

**CITY OF EAST WENATCHEE, WASHINGTON
REGULAR SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED
MAYOR STEVEN C. LACY, PRESIDING
MAY 26, 2009
6:30 P.M.**

ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: Dana Barnard, Lori Barnett, Brandon Mauseth, Devin Poulson, Randy Harrison, Nick Gerde, Dawn Collings, and Catalina Garibay.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Douglas County Commissioner, Ken Stanton, submitted a letter to Mayor Lacy and City Councilmembers that was prepared by the County Commissioners. He said the County Commissioners feel the relationship between the City of East Wenatchee and Douglas County is important and needs to be retained. Therefore, this letter is an official notification that the Douglas County Board of Commissioners hereby rescind the request for reimbursement of funds for the design and engineering on the Baker Street Project.

BUDGET ISSUES

Mayor Lacy said he received a letter from Mayor Dennis Johnson requesting consideration of a \$10,000 investment for the Wenatchee Reclamation Bridge repair project. He said this item was discussed at the May 15, 2009, Budget Committee meeting in which they conceded to bring a recommendation to full Council to conduct a public hearing as to whether the City should utilize public funds for the purpose of providing funds for the purpose of supporting the Wenatchee Reclamation Bridge repair project.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Bremmer, second by Councilmember Buckner, to set June 9, 2009, as the date for a public hearing regarding the City's participation in funding repairs to the Wenatchee Reclamation Bridge. The motion carried, 7-0.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Lacy said there has been press coverage regarding the performance of the Town Toyota Center which is owned by the Greater Wenatchee Regional Public Facilities District. He clarified the City's connection as a stakeholder in the PFD and stated that the City of East Wenatchee would not be responsible for any of the Town Toyota Center's financial obligations. He said he received a letter from Joe Jarvis, President, Greater Wenatchee Regional Public Facilities District (PFD), regarding the Town Toyota Center which is managed by Global Entertainment. The letter stated that the PFD is in the process of conducting a review of costs and revenues related to the operation of the Town Toyota Center.

Mayor Lacy said he attended a Trail Master Plan meeting with Senator, Linda Evans Parlette, two Douglas County Commissioners, Douglas County Staff and other interested parties regarding the disposition of Washington State Department of Transportation (DOT) property along the Columbia River. He said Douglas County and the City of East Wenatchee currently lease the Apple Capital Recreation

Loop Trail that is located on the Douglas County side of the river. He said DOT has requested a report from the City and County regarding what the plan would be for the trail. He added he would like to see access to the river.

Mayor Lacy said an agreement was reached during the meeting to make a request for monetary funding in an amount up to \$60,000 from the Regional Council, this funding would to pay for a consultant to acquire information from the City, County, and all other interested parties to put together a master plan derived from that information. This master plan would then be submitted to DOT letting them know what the community is requesting in terms of the components of a plan for the disposal of that property and its use in the future.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

East Wenatchee Events Board – Dawn Collings, Director – Classy Chassis

Dawn Collings, Director, East Wenatchee Events Board gave an update regarding the 2009 Classy Chassis event. She said there were 358 registered participants, 15 dignitary cars, and 12 special entries. She said of those 358 participants, 100 were non-resident participants and the furthest participant was from Tennessee. She thanked committee members and volunteers who helped put this event together. She added the committee members include; Alex Judd - East Wenatchee Les Schwab, Brian Sapp - Wenatchee Les Schwab, Dave Schwab - Eastmont Metropolitan Parks District (EMPD), John Shearer, Ken Schall, Mark McLean, Pat Brown, Rich Williams, Rusty Sloan, Sal Spagnole, Teresa Allen, and herself.

Ms. Collings said she has received many positive responses regarding this year's Classy Chassis event. She added that next year will be the 25th Anniversary of the Classy Chassis event and stated that the committee were brain storming ideas to do something special to commemorate that event.

Eastmont Metropolitan Park District – Dave Schwab, Director – Apple Bin Races

Dave Schwab, Director, Eastmont Metropolitan Park District, said the Parks Department hosts the Apple Bin Races as part of the Classy Chassis event. He said there were three all women teams this year EWEB, Costco, and Wenatchee Wild. He said the EWEB team were in the non-profit division and wanted to change that status so that they could challenge the other teams. He said he was responsible for how the entries were submitted and made a decision not to allow EWEB to change their status from non-profit. Therefore, the EWEB team was the only team in their division. Mr. Schwab presented an award to be given to the EWEB team as Champions of the Non-Profit Division.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes – Regular Session, May 12, 2009
2. Consideration of Bills
3. Set June 9, 2009, as the date for public hearing regarding the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Johnson, second by Councilmember Raab, to approve the consent calendar as presented. The motion carried, 7-0.

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, May 26, 2009, Council does approve warrant numbers 21655 through 21741 in the total amount of \$117, 827.52.

December 2008 Payroll

As of this date, May 26, 2009, Council does approve warrant numbers 356 through 374 for advances and direct deposits and warrant numbers 27385 through 27470 in the total amount of \$330,391.40 paid May 1, 2009, for the month of April 2009. Warrant 27420 was voided

ACTION ITEMS

09-05-03 Authorization to expend funds for replacement of the welcome sign at the north entrance to East Wenatchee.

Brandon Mauseth, Street Superintendent, said that earlier this year an accident occurred and the existing Welcome to East Wenatchee sign located at Ballard Point Park was destroyed, along with the retaining wall and some vegetation. He said since that time City staff and the East Wenatchee Events Board (EWEB) have been working with Graybeal Signs on design options and a cost estimate for replacing that sign. He said the City received a \$4,135.90 reimbursement for that sign and the cost of the proposed sign is \$10,232.12, leaving a \$6,096.22 balance of unplanned expenses. He said he would like to replace the sign out of funds from his current budget along with funds from the EWEB.

Dawn Collings, Director, East Wenatchee Events Board, said the Events Board was excited about the opportunity to replace the sign with a newly designed sign as that was one of the items the Events Board had placed as a high priority when they worked on their strategic plan last year. She said this is being brought forward for authorization from City Council in order to move forward with the project.

Mayor Lacy asked Legal Counsel for a clarification with respect to process. He said when this was placed on the agenda it was his understanding that authorization was needed because the un-reimbursable amount of \$6,096.22 was an unbudgeted item. He said he did not believe approval was required since the Street Department and EWEB found funds in their budgets to cover the remaining expense.

Devin Poulson, City Attorney, said that since the money has been appropriated they do not need additional approval.

Mayor Lacy said this was basically a spending issue based on prior appropriation. However, if Council wished to make a motion on the agenda item they may do so.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Johnson, second by Councilmember Hendricks, to authorize the expenditure of funds for replacement of the welcome sign at the north entrance to Valley Mall Parkway.

Councilmembers discussed the following; the wording of the sign, which funds it could be paid out of, whether taking money from those funds would sacrifice other projects as this was not a budgeted item, whether the sign project would be required to go out for bid or if it qualified for a small works roster project; whether the Street Department could do part of the work to reduce the cost, that utility taxes were implemented to ensure the City had a balanced budget, and whether or not the motion was approved for the expenditure of funds they were in favor of the project.

Mayor Lacy said this item came forward to Council with the understanding that authorization from Council was necessary. It is his understanding that this was not necessary and he would like to remove this item from the agenda as he does not feel the Council should not be authorizing budgeted items when authorization is not required.

City Attorney, Devin Poulson said there is a motion on the table and unless the motion is withdrawn, a vote must be taken prior to moving forward.

Councilmember Hendricks withdrew his second to the motion authorizing the expenditure of funds for replacement of the welcome sign at the north entrance to Valley Mall Parkway. Councilmember Johnson said he would like to vote on the issue and does not wish to withdraw the motion.

Council Action: Councilmember Bremmer seconded the motion authorizing the expenditure of funds for replacement of the welcome sign at the north entrance to Valley Mall Parkway. Mayor Lacy took a role call vote: Councilmember Bremmer - no, Councilmember Raab - no, Councilmember Johnson - yes, Councilmember Hendricks - no, Councilmember McCourt - no, Councilmember Barnhart - no, Councilmember Buckner - yes. The motion failed 5-2.

RESOLUTION

09-05-04 A resolution adopting the City of East Wenatchee Finance and Budget Policy.

Nick Gerde, City Treasurer/Finance Director, said his approach to this policy was for the benefit of the Council, Staff, and to the residents of the City giving a prospective as to how we approach spending in the City as well as recognizing where revenues come from and also to provide a plan that extends beyond one budget year as this plan calls for a six-year financial plan.

Mayor Lacy said this plan encourages us to do long term budget planning of a nature that the City has struggled to do in prior years.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Buckner, second by Councilmember Barnhart, to adopt the City of East Wenatchee Finance and Budget Policy. Mayor Lacy took a role call vote: Councilmember Bremmer - yes, Councilmember Raab - yes, Councilmember Johnson - yes, Councilmember Hendricks yes, and Councilmember McCourt yes, Councilmember Barnhart yes, Councilmember Buckner yes. The motion carried, 7-0.

The title of the resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-06

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EAST WENATCHEE, WASHINGTON,
ADOPTING THE CITY OF EAST WENATCHEE FINANCE AND BUDGET
POLICY.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Lacy said there will be two executive sessions this evening regarding potential litigation and contract negotiations.

At 7:40 p.m. Mayor Lacy called a 15 minute executive session regarding potential litigation. At 7:55 p.m. Mayor Lacy called a 20 minute executive session regarding contract negotiations and invited Community Development Director Barnett to attend. Council reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember McCourt said she attended the Peace Officers Memorial Luncheon held on May 14, 2009, in which Dan Dieringer received recognition as East Wenatchee's Officer of the Year.

Councilmember Barnhart submitted minutes from the RiverCom Administrative Board meeting held on April 8, 2009.

Councilmember McCourt submitted minutes from the Chelan-Douglas Health District meeting held on April 20, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:10 p.m.

Dana Barnard
City Clerk