Council conducted a Study Session regarding potential single use carryout bag regulation from 6:00 p.m. to 6:53 p.m.

Council started the Regular Session at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call Present:** Herion, Lillquist, Miller, Morgan, Scheffer, Tabb and Elliott.

Others present were City Manager Akers; City Attorney Weiner; City Clerk Reno; Executive Assistant Gigstead; City Engineer Mayo; Power and Gas Manager Rowbotham; Energy Services Director Dunbar; and approximately 40 members of the audience.

**Agenda Approval**

Motion to approve the agenda. Tabb

Motion to amend the agenda by switching Items 6.A and 6.B. Morgan

Affirmed

Vote on main motion. Affirmed

**Consent Agenda**

Items listed under the Consent Agenda were distributed to Council members 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 Council member.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: Morgan

A. Approve Minutes – February 16, 2016, Regular Meeting

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions


C. Reject Bids for Bid Call 2016-01 – Sludge Lagoon Dredge Procurement and Direct Staff to Investigate Additional Sludge Lagoon Dredge Options and Rebid

D. Accept Bid Call 2015-16 - Sidewalk Repair Program as Complete

E. Accept Bid Call 2015-30 - Alley Reconstruction Project as Complete
F. Adopt Resolution No. 2016-09 Authorizing Jan Powell Permission to Remove One Street Tree at 606 S. Pine Street

G. Adopt Resolution No. 2016-10 Authorizing Milt Johnston Permission to Remove One Street Tree at 507 N. Ruby Street

H. Approve Street Closure Application for Yakima Hard Core Runners Club for Berry Road East of Canyon Road to Bull Road from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. on April 2, 2016 for Yakima River Canyon Marathon

I. Approve Street Closure Application for Iron Horse Brewery for Main Street Between Fourth and Fifth Avenues from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on March 12, 2016 for a Fundraiser

J. Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract with Golder Associates and Authorize an Amendment to the 2016 Water Fund Budget and the 2016 Water Construction Budget in the amount of $44,016


Affirmed

Boards and Commissions Application

Edgar Harrell spoke regarding his interest in serving on the Planning Commission.

Motion to approve the Mayor’s recommendation to appoint Edgar Harrell Lillquist to the Planning Commission. Affirmed

Potential Single Use Carryout Bag Regulation

Council continued the discussion regarding potential single use carryout bag regulation.

The following audience members spoke regarding the potential single use carryout bag regulation: Gordon Kelly, 502 West Ridgeview Lane; a resident of 810 Robinson Canyon Road; Clinton Van De Venter, 1081 Prater Road; James King, 300 East Helena, member of Central Environmental Club submitted a petition in support of the ban on single-use plastic bags; Vivian Dunbar, 710 East Capitol; Carla Ekberg, 420 Mansperger Road; Sylvia Shriner, 181 Sunset Road, member of Our Environment; a resident of 702 North Ruby Street; Tom Gauron, President of Kittitas Audubon Society; Art Clark, 2710 Cohoe Road; Patricia Snyder; Ruth Ann Stacy, 661 Strange Road; Michelle Metz, 511 East Helena; Tom Duke, 421 Circle Ross Road, and a resident of 2001 North Walnut.
Motion to direct staff to begin to develop a framework for an ordinance that would ban Tabb
single use plastic bags and place a fee on paper bags.
Defeated (Herion, Lillquist, Morgan, and Elliott – no)

Motion to vote on whether the Council directs staff to develop a regulatory framework Herion
for single use carryout bag regulation applicable to retail establishments.
Affirmed (Herion, Morgan – no)

Motion to direct staff to come back with language that provides the framework for a Elliott
bag tax, the same fee for both plastic and paper, and also the ordinance language that would provide
for dedicated revenue to provide for specific expenditures to include recycling, litter control, and
environmental programs.

Motion to amend the motion to change the language to tax or fee. Lillquist
Affirmed

Vote on main motion. Affirmed

Public Hearing - Proposed Resolution - Outside Utility Agreement – Joel Blanchard
Mayor Elliott opened the public hearing to consider the proposed resolution for the Outside Utility
Agreement for Joel Blanchard.

City Engineer Mayo summarized the agenda report.

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

Motion for adoption of Resolution No. 2016-11. Scheffer
Affirmed

Accept Final Ellensburg Transit Development Plan

The Ellensburg Transit Development Plan is now complete.

Motion to adopt the Ellensburg Transit Development Plan as presented. Scheffer
Affirmed

2015 Energy Services Department Report
Staff is required to provide an annual report summarizing the City’s conservation activities for the preceding year.

Council was not required to take any action.

Manager’s Report

AWC Center for Quality Communities Scholarship Fund

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of endorsement to include with the Morgan application of Madelyn Fletcher for the AWC Center for Quality Communities Scholarship Fund.

Affirmed

Committees for Pro and Con Statements for Special Election Voters’ Pamphlet

Motion to approve Lila Harper and John Raymond for the committee to draft the pro Lillquist statement for the Special Election Voters’ Pamphlet. Affirmed

Councilmembers’ Reports

Councilmember Lillquist reported on the letter regarding encouraging solar energy. Council consensus was to refer the letter to the Utility Advisory Committee for review and a recommendation. She also discussed the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee and indicated Commissioner Jewell would like to make a presentation to the Council on April 4, 2016 regarding the consolidated Lodging Tax grant process.

Motion to approve an excused absence for Councilmember Lillquist from the Scheffer March 21, 2016 meeting. Affirmed

Councilmember Miller reported on the Washington Community Forestry meeting.

Mayor Elliott reported on the Interlocal Agreement with the County regarding the Urban Growth Area which is not proceeding in an acceptable direction. This item will be discussed at the Council Retreat on April 1, 2016.

Recess

Council recessed to executive session at 9:24 p.m. to discuss potential property acquisition. The executive session was expected to last approximately five minutes and Council was not expected to take any action.

Reconvene
Council reconvened to the regular meeting at 9:29 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:29 p.m. Morgan

Affirmed

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