

**City Council**  
**September 27, 2011**

Mayor Johnson called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Upon roll call the following members were present: Montgomery, Twardoski, Patson and Boyle Barrett. Council members Reed and Harple were absent and excused. Also in attendance was City Administrator Schmidt.

Mayor Johnson asked if there are any changes, additions or deletions to the agenda. City Administrator Schmidt said that Council member Reed sent a short message today asking the Council to consider a request for a 90 day leave of absence for personal reasons, and this is something that should be added to the agenda for consideration. **Council member Montgomery moved to add Council member Reed's request to the agenda. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Finance & Public Safety:** City Administrator Schmidt said the committee will meet on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and October 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Streets & Utilities:** Council member Montgomery stated they have a meeting tomorrow night. He spoke with Chad McCorkle, Chair of the Planning Commission, regarding a joint meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee, Council and Planning Commission on October 17<sup>th</sup>, but due to a Finance & Public Safety meeting that night we may want to try to reschedule that. I have arranged with Terry Flatly from the City of Renton to be here to give a presentation on the urban forest. Mayor Johnson asked if Finance & Public Safety could meet earlier. City Administrator Schmidt said he would have to check with the department heads because we are scheduled out right now on the budget; so I will have to talk to Chief Arsanto, Chief Predmore and Judge Tedrick.

**Community Services & Recreation:** Council member Patson stated they had a meeting last Monday, but minutes are not done yet. They did not take action on any issues, just discussion on preliminary items for the budget. Their next meeting will be on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM at City Hall.

**Community & Economic Development:** Council member Boyle Barrett stated they did have a meeting, which was budget only, no action. Dennis and Diane Wink are asking to put up banner signs for the Freight Factory. City Administrator Schmidt said they're covered under Special Events which allows them three signs, not more than sixty (60) calendar days in a year, 30 days at a shot. Council member Montgomery asked if there is a size restriction on those signs. City Administrator Schmidt said not for special events, and actually it is an administrative permit for special events that staff normally issues, but because they're requesting to put signs on the railroad right-of-way property, similar to what the Wine Walk did, we brought it to Council for authorization. Council member

Boyle Barrett said they are talking about putting one where the Wine Walk did, potentially one down at the end by the community bulletin board, one by the Youth Center and then one down by the Loggers Rodeo property. **Council member Boyle Barrett moved to allow them to do that. Council member Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion carried.** City Administrator Schmidt said he would send them an e-mail to let them know.

### **Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Johnson stated about a year ago she and Chief Predmore started talking about when there is an emergency on the trail people generally do not know where they are. Not so much in Buckley, but on other parts of the Foothills Trail. Mayor Johnson said on each table she has provided a copy of a marker/decal that would be placed every tenth of a mile. It is bright yellow and on it, it says "in case of emergency, call 911 and give station number." On ours it would say Foothills Trail. The Fire Chief from Orting came to the Foothills Rails to Trails Coalition Board Meeting last Thursday night to get support for some type of a trail marking system for emergencies. These station markers would have a GPS coordinate. As the discussion went along, the Foothills Rails to Trails Coalition said that they would fund a pilot project in Buckley. So now it is back to the County to figure out how they want us to number them. We first saw these on the Yakima Greenway. Mayor Johnson said with the Council's permission we can proceed with this. Other cities want this pilot project, but we have the advantage of having our own dispatch center, so it is easy to train the dispatchers. **Council member Montgomery moved to authorize Mayor Johnson to enter into an Agreement with the Foothills Trail Coalition to have station identification decals placed on the Foothills Trail within the city limits of Buckley. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion.** A short discussion ensued regarding the numbering system for the decals. Steve Britton, from the audience, asked who would be responsible for the installation of these decals and what is the cost. Mayor Johnson said there is no cost to the City and they will be installed by the Trails Coalition, who will actually do the GPS coordinates as well. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Johnson said you will notice that a trail map was put up today in the kiosk along the trail near the Skate Park. It shows the Foothills Trail in Pierce County and what is along the route, which sections are not done and which ones are.

### **Staff Reports:**

City Administrator Schmidt stated that the storm pipe on the realignment project is connected, and we are now flowing water through the City to Wickersham Basin, so we're moving more water than has ever been moved through the City. River Ave is completed. The contractor is still doing some concrete around manholes and we have a little puddling in one area where the access is into the north parking lot, but we're trying to figure out what options are available to get that repaired. Our crews have been working on the transmission main for about two weeks. They've put several thousand dollars worth of rock on the road.

City Administrator Schmidt said he just noticed an error on the first Agenda Bill. It should read Change Order #2 at a cost of \$3,932, when we get there.

Chief Arsanto said he has been playing catch-up from being gone for the past two weeks.

City Administrator Schmidt said today we received a letter from WUTC. We will see what happens, but based on that letter it appears that they were satisfied with the City's response to the inspection. And, as far as he knows there will be no further action. Council member Boyle Barrett said she saw the letter and it is by far the nicest letter she has ever seen from them; it was short, sweet and positive. She then thanked City Administrator Schmidt for his work on getting those corrections done.

### **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

**Ronald Martin, 485 Spiketon, Buckley.** Mr. Martin stated we own a building at 709 Main Street, right across from the drug store, and down below is a beauty shop and half of upstairs is an apartment, and in back of that is a storage room. We have been paying sewer, water and garbage at \$124.07 a month for a storage room, and we've been doing it for years. Also, in 2005, they paid \$5,930 to the City for a business hookup for that storage room, for an apartment, but decided not to. So, it is strictly a storage room. Mrs. Martin said we have no water, sewer, garbage, nothing. Mr. Martin asked so why do we have to pay? Does everybody who has a storage unit in Buckley pay \$124 a month? Mayor Johnson said this is the first we've heard of this. Mr. Martin said we tried to get this taken off two or three years ago, but nobody responded. Mrs. Martin asked can we sell our hook up back, because we don't even need it. City Administrator Schmidt recommended that they get in touch with him at City Hall and we can sit down and look at it and see what can be done. We can explore what options are available and whether it is necessary or not. Mayor Johnson said you were going to do an apartment in there. Mr. Martin said we heard that hookup was the last one available so that's the reason we jumped on it. Mayor Johnson said we've built a new sewer plant in the meantime so now there are plenty of hookups.

**Marvin Sundstrom, 881 Sheets Road, Buckley.** Mr. Sundstrom stated as there were later questions and apparently some Council members still don't understand, I will repeat myself somewhat. Mr. Sundstrom then voiced concerns regarding "ethics – no special privileges" and how he believes that relates to two issues: (1) a Council member who in the past has rented the City's commercial kitchen; and (2) an incident involving a piece of City-owned equipment.

Chief Arsanto volunteered to meet with Mr. Sundstrom to clear up inaccuracies and misconceptions Mr. Sundstrom has regarding the second matter. Mayor Johnson told Mr. Sundstrom that Chief Arsanto handled this situation and he would be glad to get together with you and discuss it.

**MAIN AGENDA**

**SR410/SR165 Realignment Project – Change Order #2:**

**Council member Montgomery moved to approve Change Order #1 for the Realignment Project for a cost of \$3,932. Council member Patson seconded the motion.** City Administrator Schmidt explained that the change order includes six items, two of which are credits. **Motion carried.**

**Council member Reed – Request for Leave of Absence:**

City Administrator Schmidt stated that the City Attorney has advised that no further discussions about reasons or anything like that should be entered into. It is for personal reasons and that is what the conversation should be limited to. **Council member Montgomery moved to grant Council member Reed a leave of absence of up to ninety (90) days. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion.** City Administrator Schmidt said this leave of absence grants Council member Reed excused absences for the next six regular meetings. **Motion carried.**


**CONSENT AGENDA**

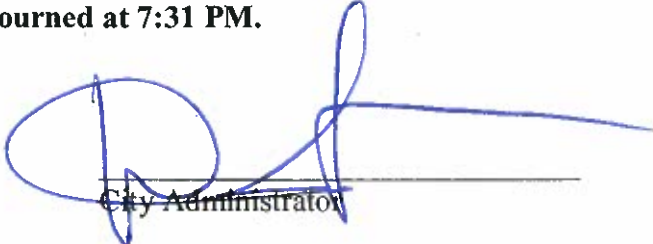
**Council member Boyle Barrett moved for approval of the Consent Agenda. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Approve Minutes of September 13, 2011

Claim checks numbers 47378 through 47441, in the amount of \$85,978.99 for the period of September 14 through September 27, 2011, are hereby approved and ordered paid this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 2011.

**With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.**

  
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City Administrator