



BUCKLEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

February 10, 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 #03-09
Next Resolution #09-01
Next Agenda Bill #AB09-10

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:

Bacon: Cemetery Improvements
Schmidt: PSE BLA & Boundary Changes

Ramsey
Barrett
Twardoski
McNally
Weigelt
Montgomery
Reed
Johnson

Citizen Participation

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

10. Penny Frame – Relay For Life, May 15 and 16, 2009

Main Agenda

11. Local #286 Bargaining Unit Contract
12. Street Frontage Waiver – 171 Dundass Ave (VanDervies)
13. Street Frontage Waiver – 245 – 4th Street (Person)
14. Scope of Work: Taylor Property Survey
15. WWTP: Phase IIE Change Order #4
16. WWTP: Exchange of Contractor Overhead for Fence Installation

Consent Agenda

17. A. Approve January 27, 2009
- B. Claims
- C. Transfer Voucher
- D. Payroll

Council may add and take action on other items not listed on this agenda

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Mayor Johnson called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Upon roll call the following members were present: Boyle Barrett, McNally, Montgomery, Ramsey, Twardoski and Weigelt. Council member Reed was absent and excused.

Admin & Finance:

Council member Ramsey stated they had a meeting on February 2, 2009. They discussed the union contract which is on the agenda tonight. They discussed utility late fees and how they are assessed, and the reconnection fee of \$100. The committee decided to have the utility committee discuss this. The hiring committee made a decision on hiring Cynthia Winston to replace the part time Administrative Assistant position at City Hall. She started on February 4th. They discussed the possibility of a "Council Retreat" in April. They are looking at a Friday or Saturday. It is up to the Council to come up with a date and time to get this done. Mayor Johnson stated the first Council workshop is March 31, 2009. Council member Ramsey stated she will get a hold of Council member Reed and try to come up with a good date. Their next meeting will be March 2, 2009 at 6:30 PM.

Public Safety:

Council member Boyle Barrett stated they had a meeting on February 4, 2009. Chief Predmore notified the committee that he would be on vacation from February 7-14th. The Fire Department will be surplusing the 1964 Ford fire engine. The Association had expressed interest in purchasing it but that has fallen through because they have no place to store it. District #12 towed the truck out from the side of the museum because that belonged to them. They talked about the largest loss fire on Elk Heights after Thanksgiving. A new recruit class has started with 24 students. Regarding the location for the new fire station, a survey for the boundary line adjustment for the Grace Lutheran church and Cedar Community church properties was completed at the end of the year and a scope of work has been approved for the appraisal. Chief Predmore hopes to meet with this company at the end of the month and hope to receive a report by the end of March or first of April. The goal is by the end of April to meet with the property owners and begin negotiations. The Fire Department had 1000+ calls for service last year and already had 27 calls the first six days of the New Year. The Fire Department was awarded \$20,000 from the Fire Act Grant. \$10,000 of the funding is to replace media and instructor kits for training. New standards went into effect for reflective vests for every worker that is working on a roadway that received or receives federal funds. They also have funds for new patient simulators for EMS training. We were not approved for the Safer Grant which we were going to use to fund a position in the department. Chief Predmore is a member of the International Association of Arson Investigators and has been nominated to go to the US Fire Administrator and Homeland Security to be a peer reviewer for the grant review process for Fire Act Grants. The City has received over \$280,000 since 2002 for Fire Act Grants. Their next meeting will be March 4th at 5:00 PM at City Hall.

Building & Zoning:

Council member Twardoski stated they had a meeting here on February 2, 2009. They discussed their concern about all the empty buildings uptown. Associate Planning Director Rashid would like to discuss Title 19 with the committee. She has some concerns regarding this. Their next meeting is March 2, 2009 at 6:00 PM, here at the MPC.

Utilities:

Council member McNally stated he had a meeting on February 4, 2009. There are three items on the agenda tonight that were discussed in committee. He had requested a couple leads but they would have to be paid two hours overtime so he chose not to ask them to come. Utility bills were on the agenda but he was told by Administrator Schmidt that the Admin & Finance Committee would be handling this. Council member Ramsey stated this will be going back to the Utility Committee. Administrator Schmidt stated that is not what was stated at the Admin Committee meeting. The committee wanted him and Devon to draft something up and bring it back to the Admin committee. Council member Ramsey stated she stood corrected. Council member McNally stated in November of 2007 we had hired Heath Consultants to come in and do a leak survey. We had three of them scheduled. They did their first survey which is only good until March 18th of this year. We were hoping, if there is anyway possible, to increase our pressure before that date; we could save \$4,700 - \$5,000 if we could do that. The Public Works Supervisor was going to look into that. Regarding the water, Mayor Johnson stated that Tom Young had come out from Congressman Reichert's office, which she will report during the Mayors report. They talked about garbage and the Pierce County Solid Waste Agreement. This is on disk and the committee members are still reviewing it. Mayor Johnson stated that Pierce County handles all the garbage in Pierce County and there is a solid waste advisory group that drafted a comprehensive plan for garbage for Pierce County. We can either accept it or we don't accept, but we cannot make changes to it. If we don't accept, we have to write our own garbage plan. The City was going to do this several years ago and set money aside. When we went to single stream recycling there was no way we could provide garbage coverage to the citizens that would include single stream recycling. At that time, the Council decided to take the money we had set aside in a reserve fund and use that to offset increased garbage rates. If we decide to opt out of the Pierce County plan, it would probably take 2-3 years to set aside enough money to write our own plan. So, if we are going to do our own garbage hauling then it is probably worth while, but if we are not it is a lot of money to spend on a plan that we are not going to use. This is something we really need to think about. Council member McNally stated we should probably just accept it and take a look at it later on. Council member McNally stated one of the committee members even suggested having DM Disposal do their own billing. Administrator Schmidt stated he will do a study on it because there were several points that Council member Montgomery would like to have done so when they get time, they will do that. Their next meeting will be March 3, 2009 at 5:00 PM

Streets, Sidewalks and Storm Drain:

They have not had a meeting. Their next meeting will be March 6, 2009 at 9:00 AM at City Hall.

Parks& Rec & Cemetery:

Council member Montgomery stated they had a busy month in January. They had two planning meetings, an open house and a focus meeting. He thanked his committee members for plowing through and he said he would also like to thank Recreation Services Director Bacon who has been an incredible help to them, and the City Planner Suraiya Rashid who has been invaluable. Council member Montgomery attended the grant writing workshop and it was fantastic. He has already started writing a grant for planning assistance. He also tried registering for the Cities Legislative Action Conference in Olympia but was told he has already exhausted the Council's training budget. He feels it is important to go there both for the City and him, so he is asking the Finance Officer to not pay him the month of February so he can attend the conference. He would like very much for the Council to take a closer look at this issue when we start looking at the budget in March because \$500 for training for the entire Council is not enough. Council member Twardoski asked about the expenditures for the cemetery improvements.

Council member Montgomery stated Recreation Director Bacon will speak to that under staff reports. Council member Boyle Barrett asked who the donor was for the sign at the Youth Center. Mayor Johnson stated it was Mullen Orthodontists. Recreation Director Bacon stated it was both Amy Mullen and also the artist, whose name she doesn't know.

Community Services:

Council member Weigelt stated they talked about the Farmers Market and have drafted a letter to the Log Show. Administrator Schmidt stated they have not heard back from them yet. Council member Montgomery stated the Departments of Tourism for Washington and Oregon have started working with National Geographic. They are going to do a map of the central cascades from Mount Rainier's northern boundary to Crater Lake's southern boundary. Because Buckley will be included in this map, we have been told that Buckley will be a lot more visible to people looking at the map. Today he attended a workshop up at Crystal where there was a presentation on geo-tourism and how to integrate some of the amenities we have here in Buckley into this map.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Johnson stated that she spent one day with Tom Young from Congressman Reicherts office to get a feel of the damage that was done in Pierce County. They spent time in Greenwater, Wilkeson and So. Prairie. Chris Banks took him up to the road where the transmission line is to see that damage. They were up there for over an hour. Mr. Young took his report back to Congressman Reichert so we will see if anything comes of it.

Mayor Johnson passed out a position paper that was put together by the Foothills Rails to Trails Coalition. They are working with the National Rails to Trails Conservancy. A couple years ago the National Rails to Trails Conservancy got a couple pilot programs going for active transportation for trails and connecting communities. These were \$50

million grants. They have put together a Rails to Trails campaign for 2010 and they are actually going to congress to request that 40 of these grants be awarded. She has been asked to go to Washington DC with Dixie Gatchell and they will be lobbying with the National Rails to Trails Conservancy to receive these active transportation grants. Mayor Johnson stated the money actually has potential to come into us. It is a campaign for active transportation in Pierce County and includes the White River Bridge and connects to trails to King County from Pierce County. It takes in three Congressional Districts and it will go through not only the Governor's office, but it gets distributed by the Puget Sound Regional Council and they may have a different take on what projects should be done. At that point it is out of our control.

Mayor Johnson stated we have the proclamation in front of us for the Pierce County Reads that was presented at the last Council meeting.

Staff Reports:

Recreations Director Bacon stated she has two bids from Scott and John Dansby to start construction on the power and office space for the cemetery. The first bid is from the electric company for \$7,700, and the second one is for the conduit and that is \$1,800 plus change. The project right now is bid at \$10,000, and John Dansby wants approval for a not to exceed price of \$20,000 because the city crew will be the ones digging the ditches, putting in the water line and cable. This has been budgeted for \$30,000. **Council member Montgomery moved to approve a not to exceed price of \$20,000 to begin construction on office space and improvement of the cemetery quarters. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Administrator Schmidt stated that PSE is finishing up the Boundary Line Adjustments on all the White River properties. One BLA is for the triangular piece that the City owns next to the old highway right of way; this is about a 1.7 acre parcel. Those boundary lines have to move in order to incorporate the larger parcel into one tax number. In order to do this we have to become a signatory on the BLA mylar, and because there is a property boundary adjustment from the City, the Mayor needs Council authorization to sign a consent affidavit that makes us a party to this process. Staff is asking for this authorization. **Council member Montgomery moved to grant the Mayor authority to sign an agreement for a Boundary Line Adjustment with Puget Sound Energy. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Council member Boyle Barrett wanted to thank her fellow Council members, City Staff and the Mayor for having patience with her for the time that she has been absent. She can't make any guarantees that she will be here at every meeting but she will do her best to keep everyone informed.

Citizen Participation:

Penny Frame, 192 So D Street, is here tonight to talk about the Relay for Life which will be May 15th and 16th. The committee is again asking for the closure of River Ave. from Jefferson Ave. to the north entrance of the Post Office, the Youth Center and the Skate Park. We have already worked it out with Jennifer to use the Youth Center. One thing

the committee needs help with is security. She knows budgets are tight and knows the City cannot afford this, but we are here to ask a couple of the officers to donate their time. Last year we had over 600 people on site so security is a big issue. If anyone has any ideas, the committee would like your help. We have tried to get the Police Department to have a team but they have yet to join us. The other issue is that in the past couple years we have had a couple City workers help out in setting up on Friday, and she would like to know if this could happen again. Mayor Johnson stated that the City does not work on Fridays anymore. Penny stated that we need to work out getting the barricades and the cemetery tent. The committee would like to put the City logo on our shirts, which is done when we get sponsorship for \$500 or \$1,000 of in-kind donations, so we would like to find some way to get that done. Recreation Director Bacon stated that they can use the amount that would be charged for the Youth Center as a part. Administrator Schmidt stated that the Council has to give permission to use the logo because it is copyrighted. The committee would also like to get a banner to go across Main Street. Mayor Johnson stated we don't have poles to hang them on anymore. Mayor Johnson asked the Public Safety Committee to discuss the security issues. Penny encouraged all the Council members to join a team, or at least come out to the opening ceremonies on Friday. Council member Boyle Barrett stated she would let Penny know when the committee meeting will be. **Council member Montgomery moved to allow Relay for Life to use the city logo. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion and the motion carried. Council member Ramsey moved to approve the closure of River Avenue, the Skate Park and Youth Center for the Relay for Life on May 15th and 16th. Council member Montgomery seconded the motion. The motion then carried.**

MAIN AGENDA

2009-2010 Local #286 Bargaining Unit Agreement

Administrator Schmidt stated there is a document in the packet that includes highlighted changes and strikeouts. Administrator Schmidt then went through the changes with the Council. **Council member Weigelt moved to approve the 2009-2010 Local #296 Bargaining Unit Agreement. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion.** Council member Montgomery asked about the alternative work schedule and whether or not that was by ordinance. Administrator Schmidt stated it is in the Employee Policies and Procedures Handbook; we are trying to get the exempt employees and all the bargaining units using the same language. Council member McNally asked if after six months we find that this schedule is not really saving the City any money and decide to go back to five day work weeks, will this affect that. Administrator Schmidt stated all this does is allow the flexibility to allow it; the Mayor has the ultimate authority over establishing schedules. **The motion then carried.** Mayor Johnson stated that the majority of employees like the four ten work week; morale is up and so is productivity.

Street Frontage Waiver – 171 Dundass Ave. (Vandervies)

Administrator Schmidt stated we actually have two street frontage waivers and they are similar. In the older area of town where there are gravel shoulders and pavement with a lack of drainage, the committee is recommending to do sidewalks and gravel shoulders. **Council member Montgomery moved to approve the frontage improvement waiver**

for 171 Dundass Ave. subject to recommended conditions of approval. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Street Frontage Waiver – 245 4th Street (Person)

Administrator Schmidt stated this is the same as the previous with the exception that we have negotiated with the property owner to get an extension of the sidewalk to compensate for the waiver so the property owner agreed with an additional 54' of sidewalk. **Council member Montgomery moved to approve the frontage improvement waiver for 245 4th Street subject to recommended conditions of approval. McNally seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Scope of Work: Taylor Property Survey

Administrator Schmidt stated this is to set the boundary markers, it has already been surveyed. **Council member McNally moved to approve the Scope of Work to complete survey and boundary markers to Taylor Property. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

WWTP: Phase IIE Change Order #4

Council member Montgomery moved to approve WWTP Phase IIE Change Order #4. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion. Administrator Schmidt stated there is an updated change order placed on the table. The new change order is lower than the first one. The total price of the change order will be \$102,167.00. This finishes up the change orders on the actual contract documents. **The motion then carried.**

WWTP: Exchange of Contractor Overhead for Fence Installation

Council member Montgomery moved to approve Funding for 200' of fencing at the WWTP in Exchange for Contractor Extension Overhead on Phase II A-E. Council member Boyle Barrett seconded the motion and the motion carried.


Council member Weigelt moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Approve the minutes of the January 27, 2009 City Council meeting.

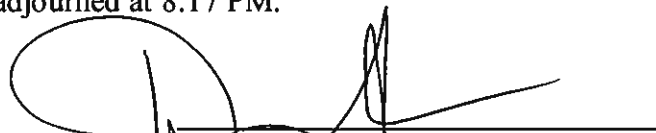
Payroll check numbers 29166 through 29338, in the amount of \$286,967.07, for the month of January, 2009; and Treasurer check numbers 10549 through 10574, in the amount of \$22,802.35 are hereby approved and ordered paid this 10th day of February, 2009.

Approve Transfer Voucher for the month of January 2009.

With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.



Mayor



City Administrator