

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING / PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2009
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
22710 E COUNTRY VISTA DRIVE
7:00 P.M.**

INVOCATION

Given by Mayor Pro Tem Crump

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Van Orman introduced Boy Scout Troop 408 who were in attendance. Boy Scout Alex Colman then led the Pledge of Allegiance

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Van Orman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and each member of Troop 408 subsequently introduced themselves.

ROLL CALL

Council Member Jenkins	Doug Smith, Director of Community Dev.
Mayor Pro Tem Crump	Ann Swenson, Deputy City Clerk
Council Members Owens	Brian Asmus, Chief of Police
Council Member Romney	Sean Boutz, City Attorney
Council Member Schuler	Andrew Staples, City Engineer
Council Member Olander	
Council Member Langford	

AGENDA APPROVAL

Council Member Langford moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Crump. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Pro Tem Crump moved to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes from June 2, 2009 as amended, seconded by Council Member Langford. Motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Jenkins said the Community Development Committee met last week and reviewed the SAP, which soon will be coming before the City Council. He reported

the Finance Committee met and reviewed the Ethics resolution. He said a small group met with the developers in the LIFT/TIF districts and worked on agreements on go-forward procedures. Mayor Pro Tem Crump said the Finance Committee also discussed the City's involvement with Spokane Transit Authority (STA) in regard to credit card purchases, bus passes, and delivery and sale costs. Questions regarding the Comprehensive Plan were also discussed and vouchers were reviewed.

Mayor Van Orman reported that the Spokane Regional Council of Governments met last Friday and discussed jail facilities, solid waste management, and affordable housing. The Mayor met with the Director of Solid Waste Management to discuss governance and forming a decision-making authority board. The waste energy plant will be paid off in 2010, which is the same time the City's contract expires. City staff is currently researching options for waste management. She said the Spokane Regional Transportation Council met and discussed a vacant STA Board position, as well as road structure and finances regarding regional issues. Mayor Van Orman also talked about the Too Good For Drugs program, the Collaborative Planning luncheon scheduled for June 17th, and the meeting with Commissioner Richard June 18th to discuss TIF/LIFT.

Mayor Pro Tem Crump reminded everyone that school is out tomorrow and to be careful when driving. He suggested the upcoming Bike Rodeo and safety fair could be a good volunteer opportunity for the boy scout troop. He discussed the increased traffic for the Liberty Lake yard sale and recommended that people remain cautious.

Council Member Schuler gave a Public Safety Committee report. She said one of the issues addressed was the yard sale and the abuse the police took from the public when they tried to enforce the basic safety rules. Mayor Van Orman noted the event keeps growing, and thanked Chief Asmus for his and the officers hard work during the event.

Mayor Van Orman then talked about upcoming rates for bus transit. In 2010, the rate to ride the bus will be \$1.25, in 2011 and 2012, it will be \$1.50. Paratransit will increase from 50¢ to 75¢, then to \$1.25, and \$1.50.

ACTION ITEMS

Mayor Pro Tem moved to accept the Consent Agenda, which included vouchers totaling \$92,161.01, seconded by Council Member Jenkins. Motion passed unanimously.

Check number sequences were 11217 through 11278.

Mayor Pro Tem Crump moved to allow the Mayor to enter into the Agreement for Services with Sales Creators Inc, dba Tai Chi for Health, seconded by Council Member Jenkins. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

Ann Swenson, Deputy City Clerk, read Resolution No. 09-130 into the record, authorizing and adopting a six (6) year Comprehensive Transportation Program for 2010 through 2016.

Mayor Pro Tem Crump moved adopt 09-130, seconded by Council Member Olander. Public hearing on the resolution was then undertaken.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:28 p.m. Mayor Van Orman opened the public hearing regarding the Comprehensive Transportation Program.

City Engineer, Andrew Staples, provided background and purpose for the Comprehensive Transportation Program (CTP). He talked about potential projects the City might engage in over a six-year period, qualifying for different grant programs, obtaining low-interest loans, and the ability to leverage City dollars. He then conducted a presentation which outlined several street projects and talked about how the projects were selected. Mr. Staples explained that the project outline was for conceptual purposes only and any future projects would have to be brought before the City Council during the Capital Facilities planning.

Discussion was then undertaken about projects listed in the CTP that were not contained in the City's Comprehensive Plan, having flexibility to prioritize and champion projects depending on availability of funding sources, annual review of the project list and amending the CTP list if needed, and providing accessibility to commercial property in Liberty Lake that is otherwise currently not available. Discussions were also undertaken regarding projects that could fall under the TIF umbrella, the dangerous intersection at Harvard and Liberty Lake Roads, possible reconstruction and widening projects, pedestrian improvements, and signalizations at Harvard Road and Mission Avenue and at Harvard Road and Indiana Avenue.

PUBLIC COMMENT

At 8:28 p.m., Mayor Van Orman opened the floor to receive public comment.

Frank Ide, 106 W. Mission, Spokane, WA, 99101, representing the Liberty Lake Corporate Park, expressed concern with the timeline for needing to pass the resolution tonight since this was the only opportunity for public comments on the merit of each individual project. He said he would have appreciated attending Community Development Committee meetings where this transportation program was previously discussed. He expressed concern that the projects are not within the Comprehensive Plan. He also discussed potential funding sources for signalization at Mission and Indiana, stating it is not part of the Harvard Road Mitigation Plan. He said the Comprehensive Plan identifies Henry Road improvements, but the CTP is in conflict with it. Mr. Ide spoke against reconstruction of Liberty Lake Road and stated it is unreasonable to complete this project within the six-year time frame, noting environmental and transportation reviews have to be conducted.

Drew Benado, representing Greenstone Corporation, 1421 N. Meadowwood Lane, Liberty Lake, WA, handed out materials. He spoke specifically about the Boone Avenue Road project directly conflicting with the Comprehensive Plan, and recommended the City Council not approve the CTP with the Boone Avenue project. He said Greenstone is designing a road that comes into the commercial property in that area and hopes to

begin construction this year. He also suggested that in the future the City notify neighbors about future plans that may affect them. He said planning and design of roads and infrastructure by private development can only be accomplished if the Comprehensive Plan can be used as a guiding document. He said he understands the City's concern to provide better access to the HUB and Cataldo Business Park and offered a potential solution of how to get access from the private property to the adjoining Binding Site Plan. He said Greenstone would appreciate a combined meeting with all property owners to get the street design resolved and that they are committed to providing access from the commercial road they will be installing at Toledo Station to the edge of the property that contains the HUB.

Spokane Valley Fire Department Deputy Chief Larry Rider, 10319 E. Sprague, commented that they like the medians and the possibility that there will be access from Cataldo to Mission. He stated he would like to see some access from Boone to Barker as well. He also asked to keep the turn lanes wide enough to accommodate their 40 foot apparatuses.

Community Development Director, Doug Smith, provided clarification that communications have been undertaken with the private property owner stating the City's position to provide connectivity to the Cataldo Business Park, but to no resolve. He said Boone is an alternative, not necessarily the end all, but an alternative and it is more viable in the event of the closure of Cataldo.

At 9:12 p.m. Mayor Van Orman closed the public hearing, then called for a five-minute recess. She called the meeting back to order at 9:21 p.m.

Council Member Langford requested a six-month interval for staff to hold discussions with all parties involved regarding sheet 2 in Exhibit A (Boone Avenue Construction West City Limits to Mission Avenue) in order to get some clarity, and then present it again before the City Council.

Council Member Olander made a friendly amendment to the original motion to adopt the resolution, removing the Boone Street project from the project sheet in Exhibit A. Council Member Jenkins seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem accepted the friendly amendment. Mayor Van Orman then opened the floor for discussion.

Discussion was undertaken regarding the signal on Indiana. Mayor Pro Tem Crump said he did not see the value of it. Director Smith reminded the Mayor and Council that eventually it will become a necessity of the City. Council Member Jenkins commented that there is tremendous value in the discussions this evening in order to collaborate on what future projects are. Mayor Van Orman said the project list provided tonight will be forwarded to the Spokane Regional Transportation Council for its consideration of potential funding mechanisms.

Council Member Olander spoke in support of removing the Boone Street project, but cautioned against removing too many other projects because the lists are expensive to create and hard to get to the Council. Council Member Romney expressed concern that the project list becomes a de facto priority list and didn't see why taking some projects off the list that do not make sense is a bad thing. Council Member Langford spoke in

favor of the friendly amendment. He reiterated that he would like to delay the Boone Street project to get input from all stakeholders and would like to see it circled back to be put onto the Agenda at a more appropriate time. Council Member Owens expressed that she could support the document with or without the removal of Boone. She spoke in favor of the long-range planning and suggested having ideas as a goal has served her well over many years. Mayor Pro Tem spoke in favor of supporting the CTP as presented, minus Boone. He said he struggled with supporting the signalization at the intersection of Harvard Road and Indiana Avenue because of the funding with Harvard Mitigation. Council Member Schuler reiterated that the projects outlined on the list in Exhibit A will be brought back to the Council for further discussion and spoke in support of the friendly amendment.

Mayor Van Orman asked for public comment prior to the vote. No comments were received. The Mayor then called for the vote. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 09-130 as amended passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE – FIRST READ

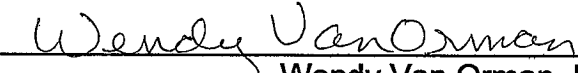
Ann Swenson, Deputy City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 176 into the record, establishing an independent Salary Commission in order to set the salaries of the City's elected officials, providing for the appointment and terms of Commission Members and removal of the same, establishing effective dates for salary increases and decreases approved by the Commission, subject to referendum, providing for severability and establishing an effective date.

Mayor Van Orman said per the prior workshop discussion, the Salary Commission Ordinance has been placed onto this evening's Agenda. She said she believes the tax payers should have the right to set the Mayor and Council Members' salaries. The Commission will have the duty of comparing salaries of the Mayor and Council Members with other jurisdictions, interview public officials, and have public hearings to gather input from residents. She also said the timing of this first read is to coincide with start of the 2010 budget process in September.


ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

These minutes are approved on July 7, 2009.



Wendy Van Orman, Mayor
City of Liberty Lake



Notes and Transcription by Ann Swenson, Deputy City Clerk. This Council meeting was also audio taped. Anyone desiring to listen to the recording may contact the City Clerk