

**City of Enumclaw  
1339 Griffin Avenue  
Enumclaw, WA 98022**

**City Council Regular Session  
City Hall Council Chambers  
January 23, 2006, 7:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE:**

Mayor Wise called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. City Clerk Hopkins led the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem Mahelona announced all Council present.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Council Members Beckwith, Jensen, Reynolds, Ennis, Mahelona, Hogan and Coats were present. Also present were Mayor Wise, City Administrator Bauer, City Attorney Reynolds, City Clerk Hopkins, Media Services Manager Funfar, Parks/Cultural Services Director Fetter, Public Works Director Searcy, Community Development Director Thomas, Finance Director Smalling, Library/Community Services Director Baer, Fire Chief Kolisch, and Police Chief Zoll.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

Mayor Wise announced the following adjustments to tonight's agenda. Under 7, F, Committee on Committees, rescheduling the Council Retreat date.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

**A. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. A Reminder from the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission: The Personal Financial Affairs Statement (PDC Form F-1) is due between January 1 and April 17, 2006

Mayor Wise read the announcements.

2. Enumclaw Aquatic Center is Back in Operation – Mon-Fri, 6:00 am - 9:00 pm;  
Sat. 7:00 am - 9:00 pm; Sun Pool Rentals Only

Parks Services Director Fetter presented a PowerPoint slide show on the Enumclaw Pool Re-Opening Celebration. Fetter stated about 500 citizens attended the festivities. Fetter also presented the pool's new "Got Splash" logo and the merchandise being offered with the new logo. Fetter noted the upcoming events and lesson schedules. Fetter also showed slides on the "Dwight Garrett Park" Rotary Community Day, which showed volunteers beautifying the landscape at the park. Fetter also noted the Gallery 2006 Art Opening Show and thanked those that attended both festivities.

Mayor Wise thanked Fetter and the entire Staff at the Pool for their hard work.

## B. PRESENTATIONS

### 1. King County Council Member Reagan Dunn

King County Council Member Dunn spoke on the new District boundaries which includes Enumclaw. Dunn described this new, large district as 40% rural. Dunn stated he is Chair of the Regional Transit Committee, Vice-Chair of Transportation Committee-Roads, and also Vice-Chair of the Growth Management Committee. The four main initiatives he is working on are; transportation, Hwy 169 Corridor, land use, and the methamphetamine watch program. Specific Enumclaw issues are the King County Fairgrounds transfer and improvements, and the equestrian center.

Beckwith asked Dunn if he could help in getting the Foothills Trail connected with Buckley as well.

## C. CITY EVENTS

1. Father/Daughter Valentine Dance, Saturday, February 4, 2006, Three Sessions: 2-4 pm; 5-7 pm; or 8-10 pm at Thunder Mountain Middle School – For Tickets Call the Parks Department at 360-802-0233
2. Evenings on the Plateau Presents Bobby Medina and the Red Hot Band, Saturday, January 28, 2006, 7:30 p.m. at Enumclaw High School Auditorium. Tickets Available at the Parks Department at City Hall – 360/802-0233

Parks Services Director Fetter noted the events.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

City Attorney Reynolds stated that Resolution No. 1116 states Council supports the School Levy but does not direct citizens how to vote. However, prior to the passage of the resolution, the citizens may make comments either for, or against, the levy.

Mayor Wise stated that any questions on the Equestrian Center and Tourism Plan will be discussed under the Public Hearing section on the Agenda.

Steve Hammond, 23724 S.E. 380th, Enumclaw, WA, stated he was present tonight speaking on behalf of a church. He stated he wanted to offer a suggestion for Council in regards to the gas rates, which have risen dramatically since the first of the year. Hammond stated the church gas bill has doubled and would like Council to consider a rate break for churches and non-profit organizations.

Mike Nelson, Assistant Superintendent of Enumclaw School District, introduced Brian Garten and Kathleen Michael who are working together on the School Levy. Nelson stated this is a replacement Levy for Operation and Maintenance which represents 20% of the School's budget. Nelson stated in order for the Levy to pass, it needs support from 60% of the voters. He also spoke on the importance of supporting the levy.

Kathleen Michael, Levy Chair, stated the goal of the Committee is to inform the community of the purpose and details of the levy.

Beckwith asked if any programs would be affected if this Levy doesn't pass.

Nelson stated yes. Nelson stated 82% of the budget is personnel, 18% is curriculum, supplies, athletics, and activities. Any cut would affect every aspect of the budget.

Mahelona stated this is the first time the School District has come to Council to show support and asked Nelson why.

Nelson indicated the district sensed a need to communicate to the community the difference between a school bond and a school levy and the importance of this upcoming levy. He noted that bonds are for buildings while levies are for learning.

Mahelona asked if Black Diamond has a similar resolution supporting the levy.

Nelson stated they are in the process now. Two community forums have been held in Black Diamond.

Shannon Johnson, 41025 236th Ave SE, Enumclaw, past president of Enumclaw High School PTA, stated the citizens need to know that the children are hurt when the bonds and levies do not pass. She stated if the community wants to send a message to the School District and punish it for something, by not voting for the bond; they are actually just hurting the children. Shannon supports the Council's consideration in supporting this issue.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

A. Draft Tourism/Marketing Plan and NW Expo and Equestrian Center

Mayor Wise read the Public Hearing procedures.

**MAYOR WISE OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE DRAFT TOURISM PLAN AT 8:10 P.M.**

***Staff Report:***

City Administrator Bauer presented a PowerPoint slide show and pointed out that the equestrian plan is only a part of the tourism plan. Bauer stated there are 25 points to the marketing plan and highlighted them. Bauer talked about branding the City with an identity and stated the majority of the funding would come from outside sources. The Staff report has outlined four basic questions that Council needs to answer. Staff recommends public input to be considered. Staff also recommends that this plan be sent to the Community Economic Development Committee for consideration and then to take action.

Jensen asked about the Washington State Legislative that designates Enumclaw as “Horse Capital of Washington” in 1989.

City Administrator Bauer stated there is a Resolution hanging in Councils Chamber that identifies Enumclaw as “Horse Capital of Washington.”

Mayor Wise asked City Clerk and Council if they have received any correspondence on this issue.

City Clerk and Council stated none.

***Public Comments:***

Shannon Johnson, 41025 236<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Enumclaw, WA, understands the need for a destination branding and gave examples of Ocala, Florida, an equestrian town, and Walla Walla, Washington, now known as a winery destination instead of the penitentiary.

Ralph Vacca, General Manager of Washington Thoroughbred Breeders Association, Auburn, WA, stated he supports the tourism plan as there are more than 20 thoroughbred farms in Enumclaw. Ralph presented information on breeders on the plateau and gave some interesting horse statistics.

Jeff Dierkes, PO Box 591, South Prairie, WA, Backcountry Horseman of WA, stated he supports the entire plan especially the interest in riding trails, King County Fairgrounds, and the RV Park. He stated he is all for bringing in business, and the equestrian center would be the driving force.

Sara Davis, 29650 SE 370<sup>th</sup>, Enumclaw, WA, Show Jumper Competitor, stated she supports the plan and noted there are shows out there looking for a new venue. She also supports keeping the King County Fair which she feels may encourage citizens to support the tourism plan.

Jessica Hirschorn, 41107 292<sup>nd</sup> Ave SE, Enumclaw, WA, stated she is here representing her 4-H Club. She stated she supports keeping the King County Fair and the 4-H Clubs.

Andrea Clibborn Anderson, 29665 154<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Kent, WA, horse farm owner, stated she supports the plan and wanted the word out that horse shows have a hard time booking facilities for shows. She stated facilities are needed and horse show attendees spend money in the community.

Pat Traub, 26911 SE 456<sup>th</sup>, Enumclaw, WA, horse owner, stated she spends \$300 – \$500 dollars a day at shows and she supports the plan.

Scott Gray, 38421 236<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Enumclaw, WA, President of Backcountry Horse Riders, stated he supports the plan. He stated that he has been to Kentucky and knows Enumclaw has the potential and opportunity to be a horse community.

Adam Coates, 1216 Initial Ave, Enumclaw, WA, former President of Enumclaw Downtown Partnership, stated he supports the plan along with Athena Dean, with whom he did a grassroots effort to gather public input on the Tourism Plan and Equestrian Center. They gathered about 600 signatures on the plan, and read some of the comments from the signatures. Adam stated that they need to get people to stop in Enumclaw. He noted that the majority of merchants agree with the plan.

Scott Andrew, 44235 234<sup>th</sup> Pl SE, Enumclaw, WA, stated he is not for, or against the plan. His main concern is about the King County Fair continuing. He is looking for confirmation that an Equestrian Center and the fair can coexist and questions the impact on City services.

Crystal Carter, 42829 244<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Enumclaw, WA, stated she is also a horse owner and supports the plan to develop trails from the Equestrian Center. She also noted the need for more horse facilities in the area.

Athena Dean, 1155 Wells St., Enumclaw, WA, stated she has heard concerns about the King County Fairgrounds and the Highland Games. Athena verified that the Equestrian Center would also be an Exposition Center to continue these events.

Phil Poppleton, 43326 236<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Enumclaw, WA, stated he supports the plan but wants to make sure that the FFA and 4-H Clubs needs are met. Their needs need to be preserved along with accommodating the Highland Games. The Highland Games, the second largest Highland Games on the West Coast with an attendance of 30,000, bring recognition to Enumclaw.

Alishia Alexander, PO Box 1403, Enumclaw, WA, stated she is a horse owner and supports the plan. She believes the layout of the center needs to be changed and the City needs to purchase the land. She believes the fairground land could be better utilized using more of the land now used as parking. Alishia also suggested some financing plans which she went over.

Barbara Norby, 45527 244<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Enumclaw, WA, stated she is a 4-H supporter and that the City needs to protect these organizations.

Ingrid Bentzen, 36627 200<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Auburn, WA, stated she is a horse owner and supports the plan. Ingrid also stated the need for horse facilities in the area.

Shalesu Kovash, 43804 284<sup>th</sup> SE, Enumclaw, WA, stated she is a horse owner and supports the plan. She believes this is a great opportunity for our youth to use the facilities.

Deanna Burnett Keener, 580 S 36<sup>th</sup> Ave, Auburn, WA, Director of the Small Business Development Center at GRCC, stated she supports the plan. Deanna stated that the King County Fairgrounds needs improvements and this plan would accomplish that.

Leslie Bingham, 21029 SE 376<sup>th</sup>, Auburn, WA, stated she supports the plan and added there is a need. The only facilities available are outside of King County.

Kathy Haney, 2233 Roosevelt, Enumclaw, WA, stated she is a horse owner and supports the plan. She stated that the tourism dollars would help the entire community.

Lynn Markley, 29806 SE 370<sup>th</sup> St, Enumclaw, WA, stated she is concerned that Enumclaw has been losing life. She believes that this plan could help revitalize the town and not just with horses.

Keith Blackburn, Former Mayor, Enumclaw, WA, stated he has followed the plan from the beginning. He stated the tourism and marketing plan has other great ideas for developing the downtown businesses, not just the Equestrian Center.

Debbie Vanous, 39312 278<sup>th</sup> Way, SE, Enumclaw, WA, stated she supports the plan. She believes the King County Fair and Equestrian Center can coexist. Debbie also stated the need to develop the shopping opportunities in Enumclaw.

Mike Keane, 27923 SE 408<sup>th</sup> St, Enumclaw, WA, stated he is a horse owner and also agrees that there is not a place to show their horses in this community. All their money is spent elsewhere when it could be spent here.

Greta Cook, 41422 300<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Enumclaw, WA, stated she is a horse owner and would like the committee to consider the need for new quality meeting facilities along with the Equestrian Center. She also concurs that all of her money goes out of state for competitions when it could be spent here.

Lee Hinkey, 19104 SE 440<sup>th</sup> St, Enumclaw, WA, stated he is a horse owner and supports the plan and also agrees with the need for the facilities.

Ralph Vacca stated the King County Fair must continue.

Shannon Johnson stated she is also involved with dog shows and found King County hard to work with, and is looking forward to working with different ownership. She also noted that horse people spend a lot of money which would make the tax revenue increase.

Barbara Norby stated a record number of 900 dolls were given away at the Doll Booth at the King County Fair this year.

Nina Hagen, 41818 228<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Enumclaw, WA, El Dorado Farms owner, stated she supports the plan and noted that it would also bring in jobs. This plan could bring in people but retain the Enumclaw character.

Perry Dahlquist, 2530 McHugh Ave, Enumclaw, WA, King County Fair Board Member, stated the 2006 King County Fair is going on. They have some great 4-H programs projected and stated that the fair is compatible with the equestrian center. He stated that King County is not putting a lot of effort toward the King County Fair or the fair grounds.

Athena Dean stated she believes the entire plan is important, but the City must adopt the equestrian branding to move forward on the other points of the plan.

**MAYOR WISE STATED THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL CONTINUE TO THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.**

**MAYOR WISE RECESSED THE COUNCIL MEETING FOR FIVE MINUTES AT 9:40 P.M.**

**MAYOR WISE RECONVENED THE COUNCIL MEETING AT 9:46 P.M.**

**TABLED BUSINESS:**

None

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. Finance - Mahelona, Chair

Mahelona stated that the Committee met January 23, 2006, and audited claims #148416 - #148561 for the Grand Total of \$305,119.05. They also discussed Ordinance No. 2300 and 2292. The next meeting will be February 9, 2006, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

B. Community/Economic Development - Ennis, Chair

Ennis stated that the Committee met January 19, 2006, and discussed the Chamber of Commerce contract. The next meeting will be February 9, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. at Stevenson/Yerxa Building.

C. Community Services - Beckwith, Chair

Beckwith stated that the Committee met January 17, 2006, and discussed Resolution No. 1116 and will have a recommendation. The next meeting will be February 7, 2006, at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall.

D. Public Safety - Jensen, Chair

Jensen stated that the Committee has not met. The next meeting will be February 13, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

E. Public Works – Hogan, Chair

Hogan stated that the Committee met January 23, 2006, and discussed Resolution No. 1119 and will have a recommendation. They also discussed the natural gas strategy, the automatic meter reader, comprehensive water plan, solid waste, and capital projects. The next meeting will be February 13, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

F. Committee on Committees – Glen Jensen - Chair

Jensen stated that the Committee met January 23, 2006, and discussed the judge confirmation and the Council Workshop Retreat. Jensen reported that the committee discussed having the

Council Workshop Retreat in two sessions. February 6, 2006, is recommended for the first meeting, and the other session in late February or early March.

Hogan stated that he will be out of town February 6th.

Mahelona stated that because all Council could not attend any Saturdays in February, it was suggested to break the retreat up into two meetings and deal with the highest priority items on February 6, at the workshop, and the other items at the retreat. Mahelona stated that all Council needs to attend the first meeting.

City Administrator Bauer stated that it can be scheduled for any day.

Mahelona suggested February 9, 2006.

All Council agreed on February 9, 2006, at 7:00 p.m.

Mahelona stated he will send a list of items to prioritize to Council.

Jensen stated the next meeting will be February 27, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

**CONSENT AGENDA:.....Motion to Approve**

**A. MINUTES**

1. City Council, 1/9/06 (page 5)
2. Industrial Development Corporation, 1/9/06 (page 15)
3. Design Review Board Minutes, 11/3/05, 12/1/05, 12/15/05 (page 17)

**B. CLAIMS**

1. Announced During the Finance Committee Report

**C. APPOINTMENTS**

1. Arts Commission: New Appointments: Roseanne Campagna, Position No. 1, Term Expires 12/31/08; Elaine Lynest, Position No. 5, Term Expires 12/31/07
2. Enumclaw Municipal Judge: Robert Hamilton

**D. AGREEMENTS**

1. Enumclaw Chamber of Commerce
2. Gary LaTurner, Cultural Arts Coordinator

Beckwith asked why the Committee on Committees discussed the judge appointment.

Jensen stated they discussed the process of selecting a judge with City Administrator Bauer.

Beckwith stated he does not think the Committee on Committees should be dealing with those

types of issues as that is not a function of the Committee.

**MAHELONA MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PUBLISHED.  
HOGAN SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**A. ORDINANCES**

1. Ordinance No. 2292 Draft 5-Amend EMC 14.02.010 and 020  
Concerning Adjustment of Water Bills Due to Leaks
  - a. Motion to Read Ordinance by Title Only for the Second Reading

**JENSEN MOVED TO READ ORDINANCE NO. 2292 FOR SECOND READING BY  
TITLE ONLY. MAHELONA SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

City Clerk Read by Title Only.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2292**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ENUMCLAW,  
WASHINGTON, AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 14.02, SECTIONS 010 AND  
020 TO AMEND OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR ADJUSTMENT OF WATER BILLS  
FOLLOWING A WATER LEAK.

***Staff Report:***

Finance Director Smalling stated that he had nothing to add since the last report.

***Council Comments:***

None

***Council Committee Report:***

Mahelona stated that the Finance Committee recommends approval of Ordinance No. 2292.

**MAHELONA MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2292. JENSEN SECONDED.  
MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

2. Ordinance No. 2300 Draft 2 – Warner Street LID #01-01
  - a. Motion to Read Ordinance by Title Only for Second Reading

**MAHELONA MOVED TO READ ORDINANCE NO. 2300 FOR SECOND READING BY  
TITLE ONLY. JENSEN SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

City Clerk Read by Title Only.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2300**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ENUMCLAW, WASHINGTON AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE CITY'S LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 01-01 BOND, 2006, IN THE PRINCIPAL SUM OF \$305,492.24, ESTABLISHING THE TERMS OF SUCH BOND, AND FIXING THE INTEREST RATE ON ASSESSMENTS IN LID NO. 01-01.

***Staff Report:***

Finance Director Smalling stated the Warner Street Local Improvement District (LID) project is complete, with the City prepaying their \$57,000.00 portion of the assessment. The remaining balance of \$305,000.00 will be financed with private placement bonds. Four bank bids were received for the bonds. The best bid came from Mt. Rainier National Bank with a 4.2% interest rate and no fee. Bond proceeds will be deposited to Construction Fund 301. Staff recommends approval of Ordinance No. 2300.

***Council Comments:***

None.

***Council Committee Report:***

Mahelona stated that the Finance Committee reviewed Ordinance No. 2300 and recommends approval.

**MAHELONA MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2300. JENSEN SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

**B. RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution No. 1116 – Support of Enumclaw School District No. 216 Proposition No. 1 – Replacement Maintenance and Operation Levy
  - a. City Clerk Read Resolution by Title Only

City Clerk Read by Title Only.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1116**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ENUMCLAW, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON SUPPORTING ENUMCLAW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 216 - PROPOSITION NO. 1 - REPLACEMENT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION LEVY.

***Staff Report:***

City Administrator Bauer stated at the last meeting there was confusion on procedural issues which prevented a vote. The Community Services Committee will speak as to their support of the resolution and why they want this back before Council.

***Council Comments:***

Mahelona asked for clarification on an abstaining vote.

City Administrator Bauer stated that Council uses a majority vote. Abstention votes are neutral; they do not count for or against the vote.

Ennis asked if abstaining affects the quorum.

City Administrator Bauer stated abstention does not affect a quorum.

Ennis asked if one vote would count as a majority if all others abstained.

City Administrator Bauer stated that is correct.

***Committee Report:***

Beckwith stated the CS Committee recommends bringing the resolution back to Council. They will not have a recommendation for its passage as they want to hear from the School District and the Public.

Beckwith, speaking for himself, supports the resolution. Beckwith wanted to clarify that the resolution does say Council supports the levy, however, it is not telling citizens how to vote. Beckwith is asking all citizens to consider supporting the levy.

Hogan stated a strong school district affects the economics of the City and will vote in favor of the levy.

Coates stated the he supports the Levy, the resolution stating Council's support, but not telling people how to vote.

**BECKWITH MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 1116. HOGAN SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 4 – 0. In Favor: Ennis, Hogan, Coats, Beckwith. None against. Three Abstained; Mahelona, L. Reynolds, Jensen.**

2. Resolution No. 1118 – Fee Resolution Amendment
  - a. City Clerk Read Resolution by Title Only

City Clerk Read by Title Only.

RESOLUTION NO. 1118

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ENUMCLAW, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 1117 AS TO INCREASE IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLANNING FEES AND PARKS AND ADMINISTRATION FEES.

***Staff Report:***

Parks/Rec/Cultural Services Director Fetter stated this Resolution updates the Fee and Charges schedule that was last revised in 2002. The Cemetery board has reviewed and approved the updates and the modifications and clarifications to the Fee Schedule. Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 1118.

***Council Comments:***

None.

***Council Committee Report:***

Beckwith stated the Community Services Committee reviewed and recommends approval of Resolution No. 1118.

**BECKWITH MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 1118. JENSEN SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

3. Resolution No. 1119 - Professional Services Agreement with Perteet, Inc. for Engineering Design of Warner Avenue Improvements
  - a. City Clerk Read Resolution by Title Only

City Clerk Read by Title Only.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1119**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ENUMCLAW, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PERTEET, INC, FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE WARNER AVENUE IMPROVEMENT STREET PROJECT.

***Staff Report:***

Public Works Director Searcy stated the Warner Avenue Improvement is an \$80,000.00 capital improvement project approved in the 2006 budget. The reconstruction will be on Warner Avenue between Blake Street and Watson Street. Completing the project in 2006 is necessary to meet the completion of the sub-division development of Elk Meadows and Suntop Farms. Proposals were posted and received with the most qualified being Perteet, Inc. Perteet's estimated fee to complete the project is \$84,500.00. Since Staff is requesting a small contingency to address out-of-scope items that may be necessary, Staff is asking for a contract not to exceed \$90,000.00. Staff will utilize the credit with Geo Consulting for the soil testing which will eliminate the cost on this contract. Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 1119.

***Council Comments:***

Mahelona asked if Searcy was comfortable using Geo Consulting.

Public Works Director Searcy stated yes, and explained why he would use them again.

***Council Committee Report:***

Hogan stated the Public Works Committee reviewed and recommends approval of Resolution No. 1119.

**HOGAN MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 1119. L. REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

**GENERAL ITEMS**

- 1. Action Items.....Motion to Approve
- 2. Informational Reports
  - a. Tourism/Marketing Plan by Mark Bauer, City Administrator

***Staff Report:***

City Administrator Bauer noted the reports on tourism, the marketing plan and the WWTP. Bauer stated Staff recommends Council to refer the Tourism and Marketing Plan to the Community Economic Committee at this time.

***Council Comments:***

**JENSEN MOVED TO DIRECT THE TOURISM AND MARKETING PLAN TO THE COMMUNITY ECONOMIC COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW. MAHELONA SECONDED.**

Beckwith stated he would like to hear from Council on the plan before it goes to Committee.

City Administrator Bauer stated a workshop could be scheduled before it goes to the Committee.

Beckwith asked if we could just go around the table.

Hogan asked for clarification on what the Council wants the CED Committee to do with this.

Coats stated they want some direction from Council.

Mayor Wise suggests a discussion at the next meeting on February 9.

Mahelona suggested waiting until the next meeting to have Council discussion.

**JENSEN AND MAHELONA WITHDREW MOTION.**

- b. Waste Water Treatment Plant by Chris Searcy, Public Works Director

***Staff Report:***

Public Works Director Searcy reported the asbestos material study is complete, the lead paint survey is completed with no problems, a short constructability review conducted on the plan sets

is underway, the architectural survey needs to be done during better weather conditions, the Wetland survey is on hold per the Corp of Engineers, and work is continuing on the Public Notice.

***Council Comments:***

Ennis asked when construction will begin.

Public Works Director Searcy stated fall 2006.

c. 2006 Programs of Work by Mark Bauer, City Administrator

***Staff Report:***

City Administrator Bauer stated during the development of the 2006 budget, capital projects were developed and approved for funding by Council. Bauer noted the list of projects for 2006. He also noted that the grey bars that will indicate completion of the projects did not copy. He will have corrected copies for Council tomorrow. Bauer stated Staff recommends Council review the programs of work and approve or modify at their discretion.

***Council Comments:***

Ennis asked Bauer if he could answer the questions listed from last meeting.

City Administrator Bauer stated yes, they are listed in the report.

Ennis asked Bauer if he knew the completion dates on some of the projects.

Mayor Wise stated they would get the report for Ennis.

City Administrator Bauer gave an update on the Welcome Center stating there is \$3 million in grants available, with one requiring a match. This will still leave the project another \$3 million short. Staff will apply for Federal funding again during the upcoming cycle. They have also talked about looking at other properties that can be developed at less cost.

Ennis asked if the solid waste utility issue of being privatized is a priority.

Public Work Director Searcy stated he would not have information ready by the workshop time although he is working on it by reviewing private contractors. Discussions also need to be started with the Union regarding collective bargaining, which is part of their first quarter work objective.

Ennis asked if a full report on the privatization would be completed by the end of the first quarter.

Public Work Director Searcy stated a report could be complete, but he is not sure if that is what Ennis is looking for.

Mahelona stated this issue is one of the Councils items to prioritize and will be discussed at the February 9, 2006, meeting.

Public Work Director Searcy stated he can give a quick alternative report to Council.

Ennis stated he is asking for a comprehensive report with options and numbers.

Public Work Director Searcy stated that will not be available in time.

City Administrator Bauer asked Searcy to report on the Hwy 410 corridor project.

Public Work Director Searcy stated funding sources need to be established first before a work schedule can be determined.

Ennis asked when the status on the Hwy 410 corridor will be available.

Public Work Director Searcy stated at next meeting.

L. Reynolds asked if the new Council members could have the Hwy 410 corridor study information.

Coats asked if a Committee can demand when reports are due, or should Council members do that.

Mahelona stated Council needs to discuss what each member wants to see done, and then determine the priority.

3. Monthly Staff Reports
  - a. Community Development: Building Permits; City Planning
  - b. Court:
  - c. Police
  - d. Public Works: Bldg. Maint; Equipment Rental; Solid Waste; Gas; Line Maint; Streets; Wastewater; Water
  - e. Waste Water Treatment Plant

City Administrator Bauer noted the monthly routine staff reports.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

Rosanne Campagna, 37205 W. Lake Walker Dr SE, Enumclaw, WA, Art Committee member, stated she is a horse owner and supports the tourism plan. Rosanne stated she works for the Conservation District and was interested in hearing the public input on the tourism plan.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Hogan stated that he is asking Council to authorize Public Works Director Searcy to make another gas purchase. Hogan stated the Public Works Committee tracks the price of gas, which has dropped to \$7.75 deca/therm. The current gas supply takes us through the end of March.

Public Works Director Searcy stated the same pattern happened last year with the price bottoming out in January. Searcy stated the price is within the budget of the utility.

Beckwith asked if this would decrease the rates in April.

Public Works Director Searcy stated they will calculate the options.

Mahelona asked what is the lowest price contracted in the last two years.

Public Works Director Searcy stated \$5.66.

Mahelona asked if we should purchase beyond October 2006.

Public Works Director Searcy stated they just wanted Council to be aware of the price drop, but they are not ready to go beyond October.

**HOGAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE NATURAL GAS FROM APRIL 2006 THROUGH OCTOBER 2006 AT \$8.00 DECA/THERM OR LOWER. L. REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MAHELONA MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. HOGAN SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia Hopkins

City Clerk