award Bid Call 2012-33 – Building Demolition at 204 E. 2nd Avenue to 3 Kings Environmental

G. Award Bid Call 2012-30 – Hal Holmes Mechanical to All Seasons Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc. at a Total Cost of $77,468.40 Including Tax

H. Accept Bid Call 2012-26 – Removal of Irrigation Diversion at First Avenue and Railroad Avenue as Complete

I. Accept Bid Call 2011-09 – Wastewater Treatment Plant Boiler/Heat Exchange/Recirculation Pump Building Project as Complete

J. Approve University Way Banner Request for Ware Fair from November 29, 2012 through December 1, 2012

K. Approve October 15, 2012 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 110192 Through 110365 in the Amount of $479,749.46, ACH Direct Payments in the Amount of $223,104.09, Checks Voided 110205-110206, Payroll Fund Check Numbers 84593 Through 84681 in the Total Amount of $98,574.54, Direct Deposit in the Amount of $184,776.01, Electronic Fund Transfer of $3,787.00, and Check Voided 84592. Affirmed

**Letter from Clymer Museum Regarding Utility Billing Rate**

The letter from the Clymer Museum was acknowledged.

Motion to refer the letter to the Utility Advisory Committee. Scheffer

Affirmed

**Council Funded Programs Presentations**

The following representatives of entities of Council funded programs made presentations for requests for funding in the 2013 and 2014 Budget: Norman Redberg, Alcohol Drug Dependency Service; Von
Elison, Central Washington Disability Resources; Central Washington University in the Canyon/Yakima River Clean Up; Carolyn Honeycutt, Ellensburg Downtown Association; Roger McCune, FISH Food Bank; Pam Grueter and Eric Miller, Kittitas County Farmers Market; and Stan Bassett, Youth Services of Kittitas County.

Council requested more information from the Children’s Activity Museum to determine if they are asking for the same amount for 2013 and 2014 and if they anticipate spending all of the budgeted money for 2012 before the end of the year. Council also requested the specific amount for HopeSource.


**Memorandum from the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Regarding Recommended Funding**

Motion to approve the funding as recommended by the Lodging Tax Advisory Elliott Committee for Back Country Horsemen Northwest for $1,125, Washoe Tribute Group for $286.25, Spirit of the West Cowboy Gathering for $625, and EDA – Light Up Downtown in the amount of $750. Affirmed

**Letter from the Ellensburg Downtown Association requesting installation of banner over 4th Avenue and one on Rotary Pavilion canvas and requesting permission to place a large decorated tree in Rotary Pavilion**

Motion to support the requests from the Ellensburg Downtown Association for Scheffer installation of a banner over 4th Avenue and one on Rotary Pavilion canvas and permission to place a large decorated tree in the Rotary Pavilion for Moments to Remember and also to work with Energy Services and Parks and Recreation staff on the requests. Affirmed

**Public Hearing – 2013 Property Tax Levy (Legislative)**

Mayor Tabb opened the public hearing to consider the Property Tax Levy.

Finance Director Ariwoola summarized the agenda report.

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

**Motion for first reading of Ordinance No. 4621. Elliott**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON, LEVYING PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE CITY OF ELLENSBURG FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2013, ON ALL PROPERTY IN SAID CITY WHICH IS SUBJECT TO
TAXATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING SUFFICIENT REVENUE TO CARRY ON GENERAL OPERATIONS, RECOGNIZE VOTER APPROVED LEVIES AND PAY DEBT SERVICE OBLIGATIONS OF SAID CITY AS REQUIRED BY LAW. Affirmed

Triple “L” Center Request for Authorization to Phase the Project with Proportionate Traffic Mitigation Measures Determined at each Phase; Modification to Previously Issued SEPA Modified MDNS and Permit Approvals to Reflect Such Phasing and Proportionate Traffic Mitigation; and Extension of Deadline for Completion of the Project to January 5, 2019 (Quasi-Judicial)

Mayor Tabb opened the public hearing to consider the Triple “L” Center Requests.

Mayor Tabb asked the council members a series of appearance of fairness questions. Council members indicated that there were no appearance of fairness issues.

Community Development Director Smith summarized the agenda report.

The following items were entered into the record:

1. The record for the previous approvals for the project relating to:

   • Triple “L” Center Regional Retail Commercial Master Site Plan Application RRCMSP 07-01
   • Triple ”L” Center Preliminary Plat Application P07-14
   • Associated SEPA Checklist and modified MDNS S07-23;

2. The October 15, 2012 City Council Regular Meeting Agenda Report, including all exhibits attached to it; and

3. Any documents specifically added to the record during this public hearing.

Steve Merwick, Western Cities Development, 15706 105th Avenue Northeast, Bothell, WA, Project Manager for the project, stated he was available to answer any questions or give any background information that Council would like to hear.

Ron Cridlebaugh, Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce, encouraged Council to approve the requests and stated he supports the project.

Council asked questions of staff and the applicant’s representative.

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

Motion to approve the SEPA Responsible Official’s issuance of the SEPA Addendum Lillquist to the MMDNS amending language in the SEPA Addendum to remove “discount superstore” and
replace that with “free-standing regional retail store”. Affirmed

Motion to approve the request to amend the Triple “L” Center Preliminary Plat (P07-01) Aronica
decision in Section 4 of Resolution No. 2009-01 to allow for the final plat to be submitted in phases
with the proportionate share of traffic mitigation for proposed Phase 1 as set forth in the amended
MMDNS, and subsequent or modified phases to have their proportionate share of traffic
improvements determined by the procedures set forth in the amended MMDNS. Affirmed

Motion to approve the request to amend the Triple “L” Center Regional Retail Aronica
Commercial Master Site Plan (RRCMSP 07-01) decision in Section 5 of Resolution No. 2009-01 to
allow for phasing of the RRCMSP development submittals with the proportionate share of traffic
improvements for a proposed Phase 1 as set forth in the amended MMDNS, and subsequent or
modified phases to have their proportionate share of traffic improvements determined by the
procedures set forth in the amended MMDNS. Affirmed

Motion to approve the request to extend the expiration date of the RRCMSP approval Elliott
for a period of five years from the original expiration date of January 5, 2014 to a new expiration date
of January 5, 2019.

Mayor Tabb reopened the public hearing.

Council asked questions of staff.

Mayor Tabb closed the public hearing.

Vote on motion. Affirmed

Council took a brief recess at 9:09 p.m. and returned to the meeting at 9:16 p.m.

**Proposed Ordinance – Electric Service to New Large Single Loads**

The proposed ordinance would establish a policy for dealing with new large single electric loads and
the allocation of Tier 1 and Tier 2 power costs.

Councilmember Scheffer left the meeting at 9:29 p.m.

Council discussed the proposed ordinance and requested that staff send it back to the Utility Advisory
Committee (UAC) for further review and return recommendations for consideration at the November
5, 2012 meeting.

**Renewables Park Landscaping Plan**

Staff and the Utility Advisory Committee are recommending that Council adopt a complex landscaping
Council discussed the proposed landscaping plan and requested staff work with the Utility Advisory Committee to refine the landscaping plan.

**Kittitas County Request for Support from Conference of Governments for Growth Management Act (GMA) Compliance**

At the last Conference of Governments meeting, the County requested support for two GMA compliance proposals.

Motion to not support the request for expansion of the City of Kittitas Urban Growth Elliott Area (UGA). Affirmed (Lillquist – no)

Motion to support the proposed changes to the County-Wide Planning Policies (CWPPs) Elliott relating to the Planned Unit Developments in the UGAs.

The motion died for a lack of a second.

Motion to oppose the proposed changes to the County-Wide Planning Policies (CWPPs) Lillquist relating to the Planned Unit Developments in the UGAs. Affirmed

**Proposed Amendments to the Charter of the Ellensburg Business Development Authority**

Motion to set a public hearing for consideration of proposed amendments to the Lillquist Charter of the Ellensburg Business Development Authority on November 5, 2012 and include staff’s proposed amendments in the document. Affirmed

**Manager’s Report**

City Manager Barkley gave his Manager’s Report.

**Recess**

Council recessed to executive session at 10:23 p.m. to discuss the possible acquisition of real estate when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price; to discuss with legal counsel potential litigation, and a personnel matter. The executive session was expected to last approximately 40 minutes and Council was not expected to reconvene to take action.

The executive session commenced at 10:27 p.m.

At 11:07 p.m., Council announced it was extending the executive session for five minutes.
At 11:12 p.m., Council announced it was extending the executive session for seven minutes.

At 11:19 p.m., Council returned to the open meeting.

**Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn at 11:20 p.m. Elliott

Affirmed

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Mayor

ATTEST: ____________________________

City Clerk