

**City Council**  
**January 11, 2011**

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

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

Administrator Schmidt stated there are two additions to the agenda. Number 12 will be Revised Realignment Project Funding Estimate and Admin Offers for Tacoma Water and Falk Properties, and Number 13 will be a Letter of Agreement for World Trade Center Artifact.

**Finance and Public Safety:**

Council member Reed stated they have not had any meetings but they do have one scheduled for tomorrow night at 7:00 PM at City Hall. They will still hold the meeting tomorrow but Chief Predmore has asked that he be first on the agenda and also in the future to not hold their committee meetings on Wednesdays as that is drill night for the Fire Department.

**Streets and Utilities:**

Council member Montgomery stated they had a meeting on January 5, 2011. A couple private citizens came and discussed street trees at Meadow Mountain Circle. The bulk of that discussion is highlighted in the minutes. They had a gentleman concerned about storm water rates and they discussed that as well as Administrator Schmidt gave the committee some data to look at regarding the utility discount program. They are taking a look at that to see if it merits modification due to the shortfall we have in the water department. Their next meeting will be January 18, 2011 at 6:30 PM. Council member McNally asked if there was a count as to how many people are on the lower utility rates. Council member Montgomery stated there are currently 81. Council member Montgomery stated hopefully by the second meeting in February the committee will be able to make a recommendation to Council. Council member Boyle Barrett asked what the committee is contemplating doing. Council member Montgomery stated that the option they are looking at is adjusting the percentages for the discount. Right now it is at 30% or 50% based on income threshold, and they are looking at the possibility of adjusting that. It has also been proposed that they look at refining the criteria so it covers strictly the elderly and the disabled. Administrator Schmidt stated that the committee is also looking at the income thresholds as well.

**Community Services and Recreation:**

Council member Patson stated they have not had a meeting since December but have their next meeting tomorrow at 9:30 AM at City Hall.

### **Community and Economic Development:**

Council member McNally stated they have not had a meeting since December but he did finally get the minutes to everyone from November and December. They were put on the desks tonight. They discussed a little about what the attorney has stated about the Design Guidelines. You can look through the minutes to see what he had to say. If there are any questions please feel free to contact any of the committee members. Part of the discussion was possibly turning the Design Guidelines over to the Planning Commission. Their next meeting will be Thursday January 13, 2011 at 9:30 AM.

Council member Boyle Barrett said she wanted to speak for a moment on Pierce Transit Proposition 1. Laurie Carver from Bonney Lake notified Families First Coalition that this was coming up. There is a meeting in Sumner on January 18, 2010 from 4-6 PM on routes 408 and 409. Our route is 406, but if we show up they may listen to what we have to say.

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

Mayor Johnson stated that the AWC Legislative Conference that is held every year will be in mid-February. If anyone is interested, please contact Sheila to get signed up. Mayor Johnson stated that she and Council member Reed will be attending again. It is a great time to network. It gives us a great opportunity to continue lobbying for Rainier School.

Mayor Johnson stated as everyone is aware, we are in dire need of getting a new PA system. Devon has received one bid from the company that did this system and she has not found anyone else to provide bids. This will be coming forward to the Council at the next meeting.

### **Staff Reports:**

Chief Arsanto stated he will have the year-end report ready for the next Council meeting. Chief Arsanto asked Chief Predmore if the Council members and City Administrator are required to comply with the new NIMS requirements. Chief Predmore stated that the Council does not but the City Administrator does, and he will get that information to him tomorrow. Chief Arsanto reported on the drug drop box at the Police Station.

Mayor Johnson presented Sheila Bazzar with her 30-Year Service plaque.

### **MAIN AGENDA**

#### **Police Guild: MOU – Extension of Collective Bargaining Agreement**

**Council member Boyle Barrett moved to approve the MOU Between the City and the Buckley Police Guild extending the existing Police Officer's and Dispatch and Corrections Labor Agreements to December 31, 2011. Council member Reed seconded the motion.** Council member Harple stated he remembers talking about the monthly incentive pay for the K-9 Officer, but he doesn't remember about the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer. Chief Arsanto stated it was his understanding

that it was always presented from the Guild that way. The employee that will be doing the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer is also a Lab Team member. He will be coming off the Lab Team. He has no intention of replacing anyone on the Lab Team right now, but he doesn't want to mislead the Council. This is not a rename because if in two years he decides to place someone back on the Lab Team that person would be eligible for the money. Both of these positions are new positions added into the contract. **Motion carried.**

**SR410 – White River Bridge Scour (PM Construction Waiver)**

**Council member Montgomery moved to approve the Noise Waiver for WSDOT to complete the SR410 Bridge Scour Project. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion.** Council member Boyle Barrett stated that she contacted the City Administrator earlier about the lane closures, and said if they are going to do the 30 minute delays that they did in Bonney Lake she would like to find this out so we are aware of what is going on before this happens. **The motion then carried.** Administrator Schmidt stated that PSE has met all the terms we had requested as far as that property acquisition goes, and right now we are tentatively scheduled for closing on February 1, 2011.

**Bid Award: SR410/Mason Ave Pedestrian Crossing Project**

**Council member Montgomery moved to approve the bid award of the SR410/Mason Ave Pedestrian Crossing Project to Pacific Northwest Earthworks for \$52,307.50. Council member Boyle Barrett seconded the motion.** Administrator Schmidt stated that the bids came in about 45% under what the engineering estimate was, so there will be no problem for grant funding. **The motion then carried.**

**Engineering Scope: Addendum #1 Construction Management for Pedestrian Crossing Project**

**Council member Montgomery moved to approve Supplement #1 to the existing SR410/Mason Ave Pedestrian Crossing Project Consultant Contract between the City and Gray & Osborne adding construction management services for an additional cost of \$25,000. Council member Boyle Barrett seconded the motion.** Council member Harple asked if this would be paid for under the grant as well. Administrator Schmidt state it was actually part of the original funding estimate for the grant. Administrator Schmidt stated they did the preliminary design and now will provide the construction management on the project. They are basically the administrator of the project so we keep the same consultant throughout the project. Discussion ensued, including a brief discussion regarding going with hard wire versus solar operated pedestrian cross walks. Council member Montgomery asked if the project manager has to be an engineering firm. Administrator Schmidt stated it does not. We actually try to do as much of our own construction management as we can in order to save costs. **The motion then carried.**

### **Pierce County 911 Contract**

**Council member Montgomery moved to approve the PSAP amendments between the City of Buckley and Pierce County for E-911 services for 2011. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

### **Revised Realignment Project Funding Estimate (PFE) and Administrative Offers for Tacoma Water and Falk Properties**

Administrator Schmidt stated that late this afternoon the engineer sent some additional information to the City. There is a small triangular piece of property adjacent to 112<sup>th</sup> St E that is actually west of the parcel that we need. It is a separate piece of property that we need to purchase in order to get that right-of-way through there. Under the Project Inventory List, it shows the amount of purchase price for the property from Tacoma Water is \$11,500. The triangular piece would push the price up an additional \$2,925. The amount on the agenda bill is incorrect; the total dollar amount should be \$24,125. The total parcel from Tacoma Water is a little over 18,000 square feet. They initially said they didn't want to sell just the 35 foot strip that we need; they wanted to sell the whole parcel to the City. The concern is that under the Federal Acquisition Guidelines if the amount is over \$25,000 then you have to have a formal appraisal. The total purchase cost would have been \$40,000. He and the Mayor discussed it and felt for the long term benefit planning for the City it might be a good idea to have the entire parcel. The appraisal would cost approximately \$3,000. Staff is recommending at this time to only purchase the 35 foot easement. **Council member Montgomery moved to approve the revised realignment project PFE along with valuations and offer summaries and grant authorization to proceed with acquisitions as revised. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion.** Council member Reed stated we are talking about a difference of less than \$3,000 on a multi-million dollar project. While yes, it is a change, it is not a significant change. **Motion carried.**

### **Letter of Agreement for World Trade Center Artifact**

**Council member Montgomery moved to approve the Letter of Agreement for the World Trade Center Artifact. Council member Harple seconded the motion.** Chief Predmore apologized for this coming in late but it was one of those things that just kind of developed in the last week and we need to move quickly on it so we can be sure to secure a piece. Council member McNally asked if the Council would like him to recuse himself as this hits very close to home. The Council stated no. **The motion then carried.**

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

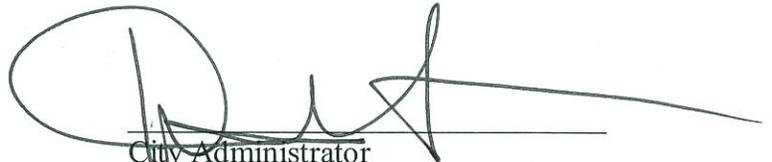
Approve the Minutes of the December 14, 2010, December 27, 2010 and January 4, 2011 City Council meetings.

Claim check numbers 46233 through 46275, in the amount of \$66,425.85 for the period of December 15, 2010 through December 28, 2010 are hereby ratified. Claim check numbers 46276 through 46358, in the amount of \$361,303.36 for the period of December 28, 2010 through January 11, 2011; Payroll check numbers 31198 through 31279, in the amount of \$360,518.29 for the month of December 2010; and Treasurer check numbers 10976 through 10988 in the amount of \$39,779.87 for the month of December 2010 are hereby approved and ordered paid this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2011.

Council member Reed gave an overview to the Council about the AWC Conference and why it is important to attend even though this will probably be the least productive Legislative conference simply due to the fact of the budget constraints.

With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM.

  
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City Administrator