

**CITY OF EAST WENATCHEE, WASHINGTON
REGULAR SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED
MAYOR STEVEN C. LACY, PRESIDING
APRIL 28, 2009
6:30 P.M.**

ROLL CALL

Councilmember's Present: Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Barnhart, Councilmember McCourt, Councilmember Buckner, Councilmember Bremmer, Councilmember Raab and Mayor Lacy.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Barnhart, second by Councilmember Johnson to excuse Councilmember Hendricks from this meeting. The motion carried, 6-0.

Staff Present: Dana Barnard, Devin Poulson, Lori Barnett, Brandon Mauseth, Nick Gerde, Joan Sims, and Catalina Garibay.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Lacy read proclamations declaring the following:

- May 9, 2009, as Municipal Clerks Week, extending appreciation to East Wenatchee City Clerk, Dana Barnard;
- May 10–16, 2009, as Police Week;
- May 15, 2009, as Peace Officer's Memorial Day ; and
- May 25, 2009, as Memorial Day.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Dave Schwab, Director, Eastmont Metropolitan Parks District (EMPD), said the EMPD Board Members have decided to develop a memorial for veterans in the community. He said at this time the Board Members have not submitted any plans or ideas regarding this project. However, they wanted to inform the East Wenatchee City Council of their intentions.

Armando Mendoza of East Wenatchee spoke on behalf of the Hispanic Community in which he asked the City to consider translating the minutes to Spanish as a way of getting the Spanish speaking citizens to become more involved in the community and be able to offer input in the decision making process. Mr. Mendoza also asked if there was a meeting space available at City Hall where they could meet. Councilmembers did not take any action but were optimistic that this is something that could be done.

BUDGET ISSUES

Mayor Lacy said at the April 14, 2009, Council meeting, Councilmembers heard a presentation from Wenatchee Public Works Director, Steve King, requesting the City's participation of partial funding in the amount of \$10,000 towards repairs and maintenance of the Pipeline Bridge. He said this item will be discussed at the next Budget Committee meeting scheduled for May 14, 2009. It will then be brought forward to the next Council agenda for consideration of full Council.

Mayor Lacy said the Budget Committee is currently in the process of considering a policy that would have some ability to establish long term goals for the City with respect to financial planning. He publicly thanked City Treasurer/Finance Director, Nick Gerde, for keeping current with the monthly financials.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Lacy said the City of Misawa, Japan, have notified the Sister City Association that due to the recent outbreak of the Swine Flu, the City of Misawa will not be sending their delegation to attend the Apple Blossom Festival this year. He commended all of the people in Wenatchee and East Wenatchee that have spent countless hours getting ready for all the activities for the delegation, including the host families.

Mayor Lacy honored two employees with Certificates of Recognition: Carie Knouf, for completing five years of service to the City of East Wenatchee; and Greg Renggli, for completing 10 years of service to the City of East Wenatchee.

DEPARTMENT REPORT**Finance Department - 2008 Annual Financial Report**

City Treasurer/Finance Director, Nick Gerde, presented Council with a final draft of the City of East Wenatchee's Annual Financial Report for 2008. He said it is a standard requirement, according to the Revised Code of Washington and the State Auditors Office, for the City to provide an annual financial report no later than May 31st of each year.

Councilmember Johnson asked Mr. Gerde to prepare a memo explaining where dollars are distributed from sales tax and property tax that are paid by East Wenatchee citizens, and are sent to the County.

Community Development Department – LIDAR Data Acquisition Cost Proposal

Community Development Director, Lori Barnett, submitted a cost proposal from Watershed Sciences, Inc., for LIDAR data. She said the City of East Wenatchee and Douglas County have been working to get a comprehensive stormwater plan for the urban area. She said they were recently informed about an opportunity to participate with the Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County (PUD) while they were having a LIDAR survey flown over most of the County, exclusive of the urban area. She said Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) is a remote sensing system used to collect topographic data. She said they contacted the Company doing the LIDAR Survey for the PUD and were informed that for approximately \$15,000 they could include the urban area. She said they would be able to use grant monies from Department of Ecology (DOE) for the National Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). She added this would be a valuable database of information to have for the stormwater plan, as well as other opportunities. However, the City will have to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Douglas County and the PUD. This would need to be completed as soon as possible as the City would be in jeopardy of losing the funding if they do not use it by the end of June 2009.

Ms. Barnett asked Council to authorize the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agreement, keeping in mind that this would not come out of City funds, as it is part of a grant from the DOE for the NPDES.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Johnson; second by Councilmember Bremmer to authorize the Mayor's signature on an Interlocal Agreement with regards to the acquisition of LIDAR Data. The motion carried, 6-0.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes – Regular Session, April 14, 2009
2. Consideration of Bills

Councilmember Johnson asked for a correction to page 3, changing the word “and” to the word “the”; and on page 4, changing the word “Common” to “Trauma” in the minutes from the April 14, 2009, Council meeting.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Johnson; second by Councilmember McCourt to approve the consent calendar with the suggested corrections. The motion carried, 6-0.

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080 and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 have been recorded in a listing, which has been made available to Council.

2009 Payables

As of this date, April 28, 2009, Council does approve warrant numbers 21527 through 21597 in the total amount of \$135,810.12. Warrant 21586 was voided.

March 2009 Payroll

As of this date, April 28, 2009, Council approves warrant numbers 338 through 355 for advances and direct deposits, and warrant numbers 27301 through 27384 in the total amount of \$321,731.35, paid April 3, 2009, for the month of March 2009.

ACTION ITEMS

09-04-02 Authorization to survey the City owned property located on 3rd Street NE and Colorado Avenue in preparation for surplus property to be auctioned.

City Attorney, Devin Poulson, asked Council for authorization to expend funds for a survey of the property in the amount of approximately \$4,000.

Mayor Lacy suggested Council defer consideration of this item until they have met in Executive Session. Council agreed to hear the issue after Executive Session.

09-04-03 Authorization for the Mayor to sign a Contract for Services with ABM Janitorial Services.

Street Superintendent, Brandon Mauseh, said this is a renewal contract with ABM Janitorial Services for servicing the building. He said the original contract included a four day work schedule at a cost of \$1,181.81 per month. The renewal contract includes a five day work schedule in the amount of \$1,432.25 per month. He added the increase was included in the 2009 Budget.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Johnson, second by Councilmember Bremmer, authorizing the Mayor to sign the Contract for Services with ABM Janitorial. The motion carried, 6-0.

09-04-04 Approve a refund of a “Voluntary Impact Mitigation Fee” plus interest in the total amount of \$12,568.91 to the developer, Cascade Property Ventures, LLC, for the Summerhill Division I Development on Kentucky Avenue.

City Treasurer/Finance Director, Nick Gerde, said Cascade Property Ventures, LLC, paid an impact fee in the amount of \$11,398, recognizing there would be an impact to the transportation/circulation facilities as a direct result of Developer’s proposed development, Summerhill Division I. Mr. Gerde said the City withdrew from the Kentucky Avenue project and according to Section 4 (c) of the Voluntary Impact Fee

Agreement the City may only expend the impact mitigation fee funds to pay for the Kentucky Avenue Project. Therefore, he is requesting approval of a refund of the fee plus interest in the amount of \$12,568.91 to Cascade Property Ventures, LLC. He added this will require a budget amendment.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Johnson, second by Councilmember Bremmer, to approve a refund of a “Voluntary Impact Mitigation Fee” plus interest in the total amount of \$12,568.91 to Cascade Property Ventures, LLC. The motion carried, 6-0.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Johnson informed Council that the Candidate filing week will be June 1st through June 5th.

Councilmember McCourt submitted minutes from the Housing Authority of Chelan County & City of Wenatchee meeting held on March 26, 2009, and from the Chelan-Douglas Health District Board of Health meeting held on March 16, 2009.

Mayor Lacy said there are two issues for Executive Session and he would be conducting the first issue regarding Potential Litigation. He said he would recuse himself from the second issue regarding Acquisition of Property as it involves matters of which he may have interest in. Therefore, he will appoint Councilmember Johnson to lead that discussion regarding Acquisition of Property.

At 7:30 Mayor Lacy called a five minute recess.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Potential Litigation, and Acquisition of Property

At 7:35 p.m. Mayor Lacy called a half hour executive session. He said he would allocate fifteen minutes for each item. Council reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

Council returned to Council Agenda Bill 09-04-02 that was deferred until after Executive Session.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Bremmer, second by Councilmember Johnson, to authorize the City Attorney to obtain price quotes for a survey of the City owned property at a cost not to exceed \$4,000. The motion carried, 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:10 p.m.

Dana Barnard
City Clerk