CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of Council Meeting, Special Session

Date of Meeting
December 19, 2012

Time of Meeting
7:00 p.m.

Place of Meeting
Council Chambers, 501 North Anderson Street

Councilmembers Present:
Aronica, Elliott, Lillquist, Morgan, Scheffer and Mayor Tabb.

Councilmembers Absent:
Miller (excused)

Others present were City Manager Barkley; Planning Supervisor Bailey; Energy Services Resources Manager Nystedt; and Deputy Clerk Keno.

Also present: Chuck Zimmerman, Ogden Murphy Wallace PLLC, and approximately 40 members of the audience including representatives of the Ellensburg Business Development Authority (EBDA), Ellensburg Downtown Revitalization Committee (EDRC), Ellensburg Downtown Association (EDA) and Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce

Continued discussion and public input regarding the proposed acquisition of the Hubbell Building.

The purpose of the special meeting is a discussion with the Ellensburg Business Development Authority regarding the purchase of the Hubbell Building in downtown for economic development reasons.

Ron Cridlebaugh, Ellensburg Business Development Authority, gave a presentation on the EDBA’s recommendation to purchase the Hubbell Building.

Mayor Tabb introduced Chuck Zimmerman, attorney with Ogden Murphy Wallace PLLC who is working with the EBDA and the City on the transaction.

Public Input

Council took public input from the audience. The following individuals spoke in support of the purchase of the Hubbell Building:

Brad Fitterer; Linda Schantz, Gifts of the Vine; Larry Sharpe, Coldwell Banker Kittitas Valley Realty; Steven John Franci; Gordy Wollen, 606 North Main; Phil Kelleher; Dottie Rogers, Ellensburg Floral; Carolyn Honeycutt, Ellensburg Downtown Association (EDA) Director; and Tim Barlen, Bluestone Academy.

A letter of support dated December 17, 2012 from Susan and Dale Sherman, Rookwood Properties LLC was read into the record by EDA Director Honeycutt.
The following individuals spoke against the purchase of the Hubbell Building:


An e-mail dated December 19, 2012 to the City Council from Janice McClean and a letter dated December 19, 2012 from Thomas J. Chini, 6121 Manastash Road in opposition to the purchase were submitted for the record.

Council asked questions of staff and attorney Zimmerman.

**Consideration of Resolution No. 2012-37 – Authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to Execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement and other related documents for the Purchase of the Hubbell Building for $1,200,000.**

Move adoption of Resolution No. 2012-37. Elliott

Approved

**Consideration of Resolution No. 2012-38 – A Resolution Authorizing an Interfund Loan of up to $1,400,000 from the Shop Fund to the General Fund of the City of Ellensburg.**

Staff requests Council consider approval of substitute Resolution 2012-38 distributed this evening which includes the words “and renovation” added in the recitals and in the first sentence of Section 1.

Move adoption of substitute Resolution No. 2012-38. Elliott

Approved

**Ordinance No. 4631 – Supplemental Budget**

Ordinance No. 4631 details additional appropriations in the General Fund of $1,400,000 to fund the purchase of real property for economic re-development to be funded with an interfund loan from the Shop Fund; $40,000 to the Parks Department for utilities paid; $27,035 to the Library Department for professional services used; $1,400,000 for an interfund loan from the Shop Fund to City General and $6,620 to the Fire Relief and Pension Fund for medical expenses and reimbursement of Medicare Part-D insurance.

Ordinance No. 4631 was given first reading at Council’s December 17, 2012 regular meeting.

**Motion for second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 4631.** Elliott

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2012 ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF ELLensburg AS SET FORTH IN ORDINANCE NO. 4604 AND AMENDED WITH

ORDINANCE NO. 4616 AND ORDINANCE NO. 4624 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GENERAL, SHOP, AND FIRE RELIEF AND PENSION FUNDS.
Vote on motion. Aronica(yes)
Elliott(yes)
Lillquist(yes)
Morgan(yes)
Scheffer(yes)
Tabb(yes)

Motion approved.

**ADJOURN** Motion to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Elliott

Approved

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ATTEST: ______________________________

City Clerk