



BUCKLEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
September 8, 2009
Multi-Purpose Center, 811 Main Street
City Council Meeting
Opening 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call of Council Members

Next Ordinance #10-09
Next Resolution #09-17
Next Agenda Bill #AB09-81

Committee Reports

1. Admin & Finance
2. Public Safety
3. Building & Zoning
4. Utilities
5. Streets, Sidewalks & Storm Drains
6. Parks & Rec & Cemetery
7. Community Services
8. Mayor's Report:
9. Staff Reports:

Ramsey
Barrett
Twardoski
McNally
Patson
Montgomery
Reed
Johnson

Citizen Participation

Time Limit of Five Minutes (Must sign up at City Hall by Wednesday prior to the Council Meeting)

Main Agenda

10. Realignment Wetland Delineation Change Order
11. Department of Ecology: Shoreline Master Program Grant Agreement

Consent Agenda

12. A. Approve Minutes of August 25, 2009
- B. Claims
- C. Transfer Voucher
- D. Payroll

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Mayor Johnson called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Upon roll call the following members were present: Reed, Montgomery, McNally, Boyle Barrett, Ramsey, Patson and Twardoski.

Admin & Finance: Council member Ramsey stated they had a meeting but it was strictly about budgets so there is nothing to report. Mayor Johnson said that the Admin & Finance Committee met twice for a total of almost six hours last week, and it was strictly budget related. Council member Ramsey said their next meeting is not scheduled until the first Monday in October.

Public Safety: Council member Boyle Barrett stated that Public Safety met on September 2nd and there is a copy of her Minutes in front of you. It was just a meeting with the Fire Chief to go over the pre-selection process and the selection process for the RFP that he issued for architectural services to finalize our needs and provide a conceptual design of the fire station. We narrowed down the process that we would invite 5 people to interview, and gave Chief Predmore a little bit of direction on the type of questions we were looking to have answered.

Council member Boyle Barrett said they talked about putting the bond measure forward and we really can't move forward with that until we find out about a timeline for the firms that are selected for the interview process. We go through that interview process and find out if they can meet a certain timeline. That will give us guidance as to when to put the bond out, whether it will be February or May of next year.

Council member Boyle Barrett said we have set the time of 5 PM for all our budget meetings, and the first one will be with Fire Chief Predmore on September 23rd. We will probably also have another Public Safety meeting, outside of budget, before the end of the month for the Police Department.

Regarding the homecoming parade, she asked Chief Arsanto if there are any problems with it. They are requesting to have the Parade on October 9th from 5 PM until all floats go through. They will start at Glacier and they go down Main Street, the same as every year. **Council member Boyle Barrett said she would like to make a motion approving the parade. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion.** Mayor Johnson said this parade takes all of about 15 minutes. **Motion carried.**

Building & Zoning: Council member Twardoski stated their next meeting is next Monday at 6 PM here, and I believe we have a budget meeting the following Monday, but that will be at City Hall, at 6 PM.

Utilities: Council member McNally stated they had a meeting on September 1st and it was basically a budget meeting. Items discussed were natural gas rates and garbage. The Committee was told by our Mayor that PSE is probably going to drop their gas rates 17%. Mayor Johnson stated that was the news release that we received from PSE a day before they released the information. Council member McNally said, so we have decisions to make. Our meeting was more of just gathering information and getting more ideas. Council member McNally said they don't have another meeting set until October, but he was thinking it might be a good idea if the Committee wanted to meet one more time while the Administrator is out just so we could come to some understanding between the committee members. Council member McNally asked his committee members if they would like to look at doing something next week. Mayor Johnson asked, what are you proposing? Council member McNally said, as far as the committee is concerned, some of us have differences of opinion about what transfers should be made and amounts and things of that nature, and he thinks they could have a one hour meeting just to come to some kind of consensus. Council member Boyle Barrett stated that the only thing she thinks we've had a disagreement on has been on the percentage that we are setting aside, and until we have at least three-quarters of the year's figures we are not going to know where we are at budget-wise. Mayor Johnson said she thinks one of the things the committee is struggling with is that we have had many requests to go to budget billing, which means for 11 months out of the year you pay a certain amount, and then the 12th month is the equalization month where either the utility is going to owe you or you are going to owe the utility. To get enough money in those accounts, we have to have the three highest months in reserves, which amounts to about \$1M. We need it just sitting there so we can pay the bills. The Utilities committee decided to meet on Tuesday the 15th at 6 PM at City Hall. Council member Boyle Barrett said she would like to see an agenda before that because she is not convinced that we can accomplish anything. Council member McNally said he would send one out.

Streets, Sidewalks & Storm Drains: Council member Patson stated they have not had a meeting yet, but their first budget meeting is on September 24th at 7 PM.

Parks, Recreation & Cemetery: Council member Montgomery stated they had a meeting on the 2nd and it was about the budget, and things could be better.

Community Services: Council member Reed stated that they have not had a budget or other meeting since the last Council meeting. They do have a meeting on the 14th at 7:30 at City Hall, and the primary item to discuss that evening will be the complete count for the 2010 Census. There is a big push to make sure that all of our citizens get counted, and get counted appropriately. A lot of our Federal funding, grant funding and State funding comes from numbers developed at Census time, and it doesn't matter what it is that is missed in a count, if it is missed we miss out on the ability to get our money back in our community. It is extremely important for everybody to fill out those forms and to fill them out appropriately. We will continue to work through this for the next few months.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Johnson stated that she received a resignation from the Planning Commission for Cindy Maas. Cindy has served the community for close to 10 years on the Planning Commission. A couple days later we received a letter from Ron Calis asking to be considered for the next opening on Planning Commission. I called him today and told him I am going to move his name forward to be considered for nomination to the Planning Commission. Ron is not a resident of the City of Buckley, but he does have a business here, and that was one of the criteria that the Planning Commission has been looking for, for a number of years, to get a business owner on the Planning Commission to give that perspective. **Council member Montgomery moved to nominate Ron Calis to fill the vacant seat on the Planning Commission. Council member Patson seconded the motion. Motion carried.** Mayor Johnson said that Ron is also presently serving as the President of the Chamber of Commerce and he is doing an excellent job.

Staff Reports:

Council member Boyle Barrett wanted to remind the Council of two events. One of them is the duck race that the Foundation for the Enumclaw Hospital puts on, which is next Saturday, September 12th. The other event is the Beer & Wine Walk that the Chamber is putting on this coming Saturday at 3 PM. They are taking pre-registrations I believe through Ron Calis and the Firehouse Pub. They are also collecting coats for the Family Center over at Wickersham, for their Cocoa & Coats event, which provides you with the \$5 discount on your tickets if you purchase them ahead of time. Mayor Johnson said also this Saturday Interwest is having a public open house, so if you get an opportunity go out and take a look at their new building, it is very nice. I believe it is from 9 AM to 5 PM, and it is open to the general public.

Chief Arsanto said he was checking through his e-mails today and he thinks in regards to the Beer & Wine Walk he got an e-mail that he may have forwarded to the Mayor and City Administrator, and he will forward it to everybody. It had to do with the school district and the gentleman who runs the anti-drug and alcohol program. Council member Boyle Barrett said, as a co-facilitator of the Families First Coalition, she distributed the information on the Beer & Wine Walk to roughly 120 people, and they included a lot of prevention specialists and children and family services. When she sent the e-mail out she was thinking in her head that it is a public event and it is a fund raiser for the Family Center to raise coats for their Cocoa & Coats Night, and I wasn't thinking about the fact that prevention specialists were a lot of the list of the people we e-mail to. So, the Department of Health took exception to us sending this out. I had a discussion with them and it is basically just about the attitude about alcohol in the community. They have identified through the healthy youth surveys that they do in the schools that alcohol use is prevalent, it starts at an early age, and there is an extreme tolerance by parents for underage drinking. It is a focus that the district has had for many years; they try to stem the tide of encouraging alcohol abuse and misuse by people under twenty-one. So, we basically had our hands slapped for sending the message out, but when I talked with them and explained the reason I sent it out, he understood that, but he also just wanted me to

check with our coalition and make sure that is an event that they want to support, with proceeds of the event, which are the coats, going to the Family Center. This is something we'll pick up at the next Families First meeting. As a Council we need to be aware of the data that is in the healthy youth surveys that says that alcohol use is prevalent among our pre-teens and teens in our community, and that there are a lot of parents that tolerate that use in their household with their children. Council member Boyle Barrett said we all have our own personal opinions on that, but as a Council we represent the whole community.

Citizen Participation:

Dennis Mickleberry, 24900 SE 380th St., Enumclaw. I am not a Buckley citizen, but I am here representing the Mt. Rainier Baseball League, for which I am a board member. We are interested in developing fields for our league, and we know about the plot of land that you have and we are still interested. We are energetic and we do want some fields. We travel around in the region playing baseball and some of the smaller towns especially have some of the best fields in the whole area. We really want to get to that and we think Buckley would be a nice, centered spot for us, and we are just still really interested in helping and assisting and developing fields where we can. We are looking for a large number of fields; we'd like to have a four field complex, so we need some acreage for that. We're really gung ho and we have a pretty large membership. We have 300 kids in our league this year, so that is a lot of families that we represent, and we think we are going to keep growing into the near future. I just wanted to tell you that we are here, and we're still listening and waiting to see what we can do to help.

MAIN AGENDA

Realignment Wetland Delineation Change Order:

Mayor Johnson said that normally these would go to committee but you can see by the date on the letters that these just came in last week, and we felt that this was something that needed to come forward to the Council. **Council member Montgomery moved to approve Addendum #1 and #2 of the ENCO Environmental Analysis Proposal. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion.** Council member Reed asked, why do we need 58 test sites? Council member Boyle Barrett said, based on what's in there, I think that a lot of the soil has been disturbed out there and it talks about the composition, so I am assuming that because it has already been done they needed additional sites to delineate whether it was wetland or not wetland. That was my assumption in reading it. Council member Reed said I am concerned that when we are doubling the cost of the project that they didn't come back and tell us they were going to charge us twice as much. Council member Boyle Barrett said that the thing that she noticed when she was asking herself why so many test sites was that they went from 3 wetlands to 9 separate wetlands, so they probably had to do a lot of test sites to determine that those were individual wetlands and it wasn't contiguous through 3 big ones. Mayor Johnson said the first analysis came back that we were going to have to go out to purchase land to do mitigation. We are hoping to decrease the number of wetlands that we have to mitigate through so we don't have to purchase land. A very lengthy discussion ensued. **Council**

members Montgomery and Twardoski both rescinded their motions. Council member Montgomery moved to postpone this Addendums #1 & #2 of the ENCO Environmental Analysis Proposal until such time as we can bring it back to the next Council meeting which is the 22nd. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Department of Ecology - Shoreline Master Program Grant Agreement:

Mayor Johnson said item #11 is from the Department of Ecology and it is the Shoreline Master Program Grant Agreement, and this is basically a \$50,000 grant spread out over 3 years, the last year is questionable because that money has to be appropriated by the Legislature, and it hasn't been. And this is money to, and you know we are required to redo the Shorelines Master Plan, and this is one of the few times that we get a mandate from Olympia where they actually send money. So, this will be a 3 year program, hopefully they fund the final year, if not that will probably be out of our pocket, and it is a definite stepped phase. Mayor Johnson asked do you have anything to say on that Suraiya? Associate Planner Rashid responded yea, actually quite a bit. Council member McNally asked, would you like a motion first? Mayor Johnson responded, oh, yea, I guess so. Associate Planner Rashid asked, do you need one because? Mayor Johnson said to make it official. **Council member McNally stated he would like to make a motion to approve the Department of Ecology Grant Agreement for Shoreline Master Program Update. Council member Patson seconded the motion.** Mayor Johnson stated now the Council can discuss this, Suraiya you can move forward.

Associate Planner Rashid said okay, well, um, oh where to start. I have been working on this grant agreement, drafting it since at least June. I have been talking to Ecology and our Shorelines Project Officer probably a couple months before that, um, her name's Kim Van Zwalenburg and she's wonderful and very helpful. Um, and, Pat's absolutely right, we're ... It's a 2 year grant which we are required by law um to update the Shoreline Master Program that we currently have by December 2011, ah depending on the grant it could be pushed to June um of the next year 2012. But, um we are required to do that with or without the grant funding, so if we don't settle the grant we still have to you know we have to foot the entire bill. Mayor Johnson said it is a mandate from the State. Associate Planner Rashid said correct. Um, and then so you know just generally I kind of wanted to just go over what was involved in the grant agreement that I think you guys all got a copy of in your um packets. Um, and I won't go into the nitty gritty stuff but just generally what this grant ah this updates about. It is there is five phases over the three years. Um, and the first phase is ah preliminary assessment of where generally our shorelines are, you know right now we can probably all say exactly where it is, you know White River. Um, but that has to be accepted by Ecology and that's not a big deal. That and the creation of a public participation plan are in phase one, and um that's in year one, and then the start of phase two is in year one and it also spreads to year two. Um, and the years are from July 1st, so we are in year one right now and we will be until June 30th, 2010. Um, but phase two is a shoreline inventory characterization and analysis, and this is the heavy environmental work, the stuff that we really need the consultants to do put a lot of time into because they're environmental scientists. Um, and then phase three which is starting in year three um is the draft shoreline master program, that's actually the code you know what will be written down that people look at, um, and the accumulative

impacts analysis, and the draft code includes all the policies, regulations, the designations kind of like we have a zoning map except it's going to be the shoreline designations map, only covering the areas that are um within that are in the shoreline master program, and the administrative procedures, um, and then accumulative impact analysis which will also be more environmental, scientific work. Um, and phase four will finish out year three with a restoration plan that includes um places where we see we can do restoration work and we'll just list them and um what can be done where possible grant sources etc., and um revisions to the shoreline master program based on the accumulative impact analysis, the kind of second portion of the scientific work. Um, and then the last part of year three is phase five, which is the local adoption process, which is SEPA, sending it to what use to be called CTED and is now called the Department of Commerce, um, having public hearing, um, err, responsiveness summary saying how we responded to public comments, and finally adopting it. Um, I guess the reason why I went through all that ah is because based on the grant agreement that you guys have um the \$50,000 doesn't cover everything. Ah, the grant agreement was written such that basing the with the assumption that there would be a lot of in-house work done that the grant would not fund. And, I'm pretty sure the whole Council is aware that um the Admin & Personnel Finance Committee voted to remove the Planning Department. So, um, that.... Mayor Johnson said it's a bridge we'll have to cross. Associate Planner Rashid said, that being the case, I wanted you guys to know what you need to deal with, um, and what parts of this the Planning Department was supposed to take care of in-house. Um, first of all it was just supposed to be managing the grant, um, the submittal checklist that has to be done at the end of every phase, quarterly reports which include our invoices, which is what the Ecology will pay us for, um, and just generally coordination with our consultant and other jurisdictions and agencies which all will have to be heavily involved. Um, and well let me just go through this first, and then in phase one, um, in-house this grant is based on the idea that we will completely um do the public participation plan in-house, which is part of the phase one. We will do most of phase three, which is the draft shoreline master program, um, which is I think five different tasks, and ah, in phase four that we would do most of the restoration plan, and in phase five that we would do pretty much all of the local adoption process. And, that's just what the City is planning on doing almost completely in-house and obviously we would be working with consultants on other parts. Um, and, I had a chance to talk to Ecology today, and um and to the consultants that um the Building, Zoning & Environmental Committee sorry, um chose they chose the Watershed Company, that they were the most qualified and um the best for this, and.... Mayor Johnson said we have used the Watershed before. Associate Planner Rashid said yes, yes you guys have. Um, and I have e-mails from the Watershed Company, um I just had to inform them today, first of all congratulations you got the grant, second of all sorry I'm not going to be helping you guys out. Um, and they have their ahhh...they would basically in his e-mail ah that the lead from Watershed Company said that he would be able, you know the Watershed Company would be happy to take on this, and I said can you give us kind of a rough estimate for how much it costs, and he says in his e-mail you know it's kind of hard to make a rough estimate about these things, but in similar projects we've done it's been \$70,000 to \$100,000 versus \$50,000 for what you're talking about. And, um, after that I, and at the end of his e-mail he said has the City finalized its contract with Ecology. If not the City may be able to approach Ecology for more money.

So, I had a chance to contact Kim and um she was ah quite concerned about um several items in the grant agreement as it is you guys signing it, so I guess if I if you guys don't mind me making a recommendation I would recommend not signing it tonight as it is. Um, first of all, having my name is on the very front of the grant agreement as the project coordinator. That's an easy change; you can change it to whoever you want. But, um, Kim was very clear that they need a City contact, that you know this not a grant that Ecology is going to do to deal directly with the Watershed Company or whoever to do it. And, ah, we need a City contact ah that in her words were I hope I don't mean to Mayor Johnson said, and that will be taken care of. Associate Planner Rashid stated, to reflect the City interests, yea. At a minimum they have to manage the grant and ah you know in terms of invoicing and the submittal checklist, quarterly reports, all that stuff. Mayor Johnson said that is what Joanne does. Associate Planner Rashid said right, um but the grant as it is right now doesn't fund those other things that I listed, so the City's going to have to pay for that somehow. Um, and ah, she also wanted me to make it clear that ah you know this is kind of a one shot deal; if we don't get a grant agreement done soonish, we're not going to get more money next biennium. Mayor Johnson asked what is the drop dead date. Associate Planner Rashid responded, she didn't give me a drop dead date. What she did give me was her um contact information, and she wrote kind of a letter and um and she attached the letter that the City got on May 6th kind of saying that we have a grant available for you guys, um and I will note that it says \$40,000 in the letter, but I was able to convince them to go to \$50,000. Um, and let's see, she didn't give me one but she encourages you guys to contact her and she said she's even willing to come to Council to speak at Council; they're just concerned about not having a lead at the City, and not Mayor Johnson stated there will be a lead. Associate Planner Rashid said okay, well... Mayor Johnson repeated there will be a lead, and we have managed grants of much larger size. Council member Reed said, I don't think that's the point. Mayor Johnson said, no, but.... Council member Reed said, I think the point is as I recall when you were sitting at a council, under a former administration, we railed for several years the fact that we didn't have a City Planner, period. Mayor Johnson said excuse me, just a moment. Before we go any further, and you know to be blindsided, the Admin & Finance Committee last week met for nearly six hours. They went over every single aspect of the general fund, and the general fund nobody left that meeting feeling happy. If you think for one moment I enjoy laying off anyone in this City, you are sadly mistaken. But, we are facing over \$250,000 shortfall in our revenues for next year. Again, my crystal ball is not really clear. I asked the Admin & Finance Committee after they looked, what is your direction, what is sacred. Again, almost six hours of discussion, and you can, the Admin & Finance Committee can back this up. They decided that what was sacred was what most people want, and that is to be safe in your homes, it's police and fire. There is absolutely no room in the fire budget to cut. It has been..... Council member Reed said we have one and a half employees. Mayor Johnson said it has been cut.... Council member McNally said can I ask for a point of order? Mayor Johnson said now just a moment.... Council member McNally said point of order... Mayor Johnson said may I continue. No, I have the floor. You can have it in a moment. Mayor Johnson said we told Jim to go back and sharpen your pencil or else we're laying a police officer, which puts us down to eight officers including the chief. Which means it takes seven to run a department twenty-four/seven with one officer on

duty most times. Now, we have a population of 4,500 people. We have 900 students attending the middle school, so our population is going up. I am afraid that the Planning Department is going to be only the first stop in budget cutting. I look at this like the bread winner in the family has lost his job and we are going to have to live on unemployment. The budget this year is put together with fewer, with less money coming in than we received this year because the trend has been downward. We were holding our own through June. In July revenues started to drop. We received less than half the money on property tax, which means people aren't paying their property tax, and I don't believe that's going to pick up in May, and excuse me, in November when we get the next check. Every single drop of money that goes into the general fund, not the enterprise funds, but the general fund, comes from consumer spending, and the consumer is not spending. We see a decrease in the gasoline tax because we're not spending enough; we're not spending money on gas. We are seeing a decrease in sales tax, but it is all going down, and we're going to have to make some very tough decisions, and this is the first one. And I'm sorry you have to remove the emotion from these decisions. You have to remove the personalities from this decision, and unfortunately we have had this year, to give you an idea, in the building department alone we have had four permits issued for new homes, just in Dean's department. We've had some remodels, which has kept Dean busy somewhat. He's working half time for the City of Edgewood, and if that contract goes away he will still be only working half time for the City of Buckley because there is no business. Yes, we have a shorelines master program that needs to be done, and yes we have an opportunity for a grant that we can accept it the way it is or we can go this alone without the grant. \$40,000 is a step in the right direction. We have done a lot of planning with either consultants or on our own. When I first joined the Council, and for most of that time, we did not have a planner, a planner was a real luxury. And, when we hired Suraiya was before things went south. Did anybody have any idea that we would be in this predicament at this point in time? Randy, you mentioned, but the housing crisis..... Council member McNally stated, I asked for a point of order Madam Mayor. Mayor Johnson stated all right, what do you want? Council member McNally said there is a motion on the floor, and I think that we're getting way away from that motion on the floor.... Mayor Johnson said I know, but it was, you're right Council member McNally continued, but I think that we should bring it back to the discussion of the motion that was made, and I think this is not a discussion about budget. Mayor Johnson said yes, but this is why we are, but then....Associate Planner Rashid said if you please I feel kind of uncomfortable like I just wanted to present this, so I feel like I'm kinda Mayor Johnson said I appreciate your setting that out, but it has evolved into something else, so... If the Council wants to continue this discussion after the vote, I'm very willing to do it. Council member McNally said I would like that myself. Mayor Johnson said okay, so what is the Council, is there any other discussion on this itself? Council member McNally said this itself....this like she said at the B,Z&E Committee, and there is, the way that this is put together, the way that I understand it, we decided to recommend that it be go to Watershed committee, or the company because we've worked with them before. And, the way that Suraiya has gone through and put this all together the scientific engineering portion of it is where most of the money is going to go. A lot of the other money was going to be a little bit of it was going for the planning department there and they would take care of that portion of it. The scientific portion, the way it was

written up by her, ah the Watershed Company put most of the money towards the scientific engineering portion of this grant, and I think that we still need to stick with that as far as the expertise you go out and get consultants or something like that, this grant is going to take care of most of that. If we just go out on our own where we have to go through and do this, it's mandated by the State, and so it's going to cost us a lot more than that if we just decide to not go with the four different plans that she had, and the committee thought that the Watershed Company was the best to get the best bang for our buck for the scientific engineering. So, I think that it's still a good program...I noticed that she had stated that she recommends that we might not move forward with this, but the way it was presented to our committee I would still say that we should accept it and look at the Watershed Company to have this grant and move forward. Associate Planner Rashid said Mark, if I could clarify, I'm sorry and it's cause I didn't say it quite right but what um...the Watershed Company will after this...what we're talking about tonight is just the grant agreement with Ecology. So, the Watershed Company is like a side.... Mayor Johnson said right. Associate Planner Rashid continued, so that's I'm sorry I really shouldn't have brought it up it just confused things, but that's um that's going to be discussed at a later date. Just the grant agreement with Ecology, Ecology giving us the money to do these things is what, what is talking about tonight... Mayor Johnson said and I think it's doable the way it's written. It's well written, and it's doable. Council member McNally said yes. Council member Reed said now you have a letter from Kim Van Zwalenburg? Associate Planner Rashid said Kim Van Zwalenburg...yes, ah huh...I think it's going around. Council member Reed said oh, okay. Associate Planner Rashid stated it is in the packet. Council member Reed said um, and, and Kim had some concerns about the way this grant contract, the details of it, correct, and is that reflected in her e-mail, like a Associate Planner Rashid said I and like you know and I guess she's concerned, her concern and you know I hate to put words in somebody else's mouth so I really encourage you guys to just read her letter and talk to her, but I, my understanding was Ecology's concern is that the grant agreement is assuming that the City will take a lead role in doing a lot of the planning work. Does that clarify, does that...okay. Council member Reed said no, that's actually, that's what I needed. Associate Planner Rashid said so it's not necessarily that the grant's written wrong, it's just.... Council member Reed said if we could accept this contract ah contingent on um the you know coming to an agreement on modifications with the project officer... Associate Planner Rashid said that's fine, but the money will continue to be um dished out if you will for the phases that it's supposed to and it won't go toward.... Council member Reed said what we're talking about is you know clarifying areas that would be used for various tasks; you know people's areas of responsibility. So, for instance, like Mark was saying one of the reasons we went with Watershed is because uh on their proposal the vast majority of their activity was on the scientific side, ah we did see other consultants that the vast majority of their time and expense was on the planning.... Associate Planner Rashid said well more so, right more so.... Council member Reed continued..more writing and that sort of...and analysis, and so we could approve this this evening with contingency that...you know I'm not even sure how to word it...um, that we, yeah... Associate Planner Rashid said well I guess it has to be changed because you're going to have to change my name... Council member Reed said right. Associate Planner Rashid said you just have to change my name... Council member Reed and

Mayor Johnson said right.... Associate Planner Rashid continued with, at the very least. Mayor Johnson said we just have to put a name down. Council member Reed said but basically we need to get Kim as the project officer on it. I presume that she is..... Associate Planner Rashid said she is, she would be.... Council member Reed continued...the Ecology contact... Associate Planner Rashid said right, she would be the project officer no matter what. Council member Reed said right. Associate Planner Rashid said if you look like my name, I'm, I was supposed to be the project coordinator. Council member Reed said what I'm saying is she's the one who has to approve it on the Ecology side... Associate Planner Rashid said right, right. Council member Reed continued, so we need to get with her to find out okay what details you need to change. Associate Planner Rashid said sure, yeah, I....yeah I'd encourage you, she said she'd be willing....she was like I can't come tonight, but I'd be willing to come... Mayor Johnson said I'll call her tomorrow and see what I can come up with. **Council member Reed said he would like to amend the motion on the floor to reflect the approval of this grant agreement contingent on refining details of the agreement with the Department of Ecology Project Officer.** Mayor Johnson asked who did the second. Council member Montgomery said I believe that was me. Mayor Johnson asked the clerk is that what.... The clerk said I had Paton. Council member Montgomery said okay. Mayor Johnson asked is that agreed with you then, the second? Verbally, so we get it in the minutes. **Council member Patson said yes.** Mayor Johnson said nod of head...okay...Cristi? Council member Boyle Barrett said I want to know when you talked to um Kim, you said there is potential for additional funds to be available? Associate Planner Rashid said she asked about that, and she said, she says that, if you look....I'm sorry maybe I should.... Council member Boyle Barrett said we don't have any of those, so... Associate Planner Rashid said well, if you guys could pass those over.... but it's on the second page...um...she said "in negotiating the ??? work Ecology agreed to increase the value of Buckley's grant offer to \$50,000 from the \$40,000 originally. It is, and she underlines, it is unlikely there is any additional money that we could provide to the City to get this work." Council member Boyle Barrett said that is all I needed. Mayor Johnson said yeah, and that's pretty much their standard language. Council member Boyle Barrett said thank you. Mayor Johnson said now Suraiya do you know how the \$10,000 was broken down...is that the third year or is that....? Associate Planner Rashid said that's in the third year and that's also.... Mayor Johnson said okay... Associate Planner Rashidin the paperwork. Mayor Johnson said and that's the one that's we have to remember to lobby for...in the third year because that will go through the State budget. Associate Planner Rashid said frankly I would be very surprised if that wasn't passed because every single city has that in the third year, and you can talk to Kim about that too...she might be able to give you a better idea. Mayor Johnson said all bets are off with the Legislature. Council member Montgomery asked Suraiya is there.....is it purely grant management or management of this grant the City's responsible for and the public process, or is there any GIS work required? Associate Planner Rashid said the City is not responsible for...um...GIS work the way the grant is written. Mayor Johnson asked did they do individual grant..I mean most of these grant applications when they pass them out to all the cities are pretty boiler plate. Associate Planner Rashid said right. Mayor Johnson asked, so how is this different? Associate Planner Rashid said this is...um...there was a boilerplate grant agreement...ahhh...I

guess I you know I've been working on it with Kim for...I can show you the different drafts..what we... Mayor Johnson said no, that's okay, I was just wondering what...how far did you deviate from the original? Associate Planner Rashid said um...not I mean not really that far. Mayor Johnson asked so basically just a few things to customize it for us? Associate Planner Rashid said sure, yeah, okay, uh huh. Council member Montgomery asked just out of curiosity...this isn't really necessarily related to this particular issue, but... Associate Planner Rashid asked should I still be here then? Mayor Johnson said you can stay, it's a public meeting. Council member Montgomery said I was just going to ask you if you have any, if there are any other grant applications that you have pending that would...? Associate Planner Rashid said sure..ah..um.. Council member Montgomery continued, help with this or that we could...? Associate Planner Rashid asked oh, help with this? Council member Montgomery said or just in general. Associate Planner Rashid said actually there is a grant workshop with Ecology..um.. Mayor Johnson said there is one coming up. Associate Planner Rashid said and yeah and I ah... Mayor Johnson said it's in about four different locations. Associate Planner Rashid said yes, and um yeah um, so there might be some money there but those pots are more for I mean it would be kind of a stretch..it would be more for um the restoration program for implementation in terms of the grants that were available...um...because they were like stormwater management that type of grants..um..there really aren't and you know you can talk to Kim or Ann Fritzel from the Department of Commerce to reiterate this, but there really aren't additional grants for this...Randy? Council member Reed said you mentioned restoration. Associate Planner Rashid said sure. Council member Reed said...um...can you give me some idea of scope as to what we're talking, I mean we're looking at right now across the river where they are taking Boise Creek from its existing stream bed and putting it into the historical stream bed. Associate Planner Rashid said right. Council member Reed said I don't know what the cost of that project is, but it looks expensive. Mayor Johnson said it's gotten expensive. Council member Reed continued, and you know why it it really doesn't you know technologically seem that difficult.. Associate Planner Rashid said uh huh.. Council member Reed continued, um but they're moving a lot of dirt and I'm sure having to build a sub grade for the stream bed you know so.... Associate Planner Rashid said uh huh and I mean you know I've never done another Shoreline Master Program Update, I think the last one was in 1999...um...here...um but talking to Kim and going to these workshops with Ecology on the Shoreline Master Program Update..um..it sounds like the restoration programs are kind of, well first of all dependant on your inventory and analysis in the characterization portion because if they find out that we're doing all kinds of horrible things then you know part of the restoration is going to be like stop doing the horrible things you know, but um that's clearly not well I would imagine that would not be the case in Buckley, um in terms of really blatant things..um..but Kim has reiterated this that you know for smaller cities without the extra funding we're not going to be required to do as much in terms of restoration, but again restoration is kind of it's like the implementation phase of this plan, so none of the funds go towards the restoration projects, it's just right. Council member Reed said we would have to look at funding sources at that time. Associate Planner Rashid said correct. Mayor Johnson said I think too primarily our shoreline is pretty much in its natural state except where the little park is down at the end of the trail. Council member Montgomery said the diversion dam and flume... Mayor Johnson said

the diversion dam is under the Army Corps of Engineers and their responsibility. The penta site (?) is something that PSE has to take care of forever, and they've tried to restore it. So, and how far up do the shorelines go? Associate Planner Rashid said sure, it's, up as in west or? Mayor Johnson asked is it 100 feet on each side? Associate Planner Rashid said two, two hundred feet. Mayor Johnson asked from the center line or the far bank? Associate Planner Rashid said it's from the ordinary high water mark, but it can be extended and this is where the inventory you know the scientific work comes in. It can be extended um based on wetlands present, on other kind of I don't know geological issues... Council member Reed said if we had a ?? that would extend it. Associate Planner Rashid said right right, so you know I mean there is scientific work needed to be done before you can say anything about that so. Mayor Johnson said okay. Council member Montgomery asked do you have any other grants in the works that we're going to be seeing soon? Associate Planner Rashid asked in terms of the Shoreline Master Program or in general? Council member Montgomery said in general. Associate Planner Rashid said in general we also have to do a Comprehensive Plan update, complete Comprehensive Plan update by 2011, December 2011 as well, and that grant has to be done sometime at the end of this year, um and um that I mean it has to it's not just like the little updates that we're doing now, it's going to be complete new updates based on new population allocations from the County, which we are getting new population allocations which we're working on right now in GMCC so. Mayor Johnson said and the last word that came down last week was that may be extended out due to the economic situation currently, that that may be extended out a couple of years because no one's got the money to do it. Council member Reed said that has never stopped the State from requiring us to do crap before. Mayor Johnson said I know, it so again we've got an amended motion on the floor. Council member Montgomery said he's got one more question, just um what, can you tell us roughly what percentage of the grant amount would be done in house as far as like dollar-wise? Associate Planner Rashid said again um that's really hard I mean I even asked Dan Nickle who's had quite a bit of experience with shore line and he I mean in his letter he says you know that's really hard for similar cities, they've at least had some um planner input and it's been \$70,000 to \$100,000 versus \$50,000 so if you look at the list that Dan has, and the list that I mentioned, that's really look at what needs to be done. Council member Montgomery said so I guess we've already covered that you've been given a layoff notice; do you have an effective date on that yet? Associate Planner Rashid said actually Pat just... Mayor Johnson said no, just a minute, this is off the subject. Council member Montgomery said you're absolutely right. Mayor Johnson said so, moving back. Associate Planner Rashid said that's all I have. Mayor Johnson asked Council member Montgomery do you have anything else on the....? Council member Montgomery said no, thank you. Mayor Johnson said then we have a motion on the floor. Does everybody understand the motion, with the amendment? Council member Patson said I'd like to hear it again please. The clerk said she may not have it verbatim, but "approval of this grant agreement contingent on refining details of the contract with Ecology." Council member Reed said close enough. Mayor Johnson said okay, then all in favor said aye, opposed, **motion carries.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Reed moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approve the Minutes of the August 25, 2009 Special City Council Meeting.

Claim check numbers 44010 – 44120, in the amount of \$338,287.01, for the period of August 26, 2009 through September 8, 2009; Payroll check numbers 31500 through 31624, in the amount of \$307,873.31 for the month of August 2009, and Treasurer check numbers 10687 through 10701 and ACH dated 08/24/09 in the amount of \$56,091.23 are hereby approved and ordered paid this 8th day of September 2009.

Council member Reed said Madam Mayor, a couple of items. While I apologize for quote “blindsiding” you this evening regarding the planner, imagine how I felt as a City Council member on the Building & Zoning Committee, Community Services and Parks finding out that my one staff member that I deal with repeatedly and intricately has not only been the discussion, and again I may be wrong on this, but my understanding is not only the recommendation of not providing funding for the planning department, which we ah have already failed at because in the Parks Committee we just added \$35,000 to the planning department, um but finding out not only aren’t we planning on funding that department next year, that my understanding is it is a end of the month termination? Mayor Johnson said she is hoping to extend it, and I apologize. I know I got to half of the Council members um it was and.... Council member Reed said that was pretty easy because half of them were in the Finance/Admin department. Mayor Johnson said no, no I’m sorry. Last week was literally the week from hell because not only were we faced with what we had to do with Suraiya, Bob Butcher announced that he has ALS and it’s progressing rapidly... Council member Reed said he is sorry to hear that. Mayor Johnson continued, and I also had a death in the family of a small baby. So, to get to all of you I have tried in the past not to let my family or personal life interfere with being Mayor, but about Thursday afternoon everything came to a screeching halt. So, with that I apologize to the Council members that I didn’t get to. Um it is like I say if any of you think I did this willingly or wanted to do it, you are sadly mistaken. None of us foresaw what was going to happen this year. We thought we could hold our own. We all knew that 2010 was going to be difficult. So, I can go to the public and say okay we’re going to keep the planning department. For twenty years on the Council and as Mayor we have had a planner for less than ten and somehow or another we muddled through. We have a police department that I can lay a police officer off and that solves the budget crisis, but then we’re down to eight officers including the chief which will actually give us time when we don’t have anybody on duty, and I don’t know if I can look the public in the face and jeopardize their security. We have repeatedly said as a Council over the years what is most important, what do people want, and they want to be safe in their homes, which means police and fire. We all know we can’t cut from the fire. Matter of fact, we had an interesting discussion last week with the City of Orting who a couple years ago

chose to go with the district that surrounds them. What they found was that they weren't saving money and now they're coming back saying we had a volunteer department, how do you make yours work and for the cost so we spent a long time discussing with them what we do, and we know the major reason our fire department works is our chief, and we let them know that. We also told Jim that if he wants to keep his police officer he's going to have to go back and sharpen his pencil some more. He presented a budget for less money this year than he did last. We still have police cars that we need to replace that are nickeling and diming us. Even if we buy one car per year to go through the department it's going to be nine years before it rolls around again that an officer is going to have a new car. We know that if we double up on cars, two officers sharing a car, we know we're going to be going through them twice as fast, so it pencils out. So then where else did the committee look? The committee looked at both the Youth Center and the Senior Center, and those two programs are almost fifty percent funding by grants because they each have a non-profit arm, so there are some grants that the City is eligible for and there are some grants that only non-profits are eligible for. So, we cut any programs or any more time from those two programs that grant funding goes away. So, we may as well then say we're shutting down the Youth Center and we're shutting down the Senior Center. If you remember, the Youth Center was funded by Federal money. We cease to use that building as a Youth Center and the Federal money goes back, which was \$150,000? At the beginning of last week we were still \$250,000 short of having a balanced budget for 2010, and we knew it. So, where could we cut? We've managed to get it down to a balanced budget with \$1,700 to spare in a \$4M budget, and that doesn't give us any wiggle room for anything. Now, we're talking the general fund. Not utilities, not the cemetery because those are what they call enterprise funds and they generate their own income; they are not supported by stuff in the general fund. We tax utilities, the telephone tax, the cable tax; that money can go into the general fund. Last year we took a couple of reserve funds and used the interest, and we're trying not to do that again this year. We thought that that would be a one-time thing. We have a few funds, like the hotel/motel tax, that we are so restricted on. One of the things that the reason that the Council or the Chamber has decided to buy the baskets is that this time the auditors weren't comfortable with us using the hotel/motel tax for buying flowers. Even though they liked our argument, they thought we were pushing the envelope and shouldn't do it in the future. So, the Chamber has decided, hopefully, they'll vote on it tomorrow, to pick that cost up and also give us about half of what it costs to water them, so we'll still have that next year. So, the money that they have allocated we have already stuck into the budget, so I'm hoping that otherwise we're back under again. We are getting a ten percent increase in medical costs this year and we pay now in excess of close to \$700,000 a year for employees for medical, dental and vision. So, remember, out of the general fund comes the Police Department, the Fire Chief, the Senior Service Director; all of the exempt employees are paid for out of the general fund. So, you know, here we are, a cost that is totally out of our control. There is not going to be any salary increases for exempt people next year, and our goal was to save every job, and it's just not impossible and the members of the Admin & Finance Committee, if you have anything else to add to that, I mean it was not an easy decision. Let me tell you, it's easier to fire someone than to tell them I think your job is going to go away. And, what prompted the speediness to this is Suraiya told us she was applying for a student loan.

How could I let her apply for that loan and then go to her and say by the way your job is going away? So that's why we were hoping we weren't going to have to do it, but we are, so. Council member Ramsey said I just wanted to say that I mean yes we've been focusing on reducing expenses, but if anyone has any ideas on how to arrive at extra revenue, that.... Mayor Johnson said I mean we've got.... Council member Reed said one of the.... Council member McNally said I have one as far as it's not necessarily extra revenue or something of that nature, but to me it sounds like the budget's already been set, made and a done deal....so why do we have to worry about B,Z&E or Streets... Mayor Johnson said no, no it's not...no, Mark, just a minute, this is the general....Council member Reed said excuse me Madam Mayor. Mayor Johnson said I'm sorry. Council member McNally said there's a lot of ideas out here that maybe we could bring to Admin & Finance and say well would you please look at this, we could possibly use this money here and here and go through different scenarios. But, unfortunately, I feel like it's a done deal; we have no say in it. I'm sorry, that's just the way I feel. Council member Twardoski said please, if you have any ideas. Mayor Johnson said well, but, but, just a minute I want to respond to Mark, Mark..... Council member Montgomery said Mayor okay we'd like to have a little turn about going around as well, you've had a lot to say up there. Mayor Johnson said okay, but remember these are the items in the general fund, it does not pertain to any of the enterprise funds because of the way it is funded, and everything is funded through taxes basically and fees. Council member McNally said so B,Z&E is funded through general fund, right? Mayor Johnson said correct. Council member McNally said Streets, Sidewalks & Storm Water is through general fund, correct? Mayor Johnson said correct. Council member McNally said, so I'm on both of those committees and I have no say so. Mayor Johnson said no, not stormwater. Mayor Johnson said I think James is next. Council member Montgomery said no, I think Cristi had something to say awhile ago actually. Council member Boyle Barrett said just a comment that the budget for next year is not decided yet, but when we were looking at the general fund as a whole there is also a short fall for 2009 that our committee was tasked with figuring out how to close by the end of the year because we have to have a balanced budget, and so... Council member Montgomery said what kind of short fall? Council member Boyle Barrett said that's what I was just asking her, I thought it was \$70,000. Mayor Johnson said no, it's about \$50,000. Council member Boyle Barrett said it's a moving target because we're not at the end of the year and property tax will play a substantial part in that... Mayor Johnson said a huge role. Council member Boyle Barrett continued...in how much we collect. Mayor Johnson said so, Randy. Council member Reed said I really, okay I don't really try at all. I was going to say I really try not to say I told you so.... Mayor Johnson said and you have every right to. Council member Reed continued, actually I really relish the fact that this time I told you so except that it sucks. When we passed last year's budget we were \$120,000 in the toilet. We knew we were \$120,000 January 1 why, because we just spent the \$40,000 gift and borrowed/took the interest off of certain reserve funds to the tune of another \$80,000. January 1 we were \$120,000 in the hole and yet now we're just wildly surprised that we're not \$250,000 in the toilet? I, um, you know, when, first of all I voted against the budget. Mayor Johnson said yup, I was going to mention that. Council member Reed continued, because I could have lived with the concept of using the interest funds, but when we took a \$40,000 gift and used it for operations, not to buy something

for the aid car, not to buy the chief a police car, not to upgrade our radio system, but to keep the lights on, that was a bad business decision. Now, I will take a piece of the blame myself. As a long term Council member, I should have pushed the concept of raising our tax base. Why? Because that's the only place we really get money, one way or the other. We sell utilities, we tax utilities, we tax property, we tax gambling. That's our business. And, because of trying to do more with less, we said well okay everybody's voting against taxes like that was a big surprise, we'll cut back and figure out ways to do this job with less money. But, it got to the point on the last year's budget when we're taking a \$40,000 gift to the City and using that as operating expense regardless of the interest. I'm sure there is an amount of interest we could again utilize this year like we did last year. I don't think it would be \$80,000 with interest rates that have dropped, but there is some amount. I am concerned that we haven't been given that amount. I'm concerned that we have this huge surprise that hey we're short money, and we didn't figure that out before June, because we were short money on January 1. I'm offended that I've had to find out about our Planning Department issues.... The initial one I can kind of understand; if we're going to eliminate it in next year's budget, I can kind of understand that because we still have a couple of workshop group workshop meetings where we can hash it out, talk about you know some options. But, to find out that hey the chances are the Planning Department won't be there at the end of the month before we've had a group discussion... Council member McNally said amen. Council member Reed continued...and not having been informed of the first part, I'm extremely offended. It affects my ability as a Councilman to make policy decisions and that's my job. Now, I do not envy and I really appreciate the effort that the Admin & Finance folks put into their part. I mean, that has got to be one of the suckiest committees right now that you could be on, and none of them are good. But I think part of the problem might be that you weren't presented with some alternatives. One of the alternatives is to do as we have done or were talking about doing with other employees in other departments, which is utilizing an employee in a different capacity. Currently, our Planning Department is all general fund accounting and yet we have committee to creating a master plan for the property we have leased from DSHS. That money is going to come not from the general fund but it's going to come from utilities. Why? Because they're the ones that leased it. If we are able to offset some of the Planning Department costs via using those funds then now we're not eliminating the Planning Department. You know, maybe now we're down to doing the same thing we're doing with the Building Department, cutting it in half and say hey, instead of 40 hours we only get 20 hours. Um you know so, is that going to mean that Suraiya is going to quit and go find another job? Could be. I'm not to be perfectly honest I like Suraiya. I've worked well with her. She's a nice person. I want to strangle her every once in awhile, but this isn't about, as far as I'm concerned, about Suraiya the person, it is about the fact that in four years we've had three, four different planners. It took us three years to get Title 19 out of the Planning Commission. Council member Montgomery said and we're revisiting it as we speak. Council member Reed said and once again you know.... I understand that right now we are you know like I said in the financial toilet, but I think now might be the time to look at okay the DSHS plan. Um, is there something in one of the other capital improvement areas where we have to divide, you know come up with a plan to implement. You know maybe we start our sewer treatment expansion plan now instead of waiting twenty years.

The idea is to keep some kind of continuity. The problem with Title 19 coming you know going in the Planning Commission for three years is every time we got a new planner... Council member Montgomery said we started over again. Council member Reed said yes, you know we said oh well the focus is over here, well no I think I want to do it this way. All of them may have been valid from the planner's position, but from the planning committee it was confusing you know and they kept treading the same ground. Um the Mayor said that we have gone you know years without a city planner. You're right, and for years it's been budgeted, and the previous administration decided no, I don't like planners, and we pay for it. What we're saying by eliminating the planning commission or err the Planning Department is Dave, you don't have enough to do. Council member Montgomery said here's another heart attack. Council Boyle Barrett said can I just make a comment? Mayor Johnson said just a second here. I take full responsibility for where we are today, and but no one, we are not the only city that is going through this. Last week North Bend and Issaquah announced huge layoffs. I think we've done a remarkable job of thirteen years with no growth where we didn't get, it was our worst fear, we joked about getting the sewer plant done and then the housing market crashing. As a joke...not realizing it could happen. And that's what's really hurt us the most. Mayor Johnson said James is next and then Cristi and Mark. Council member Montgomery said I don't envy you the decisions that you've had to make. I don't think anyone in this room for one moment suggests you've enjoyed a single minute of any of it. But, I think some of what Randy says, I think a lot of what Randy says is valid. Mayor Johnson said and I agree. Council member Montgomery said, and what I see are a lot of positions on the bubble, and what I see are efforts being made to keep those people, and figure out a way to keep them here. I don't see that effort being made in this particular instance, and it makes me wonder if there is something more to it than the budget. If there is, if there is an issue we're not aware of, if there is a performance issue, yes it needs to be addressed, but I do not believe that means that the position needs to go away, and that is the major problem I have with this. This, we haven't had a planner, the City did not have a planner for a lot of years. What was there to plan for during all of that? Not a whole heck of a lot. And, what happened when we did get planners? They went through the code and cleaned a lot of things up that needed to be cleaned up. So, not having had a planner for a long time isn't necessarily a justification to go back to not having one. I think with all of the things that we have to plan for in the future, plan being the operative word, if we don't have a planner then we run the risk of losing a lot of the quality of life issues that people in this town are so passionate about. And, I'm not ready to lose Buckley. I'm not ready to give up on Buckley and have it become the next South Hill, the next Fife, the next Bonney Lake. If we want Buckley to be what it can be then we have to plan for it because if we don't do it then somebody else will I guarantee it, and I can also pretty much guarantee that the people who live here are not going to like the outcome. And, I don't care how it happens, but I will not vote for a budget that does not have the City planner, regardless of who that City planner is. Mayor Johnson said you asked about personnel issues and I have none. When you make a decision like this the first thing you have to do is remove the emotion. It's a very difficult thing to do, almost impossible, but it's one that you need to do. But, there are no personnel issues. Yes, Suraiya is young and we all remember what it was like on our first jobs and we all made mistakes, and we've all made allowances. So, I don't know what you're smirking

about but Council member Reed said I was just thinking of the young part. Mayor Johnson yeah, no we all make mistakes and there is nothing in her personnel file, so if you think that is the reason, no. We have to cut someone, and when you look, I have talked to a lot of other cities. The City of Milton totally closed down their planning department and are contracting with the City of Fife because they could do it for less money. I talked to Cheryl, the Mayor of Orting, and I asked her what do you guys do for planning. They have a consulting firm; they think they have the best planner through this firm that any city in the state. And, if you go through Orting, they've done some very good things down there, and they've done it strictly with consultants. I, I, the Council needs to make some very serious decisions, and to say to take I think there are definite avenues like Randy suggested, but it's still not going to bring us in the revenue that we need. We can't dump everything on the sewer department. Mayor Johnson asked who's next? Cristi, you had a.... Council member Boyle Barrett said Mark is next. Council member McNally said I would state that you don't need to take it all on your own shoulders for where we're at. I believe the Council as a whole has made several mistakes, myself included, and I believe the type of individual I am, I want three months worth of wages in my savings account at all times. Mayor Johnson asked is that all? Council member McNally said that's all I can afford. Council member Reed said he gets paid more than we do. Council member McNally said that's all I can afford, but if I don't have three months reserves in my savings account there's a problem, and I know it causes some heartache even in a family life when there's a purchase that wants to be made and it's like no, it's going to drop us below that. And, I think that there is, and this is my own personal opinion, I think there is a lot of waste in this City on some areas. It's just we automatically say, okay, here's another \$10,000 let's spend it. We're spending money on a lot of things we don't even know about, at least me. I wish I had a better handle and a better idea on a lot of the money that we're spending for the City of Buckley, and I agree that the police and the fire are the number one issues that we need to worry about, but on the other hand I think there is a lot of waste that goes on here, and I do believe that there is some other avenues that we can look at. Like, this is one reason that I wanted to get the committee together on the utilities. We've got personnel things that we need to deal with, we need reserves, all that other stuff, and I think we could make some changes and possibly come up with some revenue for the City planner, for like Randy was saying the sewer DSHS property. And, so maybe we would much rather spend money towards something like that instead of garage doors for the welding shop, and things of that nature. There's a lot more things that are important that I think that I would like to have an understanding of the committee going into this budget. I'm basically shocked today as far as no more Planning Department it's like..... Mayor Johnson said again I'd like to remind you that the reason we moved it up was that Suraiya's going to take this class at I think it's the UW Tacoma, GIS. It's a very expensive program... Council member McNally said I'm sure she'll get another job because she's very good. Mayor Johnson said no, no, it's it's that she came to us and said that she would need a letter for her student loan application, and I didn't have the heart to let her go ahead and apply for that student loan knowing there was a ninety percent chance that we had to lay her off. I didn't think that was fair. Mayor Johnson said Cristi. Council member Reed said I don't under....oh, I'm sorry. Council member Boyle Barrett said the Personnel, Admin & Finance Committee did I think more than due diligence in looking at every aspect of the

general fund and what could possibly be cut. First off, how do you make up for the short fall for 2009? Secondly, how can we help next year? What can we do without? \$250,000 is a lot of money to come up with, and the budget was already lean anyway. All of the department heads were told to take ten percent off, and most of them had budgets you know less this year than last year. Some are very limited. The fire department is one of them. You know, they run a lean budget. The...it wasn't an easy choice at all, and it isn't about the person, it's about the fact that you know the Youth Center we have to give the federal money back if we shut it down. The Senior Center, do we really want to cut out the one hot meal a day that the seniors get to eat. There's not a lot of choices in the general fund. I don't think any of us are saying that we don't have planning needs. We do have planning needs, but it would be cheaper to use a consultant for the things that have to be done than it is to carry a full time employee with benefits. Council member McNally said that depends on what consultant we hire. Mayor Johnson said and that's true Mark, that's true. Council member Boyle Barrett said but the point is that we weren't assuming that we didn't have some quote unquote needs. The shoreline permit has to be done. Is this something that Dave can do all the work on? Possibly not, we may have to pay consultant fees to accommodate that project, but it's a required project. Thee um...we talked about want versus need. There is a lot of wants. All of us here have wants depending upon what committee we represent, depending upon where our interests lie, and who we defend the most or what department we defend the most. We all chair a committee. We tend to be defensive of our committees. You know, they're important because that's who we represent. The..it doesn't change the fact there is not enough money to go around and we have to balance the budget at the end of year. The personnel decision was not ours, but it was our decision to say you could save the money out of the planning department if we eliminate it before the end of the year. I'm sorry that we're such a small city that it involves one person and one person only, and that's very painful; it was a very hard choice to make. But, I don't see any way around it and I think that we did the best with what we have. As far as next year's planning, we still have budget workshops where we're going to sit down and talk you know basically what we're doing right now, which is you know here's what Admin & Finance came up with, and here is the reasons why, and then give everybody else an opportunity outside of our committee to come up with ideas of what else we could do. Sandy is asking directly tonight, what else can we do? If you've got ideas about how to come up with money, or potentially where to cut them, let her know. Mayor Johnson said and remember about taking money out of a utility when we're trying not to raise rates. Council member Reed said that 's how we got into this damn problem in the first place by not trying to raise money. Mayor Johnson said well, but by law on property tax we can only raise it one percent unless we go out to the voters. Council member Reed said then we should have gone out to the voters. I said I would take responsibility as a Council member for that you know. At some point you know....I don't recall ever in the fifteen years I've been on the Council, I don't ever recall a budget year where somebody said hot damn we are spending this year. We have so much money we can't even spend it all. It has always been lean, and each year we find ways to cut and reorganize and part of the problem with a city our size is we don't have people in the most departments that work in one department, and so we tend to budget based on where the money's at. So, that guy that works in the cemetery while he's historically been getting paid out of parks...why, well

because he also runs the mower and we're going to count that as x number percent. We haven't been...we have no way of measuring that percent because we don't do any time accounting for these projects. In a city our size it is not practical, it's not workable. If you're a city the size of Kent let's say, okay then you can start some time accounting because you've got multiple in the department and now you can start looking at tasks, eliminating tasks and eliminating bodies. Right now we're eliminating bodies and not eliminating any tasks. I've been on the Council without a planner with going to consultants with a contract planner and ultimately you spend the money. However you want to put it there, you're still spending the money and that's why we went out as a Council and said, you know we need a planner. In fact we said we need a planner several times. It's a question for you Cristi and I don't know, you know I wasn't on your committee so I don't know... The Mayor mentioned that we've only had four building permits... Mayor Johnson said new homes. Council member Reed said new homes, that's what a building permit kind is. Mayor Johnson said well no, there's remodels. Council member Reed said remodel permit type supposed whatever, however you want to phrase it...four permits for new homes this year. Ah, have we, you know, what would be the cost savings of contracting out the building department versus the planning department. Council member Boyle Barrett said we talked about.... Mayor Johnson said no, actually I can answer that. As long as we have the Edgewood agreement in place where they are actually paying mileage, half of Dean's salary, half of his benefits, it still is, but if that contract goes away then it is either we cut Dean to half time or ... Council member Reed said we've already cut him to half time. Mayor Johnson said or well I mean yeah, he's at half time.... Council member Boyle Barrett said but he's still being paid...we're still paying.... Mayor Johnson said he's still being paid full time. They are reimbursing us. Council member Reed said oh, okay... Mayor Johnson said for that money, for half of his everything. Council member Reed said while I understand it is in the budget, it's also offset by the Edgewood revenue... Mayor Johnson said right... Council member Reed said but basically... Mayor Johnson said but passed... Council member Reed said but basically what I'm saying is yeah, again... Mayor Johnson said no Council member Reed said again, because we're having decisions being made now about stuff that normally we would be talking about in a month or more and yeah it is the Mayor's and the Administrator's prerogative to fire anyone in the City, and you know that again and that's why I said it's not about Suraiya although for a couple of reasons I would like to keep this particular planner. One is I work well with her, I think she's proficient, but it also goes back to that continuity issue we talked about, or that I spewed on about on Title 19. You know, so if we are a figure...\$40,000...if that's the net that we're spending on our Building Department with time and benefits, I don't know how many remodel permits we've been getting, so those inspections, but those are passed through costs. You know, what are we talking... Mayor Johnson said no, I think we're...we're... Council member Boyle Barrett said I want to say something... Mayor Johnson said I think we're confusing right now Dean's job which is code enforcement and building inspection with planning. Council member Reed said no, I'm not. What I'm talking about is.... Mayor Johnson said you're talking about what revenues... Council member Reed said dollar, right, we're talking about dollars.... Mayor Johnson said but that money is.... Council member Reed said we're talking about dollars coming from the general fund. Where does Dean get paid out of? Mayor Johnson said he gets

paid out of the general fund. Council member Reed said okay, and even though we're only paying for half of his salary, that comes out of the general fund. Mayor Johnson said correct and I'm not sure if the permits and fees are equaling what his salary is, even the half time. Council member Reed said okay, you know... Mayor Johnson said I'd have to check with Sheila. Council member Reed said whether or not they are, we charge the end user for fees and inspections and so forth. Is that... Mayor Johnson said correct. Council member Reed said so, if let's say that we're paying salary and benefits of \$40,000 for an example, and you know we eliminate that department, again not something I want to do because I think we're getting a really good bargain. We've got we've got some you know a vast amount of experience there not only in Dean himself but in his ability to have you know built the you know the work program that you know we get we've participated in for years. But again, give me those options so I can understand why eliminating department A with these things on our table versus eliminating department B which apparently has no work. Council member Boyle Barrett said based on the best information that we had, you know the committee, all the questions we asked about building, we asked I think, I haven't thought of one question outside of those committee meetings, which was very close to six hours worth, I haven't thought of any question that we didn't ask, and we gave our best recommendation. I said earlier I really felt like we gave it due diligence. What I wanted to say is that I think that the Mayor, I don't think I know, that the Mayor has made a decision for the budget between now and the end of the year, and that is to eliminate the Planning Department. As far as next year, I think really we've moved into a discussion of what are we going to do about next year, and I think it's a discussion that should take place at a Council workshop and not the end of this meeting. If we need more workshop, but... Council member Reed said while normally I would agree with you Cristi on that as far as you know next year's budget, but it's kind of like if I'm having a property dispute with you and I say you know your house is too close to my...in fact your house is on my property, and we have this dispute, and we're gonna go to court next month, and your house burns down this month. I'm thinking I'm going to have a much easier time in court next month justifying the fact that well you know when you build it again, move it over. And, that's the way I feel is that somebody is burning the house down now to justify the fact that we won't have a Planning Department next year. Council member Boyle Barrett said and all I'm saying is that you know we are a committee of three, we took all the information, we made the best decision that we could, it wasn't an easy decision for any of us.... Council member Reed said no, I don't have that at all.... Council member Boyle Barrett continued and what you're saying is you didn't like our decision, and it can't be changed, at this point I don't think it can really be changed, so I don't know where we're going right now. Pat has made a decision as the Mayor to lay Suraiya off at the end of this month. Mayor Johnson said and we went to, when I went to the Admin & Finance Committee it was here's the situation, now give us direction, and that's what took so long. It's trying to say where is it we're going, you know what do we do. But, give us direction because I didn't want the department heads coming to us with everything all done and us having to say nope that's not where we're going. But, we needed direction to go. Melissa you haven't said anything, you've got your hand up. Council member Patson said well, the only thing I want to say is I participated in two three-hour meetings and we took line by line and looked at everything, and we came up with countless recommendations, ideas. Could we

say here, right down to the people wanting to rent the community hall, provide their own toilet paper and paper towels and dish detergent as a way to save because you know if they want to use the hall, if they're going to entertain, do what the rest of us do you know you bulk up on that. Several times, several times I remember you reminding us like you said take emotion out; do not look at people, look at position, function, and we did that, and it was really hard. And, and I mean at one point we did have to decide whether we were going to make a recommendation, balance the budget on the backs of you know a department employee or safety, police and fire protection. Council member Reed said I still like you. Council member Patson said and at we did not enter into this meeting or these discussions in a cavalier manner. Council member Montgomery said I don't think anybody suggested.... Council member Patson said I can guarantee you that, and there was just kind of a pall you know over the building as we left because they weren't easy they weren't easy decisions. It was not an easy discussion. Mayor Johnson said and I take full responsibility for the lack of announcement. I mean that's definitely my fault and I take responsibility for it. Like I say, there were a few things that happened last week that were out of my control and the ball got dropped. So, instead of sending you an informational e-mail, I didn't and that's totally my fault. Council member Montgomery said well you know I can say Mayor Johnson said that's totally my fault... Council member Montgomery continued... I can say you that you did talk to me about it and I appreciate that, I thought it was courteous, but at the time I was also under the impression that this was a decision made for next year's budget, not.... Mayor Johnson said and I'm sorry I didn't.... Council member Montgomery said not this year's budget. Mayor Johnson said and I'm sorry I didn't relay that to you. Council member Montgomery said and I think that's where..... Mayor Johnson said because I was pretty upset about the whole situation. Council member Montgomery continued... a lot of the shock has come in. There are a lot of things in the works right now, a lot of balls up in the air that... Mayor Johnson said that we don't know. Council member Montgomery continued... that are going to get dropped. We know, they're going to get dropped, bottom line, because um we've been reminded time and time again that Dave just has too much to do as it is. So, I personally you know I think you cannot give one person three full time jobs and expect good results. You just cannot do it. I don't care who the person is, I don't care how much you think of him, something is going to suffer. Mayor Johnson said and you are right. Council member Montgomery continued... and I can see the writing on the wall right now that it will be planning for the future. Mayor Johnson said Sandy. Council member Ramsey said I've gone over this in my head for the last year, going over the budget that we created two years ago even. I voted against raises for administration, I voted against I saw you can see what's happening in the world, the economics here saying that we had to increase wages to be up to the standards of other cities. I was against it. We don't have the capacity here to do it. So, I lost that battle. I don't want to lose this battle. I was upset about it. I'm still in shock, and with your comment about doing the DSHS property, see there's so many other ideas out there that Admin & Finance when it was all brought to us I hadn't heard from any of the other committees, none of us have. Council member McNally said right.... Council member Ramsey said we're just hearing... Council member McNally said and was it put that way on purpose. Mayor Johnson said now excuse me, excuse me, I take... Council member McNally said I just asked.... Mayor Johnson said I take, I'm sorry.... Council member McNally said

I'm not saying you mam.... Mayor Johnson said I'm sorry but I take great offense to that..... Council member McNally said it was not directed at you Madam Mayor. Mayor Johnson continued I went to the Admin & Finance Committee to ask directions where we laid it on the line and said this is where we are. We have been closely watching it. The Admin & Finance Committee has been kept informed as to where we are, and again in June we were fine, in July.... Council member Reed said no we weren't, I'm sorry. Mayor Johnson said not fine but ... Council member Reed said we were \$120,000 in the toilet. Mayor Johnson continued, our revenue projections were right on. In July, they decreased. In August they decreased more. Council member McNally said yes. Mayor Johnson said and there is no indication that they're going to stop decreasing. Council member McNally said and I agree one hundred percent. Mayor Johnson said so.... Council member McNally said but I believe that when you know when you take the feelings out of it that that's very hard for most people, maybe you can do that, but.... Mayor Johnson said it's difficult..... Council member McNally continued but I think there is some on administrative that don't have feelings and it's like you can sell ice to Eskimos, and I just think that there's a lot of ideas out there through the different committees and the Council members here and everything else, and instead of unfortunately I wasn't aware of what was going on and so it's kind of got me by surprise, and it's like I think that there's enough ideas in this room that we could actually probably balance the budget and keep what we want to keep. Yes, certain things are going to be cut and everything else, but I think that just being hit with it within a couple days is mind boggling, and I think that there's a lot of ideas and it could be presented in more than possibly just one way. Mayor Johnson said now I do have one thing to say about earlier you'd mentioned not having any idea about what's being spent. The Admin & Finance Committee goes over the vouchers, but they are available to any Council member, and I think well I have you been on Admin & Finance Randy? Council member Reed said yes. Mayor Johnson said so you know what they look like. They have to be signed off by the Administrator and one committee meeting but that, member, but that doesn't mean that you can't go in once a month and request to see the vouchers. It's a stack of papers about this high, but it's every single check that's written off the City, it is itemized as to what department it comes out of, what it was for and those are available for any Council member to look at. Council member McNally said yes, but you would have to be like a forensic auditor. Our chief financial officer for eight years was audited by the state auditor for eight years, and never found any problems, at the end of eight years..... Mayor Johnson said what they are is the checks.... Council member McNally continued, one other auditor finds out that they've been signing these vouchers and he took us for \$750,000, so I think that.... Mayor Johnson said so does the Admin Committee..... Council member McNally said I'm not saying that's..... Mayor Johnson said no, no, I know what your point is.... Council member McNally continued, but there's some checks and balances.... Mayor Johnson said but, yeah, yeah, I know.... Council member McNally continued, I think that there's a lot of other ideas out there that.... Mayor Johnson said yeah, but if you want to see where the money is going, it's there for you to look at. Council member Reed said but Mark's point is I think..... Council member McNally said just because there's a voucher that doesn't mean that..... Mayor Johnson said no, there's a it's broken down.... Council member Reed continued, having been one of those people that sat through and thumbed through the vouchers, and occasionally with

Sandy sat through and thumbed through the vouchers, for me personally it was almost a futile, pointless effort because there is like you say a stack of vouchers this deep. What we would see, and especially Sandy, would pick up on the unusual so that you know she'd be thumbing through and say okay you know we're paying \$1,000 for a phone bill, phone bill, phone bill, wait a minute, why do we have a \$2,000 phone bill you know, and she would pick up on that and again I you know it might have something to do with being in the banking business and dealing with numbers all the time. Um, because there is so much detail in going through the vouchers, I personally don't see the big picture when I do that. I mean as far as going through the vouchers, we need to do it as a check on our system. I don't think that's the way you figure out where stuff's being spent. Um, I think that comes through reports and like the chief does his quarterly incidence reports and then you say you know you can kind of track this, you know we've had this many traffic accidents and they're going up, and we've had this many burglaries, assaults or whatever, or hey we really did good in this category, and then we see a down trend. That's something where you're getting the big picture and you can apply it. Council member McNally said amen. Council member Reed continued, um you know I think part of my problem with our financial reports that we're getting is it's great for Sheila because she knows how it ties together, and the fact that you know any departmental budget you want to go into pulls line items from places I didn't even know we had line items, and other than the departmental budgets it's difficult again for me, primarily because I hate accounting, to go back to those monthly financial reports that Sheila gives us and say oh, okay this 103 line goes to this 407 line and you know. How do these transfers and how do we build this employees benefits and salary and you know because at budget time we're talking projections. On the expenditure side in a lot of departments we're a lot closer because we say okay like Building & Zoning, it doesn't matter, we're going to pay him this much and the benefits are this much and we're going to stick a figure in for fees. If we're under on fees it doesn't matter because we didn't spend it. If we're over on fees, it doesn't matter, we didn't spend it. Where we run into issues would be overtime. So, now that gets stuck in there but okay, but as we go through the year we never get departmental reports that say hey this is where we're at. You know, when we passed the budget last year, I think everybody agreed we would start monitoring this January 1. If we were at the end of June \$120,000 over projection, then we knew we were having a 2009 budget problem, or 2010 however you want to count it, budget problem, and that information needed to come start coming out of Admin & Finance if you guys got that, I don't know, um because we're already \$120,000 down. Now when our revenue starts dropping off we're now \$250,000, \$270,000 and like you say, it becomes a huge effort to cut that kind of cost and we eliminate departments. Mayor Johnson said Sandy. Council member Ramsey said real quick because the lateness of the hour and I know we all want to get home, especially myself, I would like to know could we do a workshop next week. Mayor Johnson said we have a tentative workshop. We took it off the calendar didn't we. The clerk said yes. Mayor Johnson said we could put it back on. Remember we set up fifth Tuesdays. Council member Ramsey said I know but that's too late in the month, we need to do this now. We have to talk about.... Council member McNally said yeah because I'm gonna be on vacation on the fifth Tuesday of this month, sorry. Mayor Johnson said ohh is this Mexico? Council member McNally said yes. Mayor Johnson said Dave is not back until the 21st so it has to be that week. Council member Ramsey

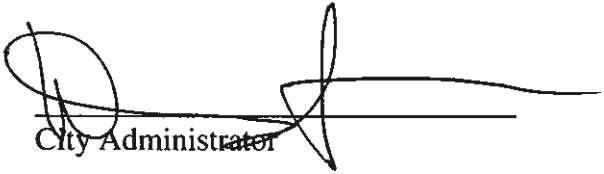
said the 21st, correct. Mayor Johnson said correct. Council member Ramsey said we have budget meetings; we're going to have to move a budget meeting. Mayor Johnson said when do you leave town Mark. Council member McNally said I leave the 25th, back October 8th. Mayor Johnson said Dave's back the 21st. Council member Ramsey said City Council is the 22nd. We have Public Safety the 23rd which is our budget. Council member Reed said technically we could make it the evening of the Council meeting. Mayor Johnson said do you want to just start early. Council member Ramsey said if we start early.... Council member Reed said it's not going to matter.... Mayor Johnson said we use to have a lot of committee meetings at 6. Council member Ramsey said so if we started at 4. Mayor Johnson said I think it's going to be a fairly large agenda. Council member Reed said of course it is. Council member Ramsey said we have a public hearing that night, RV park regulations. Council member Reed said oh perfect. Mayor Johnson said what's on Monday. Council member Ramsey said Monday night is Building & Zoning's first budget and then Council member Twardoski said then Community Services. Council member Ramsey no that's the 14th; Planning Commission is at 7, but Building & Zoning is at 6 PM. Could we meet at 7? Council member Reed said we're pretty much, our budget discussion is moot if we don't have a Planning Department. Council member Ramsey said so what about the 21st, the day Dave comes back? Could we use Building & Zoning? Mayor Johnson said what's Wednesday? Council member Boyle Barrett said Wednesday is Public Safety and I'm sure that is Chief Predmore's meeting and I'm sure he would be amicable to change it, I just don't know when there is an available date after that. Mayor Johnson said so why don't we plan for that Wednesday instead of trying to do an all-nighter on Tuesday. Does that work for you Mark. Council member McNally said the 23rd, yes I can do that one. Mayor Johnson said alright what time you guys want to start 6? Council member Ramsey said 6. Council member McNally said anytime. Council member Reed said just make it an all day thing. Council member Ramsey said 6 o'clock would be good for me. Council member Reed said alright. The clerk asked is that a Council workshop? Mayor Johnson said yes. Council member Twardoski said is that going to be here? Mayor Johnson said yes. Council member Boyle Barrett said don't cancel Public Safety Joanne. Mayor Johnson said yours is at 5? Council member Boyle Barrett said it's at 5 but we might be able to start it earlier, so don't cancel. Council member Patson said so what time are we starting? Council member Ramsey said 6 o'clock. Mayor Johnson said unless you're on Public Safety. Council member Patson said and it will be here in this building? Mayor Johnson said yes, yes. Council member Ramsey said and then we can finish up this discussion. Mayor Johnson said okay. Council member Reed said that would be a lovely lovely plan. Council member Ramsey said okay, great. Mayor Johnson said and again I don't think this is anybody's fault. I think it's everyone's fault. Council member Twardoski said we have to face it, that's the only problem. We know that, we knew this was going to happen, we just don't like to face it. Mayor Johnson said we knew that 2010 would be difficult. Council member Twardoski said it came faster than we expected. Council member McNally said and if I-1033 passes it's gonna be even worse. Mayor Johnson said because we cannot have reserve accounts on items in the general fund. I don't believe that's on utilities, but I don't know, that wasn't clear. Council member Reed said well did you hear Mr. Eyman's comment? "Well it's not intended to affect cities." Mayor Johnson said no, towns, it was towns. Remember,

towns have a different.... Council member Reed said right. Mayor Johnson said thank you very much. If there is nothing else to come before the Council we're adjourned.

With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 9:39 PM.



Mayor



City Administrator