

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

**City Council Regular Session
City Hall Council Chambers
May 27, 2008, 7:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Wise called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tempore Mahelona led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mahelona announced all Council present.

ATTENDANCE:

Council Members Mahelona, Hogan, Ennis, Elfers, L. Reynolds, Coats, and Beckwith were present. Also present were Mayor Wise, City Clerk Hopkins, Public Works Director Searcy, City Administrator Bauer, Media Services Director Funfar, Parks Director Fetter, City Attorney Reynolds, Community Services Director Baer, Interim Fire Chief Dawson, Police Chief Zoll, Interim Finance Director Housler and Community Development Director Thomas.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Mayor Wise announced that they would be adding, under Presentations, an introduction of the new Interim Finance Director.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

A. PRESENTATIONS

1. Enumclaw Equestrian Team, Washington High School Equestrian Team's State Competition

Fetter introduced the Enumclaw Equestrian Team, along with its advisors, Jean Zeman and Craig Fish.

Fish acknowledged Janet Milbrath, another advisor. He then thanked all of the organizations and people who helped this new team. Fish next gave details of the meets and the members of the team. Mayor Wise gave congratulations and then gave each girl a City of Enumclaw pin as Fish introduced them. Fish described the competition and all of the events within the competition.

2. Enumclaw High School Girls Golf Team State Champion Recognition

Mayor Wise introduced Bob Kilmer, the Golf Coach.

Kilmer introduced the four senior captains and gave details of the team's achievements as well as individual achievements.

The team Captains introduced each team member and their coaches. Mayor Wise gave congratulations and a City of Enumclaw pin to each member.

3. Introduction of Interim Finance Director AJ Housler

Mayor Wise introduced Housler.

Housler thanked the City for this opportunity and stated that the Finance Department will get the job done.

Bauer stated that Housler has 20 years of experience with the City of Edmonds, retiring as the Finance Director. The last 10 years he has been the Interim Finance Director for various agencies.

B. PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Council Study Session on Nestles Water Plant, Monday, June 2, 2008, 7:00 p.m. at City Hall

Mayor Wise Read

M. Reynolds stated that incorrect information has been circulated by email. The email originally stated that the City has entered into an agreement with Nestles Water Bottling Company, however the City has not entered into such an agreement. Nestles has discussed, with the City, their desire to explore the opportunity of establishing such an agreement, If the idea continues to proceed, the process will include public meetings in order to get public input and the City Council would have to pass a resolution to actually enter into an agreement. M. Reynolds then mentioned the workshop on Monday, June 2, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. that will explore this idea in greater depth. There will be a presentation by representatives from nestles, and Council will decide if they want to proceed further.

2. Council Study Session on Community Center, Monday, July 7, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall

Mayor Wise Read

C. CITY EVENTS

1. Green River Community College Enumclaw Campus and City Hall Gallery, 3-D Works of Art, May 7 – July 2, 2008, Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. at GRCC, Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at City Hall

Fetter Read

2. The Local Scene, May 2008, Art at the Senior Center and Library

Fetter Read

3. Recycling Event, June 7, 2008, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Enumclaw Expo Center
Searcy described the types of items that can be brought to the recycling events. For any questions please call 825-5541.

D. COMMUNITY EVENTS

1. 13th Annual Mutual of Enumclaw/Avanti Bicycle Racing Team Stage Race, May 31 and June 1, 2008, from 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m., Downtown Enumclaw

Mayor Wise read.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Mike Nelson, Enumclaw School Superintendent, introduced Cathy Dahlquist, School Board President and Chris Van Hoof, School Board Member.

Nelson talked about the goals of the school, including a parade for the State Champion Golf Team and the State Championship Academic Award for the Tennis Team. They will also honor the individuals who won individual titles in the State Track Meet. Nelson then spoke about a meeting held previously with some of the School Board Members, City Council Members and City staff to discuss a partnership to refurbish the stadium and expressed the school district's willingness to collaborate on this project.

PUBLIC HEARING:

None

TABLED BUSINESS:

None

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Finance - Coats, Chair

Coats stated that the Committee last met on May 27, 2008, and discussed the Resolutions on the Agenda this evening. They also discussed the Sears property and the appraisals that were done.

M. Reynolds stated that the property was appraised by two companies, one is a value of the property and one is for the value of the lease. There has been some miscommunication between the appraisal company and the City on whether there was authority to proceed with the appraisal. The result was that Mr. George has indicated that the City may use his appraisal.

Coats stated that they would be bringing forward a proposal through the Finance Committee from Administration on the Sears property. The next meeting will be held on June 9, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

B. Community/Economic Development – L. Reynolds, Chair

L. Reynolds stated that the Committee last met on May 20, 2008, and discussed EMC revisions, the Annexation Study, the Welcome Center project, and permits coming into the City. The next meeting is on June 3, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in the Stevenson/Yerxa building.

C. Community Services – Beckwith, Chair

Beckwith briefly discussed the Stadium Committee Meeting. The Committee has decided that this is a worthwhile project and working with the School District is the only way to accomplish it. He then discussed some of the ideas that were given.

BECKWITH MOVED TO SUPPORT THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE EXISTING STADIUM AND AGREE TO WORK WITH THE ENUMCLAW SCHOOL DISTRICT

**AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO PRESERVE AND ENHANCE THIS STADIUM.
COATS SECONDED.**

L. Reynolds asked Beckwith to define improvements. Beckwith responded that at this point it is vague until the project is looked into further. This would just commit the City to looking at the idea. L. Reynolds asked if the term “investigate” should be added. Coats responded that it was not needed.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Beckwith stated the Community Services Committee last met on May 21, 2008, and discussed the Logger’s Legacy, Senior Center meal program funding, the Community Center, and Pete’s Pool Baseball Field possibly being relocated to Thunder Mountain Middle School. They discussed a better interlocal agreement with the School District and the Resident/Non-Resident rates for parks programs. The next meeting is on June 4, 2008, 5:00 p.m. at the Expo Center.

D. Public Safety – Mahelona, Chair

Mahelona stated that the Committee last met on May 19, 2008, and received an update on Fire District 44, additional parking restrictions and drug law enforcement. The next meeting is June 16, 2008, at 6:30 at the City Hall.

E. Public Works – Hogan, Chair

Hogan stated that the Committee last met on May 27, 2008, and discussed the Ordinance on the agenda, the Highway 410 corridor study, WWTP, capital projects, and received an update on the water supply. The next meeting will be on June 9, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

F. Expo Center – Ennis, Chair

Ennis stated that the Committee has not met since the last Council meeting. The next meeting will be on June 2, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. MINUTES

1. City Council, 5/12/08

B. SPECIAL EVENTS

1. Unveiling of Logger’s Legacy Sculpture, June 14, 2008, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
in Front of Enumclaw Library

**COATS MOVED TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA. ELFERS SECONDED.
MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance No. 2394 – Vacate Public Alley in Suntop, Div I

ELFERS MOVED TO READ ORDINANCE NO. 2394 BY TITLE ONLY FOR THE SECOND READING. BECKWITH SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

City Clerk Read by Title Only

ORDINANCE NO. 2394

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ENUMCLAW, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON VACATING A PUBLIC ALLEY LOCATED BETWEEN TRACTS A AND B OF SUNTOP FARMS, DIVISION 1, CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 1,269 SQUARE FEET IN THE CITY OF ENUMCLAW, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Staff Report:

Public Works Director Searcy reviewed the prior meetings report. Staff recommends approval.

Council Comments:

None

Committee Report:

Hogan stated that the Public Works Committee has reviewed this issue and recommends approval.

HOGAN MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2394. L. REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

B. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution No. 1283 – Fee Schedule Change

City Clerk Read by Title Only

RESOLUTION NO. 1283

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ENUMCLAW, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 1255 TO AMEND FEES FOR THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT FOR PASSPORT SERVICES AND UTILITY LATE FEE.

Staff Report:

Interim Finance Director Housler stated that Ordinance No. 2393 was passed on May 12, 2008, amending EMC 14.010.010 changing the utility due date to the 28th of each month. The late fee increase included in Ordinance No. 2393 should have been increased through a resolution to the City Fee Schedule. In February 2008, the U.S. Department of State decreased the passport processing fee from \$30 to \$25. Staff recommends approval.

Council Comments:

Elfers confirmed with Housler that the City will still be receiving the passport processing fee.

Committee Report:

Coats stated that the Finance Committee has reviewed this issue and recommends approval.

**COATS MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 1283. ELFERS SECONDED.
MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

2. Resolution No. 1284 – Professional Service Contract with Prothman for Finance Director Search

City Clerk Read by Title Only

RESOLUTION NO. 1284

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ENUMCLAW, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
CONTRACT WITH THE PROTHMAN COMPANY FOR A FINANCE DIRECTOR
PERSONNEL SEARCH.**

Staff Report:

City Administrator Bauer stated that the City has hired AJ Housler from The Prothman Company as the City's Interim Finance Director, and is now ready to begin a search for a new Finance Director. There are two primary employee search companies, utilized by the public sector, in the Puget Sound area. Both companies have good reputations for services and both have provided proposals for our consideration. Basically, both companies approach the search in a very similar manner with the only significant difference being the proposed cost. The Prothman Company's proposal is for \$18,000 plus expenses and Waldron & Company has proposed cost of \$22,500 plus expenses. The work comes with a one-year guarantee that if the successful candidate does not work out for whatever reason within a one-year period Prothman will conduct a new search for no additional cost. Staff recommends approval.

Council Comments:

Ennis asked which company found the last Finance Director. Bauer replied Waldron & Company.

Committee Report:

Coats stated that the Finance Committee has reviewed this issue and recommends approval.

**COATS MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 1284. ELFERS SECONDED.
MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

3. Resolution No. 1285 – Lease Agreement – 911 Battersby – SoJo Foods

City Clerk Read by Title Only

RESOLUTION NO. 1285

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ENUMCLAW, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH TASTEBUD FUSION, INC. D/B/A SOJO FOODS FOR 911 BATTERSBY, PROVIDING FOR ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A LEASE AGREEMENT INCLUDING A RENT CREDIT PROVISION FOR CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS.

Staff Report:

City Attorney M. Reynolds stated that the City has a current lease agreement with SoJo Foods. SoJo Foods has requested to modify the lease agreement to lease the entire building of 911 Battersby. This lease does not include 945 Battersby. The current tenants will then become tenants of SoJo Foods. The lease amount increases to the base of \$10,000.00. This is a triple net lease. The lease contains a provision that the tenant will undertake certain tenant improvements, which total \$65,076. In accordance with Exhibit "C" of the lease, the tenant is to receive a credit on the rent payment once the tenant improvements are complete. The end result of this lease will result in a net income to the City of approximately \$120,000.00 per year. Commercial real estate broker recommends the City enters into this lease agreement.

Council Comments:

Hogan asked who the other tenants are. M. Reynolds replied a Tae Kwon Do.

Committee Report:

Coats stated that the Finance Committee has reviewed this issue and recommends approval.

COATS MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 1285. MAHELONA SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

C. GENERAL ITEMS

1. Action Item
2. Informational Reports
 - a. Welcome Center

Bauer stated that the City met with the partners on the Welcome Center project. They discussed the lease agreements with the partners who will come back with lease agreements. On May 29, 2008, both the City and its partners will meet with Senator Murray's staff to discuss the transportation element of the project and potential federal funding.

Beckwith asked if there has been any discussion if the National Parks Service and US Forest Service would be staffing facility on the weekends. Mayor Wise replied that the Parks Service does plan to staff the facility on the weekends.

Beckwith stated that he thought the next phase was the interpretive center, not the transportation center. Bauer responded that the City's objective is to have an interpretive center, however the City has a stronger potential to gain Federal support for the transit element of the project.

Mayor Wise stated that the City is looking into both Federal and State funding for the interpretive center.

L. Reynolds stated that the CED Committee has discussed the Welcome Center and the City's matching funding of \$319,000, and she inquired which City fund this amount would come from. Bauer responded that currently those dollars are projected to come from REET Funds.

Beckwith asked what the advantage would be to housing the National Parks, the US Forest and the Chamber of Commerce and not having an interpretive center. What is the benefit to the City in spending the \$319,000 without attracting more tourists? He then stated that he would not be in support of the project without an interpretive center. He asked what the legal ramifications would be if the project was stopped now.

Bauer stated that the City is still considering if whether or not to finance the \$319,000 from REET dollars or rolling it into the debt of the project and placing it against the leases. This is a decision the Council will be making. Staff has prepared reports looking at both scenarios, as well as the potential for not expending any City money if additional funding is received.

Beckwith asked if the leases would be secured before construction. Bauer replied that they would be if possible. Beckwith asked if this could be done without getting a bid for the construction. Bauer replied that it will be coordinated before the project begins based on true cost of the construction.

Mayor Wise stated that the community wants the U.S. Forest Service and the National Park Service to be here to establish contact for recreational activities. Crystal Mountain and the Chamber of Commerce will also be involved. This will provide for about 25 jobs that will benefit the community.

L. Reynolds stated that she agrees with Beckwith; without an interpretive center this would be just another office building. She then stated that she would like to see brought to Council the breakdown of the finances before any more time is spent on it. Mayor Wise stated that more information will be brought to Council.

Thomas stated that the funding sources must be gone after as they become available. Sometimes the opportunities that present themselves are not in the same order as the project.

Coats stated that this is an incremental project; if the City wants an interpretive center then the City will need a place for it. He then stated that he wants to keep the U.S. Forest Service, whose current lease is about to expire.

Beckwith stated that he does not believe it is the City's responsibility to house the U.S. Forest Service. He supported the project while grants were paying for it; however without an interpretive center he is not as supportive. Beckwith questioned if the City signs the leases what the legal ramification would be if the project does not go through. Bauer stated that all leases

would be contingent on the construction. All leases and funding would be brought to Council for approval.

Mayor Wise stated that the National Parks Director in Washington State and U.S. Forest Services Director were at the last meeting and are very supportive of this project.

Coats stated that this is a long term project that will in the future provide transportation to Mt. Rainier National Park for all recreation activities and skiing at Crystal Mountain.

Bauer stated that a news article in the Tacoma News Tribune and one in the Seattle PI has stated that a highway would be built to connect Eatonville and Enumclaw to complete a scenic by-way link. This is in error, a highway already exists and it just needs signage as a scenic by-way that circles the mountain.

L. Reynolds asked where the scenic by-way currently ends. Bauer responded that it ends just above the Weyerhaeuser plant, three miles east of Enumclaw. L. Reynolds asked if there was a way that the City could get the scenic by-way extended into the City limits so the City could get further funding. Mayor Wise stated that the City is currently working on getting it extended for that very reason.

b. Waste Water Treatment Plant by Chris Searcy, Public Works Director
Searcy stated that construction is still on schedule. He then reviewed the current projects.

c. Enumclaw Expo Center Marketing & Branding Plans by Larry Fetter,
Parks/Rec/Cultural Services Director
Bauer stated that the Enumclaw Branding Plan will be having a workshop in which Fetter will be going over the consultants materials with the Expo Committee.

Hogan asked if this is to discuss the actual plan for the new City logo. Bauer responded that it is to discuss the consultant's proposal.

3. Routine Reports
 - a. Community Development: Building Permits; City Planning
 - b. Court
 - c. Finance: 1st Quarter Financial Reports
 - d. Public Works: Facilities; Equipment Rental; Solid Waste; Gas; Line Maintenance; Streets; Wastewater; Water
4. Board and Commission Minutes
 - a. Design Review Board, 4/17/08

Bauer noted the monthly reports and minutes.

Ennis asked in regards to the 1st Quarter Financial report, will a property tax revenue drop affect Enumclaw later in the year. Bauer stated that the property taxes are set for 2008 and the City

will receive that amount from King County. Next year's property taxes could affect the City. Ennis asked if it was too early to estimate the shortfall for the City now. Bauer stated that the shortfall would be due to the surplus of housing that does not fit the model for Enumclaw. It is too soon to tell.

Beckwith commented that he liked the footnotes in the report and would like to see them continue.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Elfers commented that the people who live outside the city limits pay more for park fees. He inquired as to the advantage of equal fees for both residents and non-residents/

Fetter stated that the current fee structure has citizens who live within the city limits paying 20% less than non-residents for parks and recreation. A flat fee could be beneficial by increased attendance in parks and recreation programs as some people do not participate because of the current fee structure. The pool fees are different due to a tax levy that is specific to the pool.

Beckwith stated that the citizens who live within the city limits pay taxes for the park programs and it would be unfair for non-residents to pay the same fee as they are not subject to the additional taxes. Currently other fee structures are being explored. The Community Services Committee will continue to work with Fetter on this.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

ELFERS MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COATS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia Hopkins
City Clerk