

MINUTES OF THE JULY 29, 2010, SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING/MINI-RETREAT
City Hall, 135 East Johnson Avenue, Chelan, Washington

At 6:00 p.m. Mayor Goedde called to order a special City Council meeting for the purpose of hearing staff updates on projects and the 2010 budget.

PRESENT: Mayor Goedde; Councilmembers Cooney, Harper (arrived at 6:43), Lingard, McCardle, Morehouse; Administrator Reinbold, Finance Director Grant, Parks & Recreation Director Sablan, Planning & Community Development Director Gildroy, Public Works Director VanEpps, Acting City Clerk Gallucci.

2010 BUDGET: Reinbold began the workshop by noting each fund's revenue and expenditure totals as of June 30 and said the City appears to be on track with the 2010 budget.

Grant reviewed the year to date budget and answered Council questions concerning City finances. Grant said she agrees with Reinbold's assessment - there are no big surprises in the budget at this point.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: Van Epps described and reported the status of public works projects. Reinbold reported project budgets.

There followed discussion about possible acceleration of trail construction, the need for a sidewalk on Boyd Road, and construction of the Higgs Booster Station.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT: Sablan discussed parks and golf projects completed in the first half of the year and the status of ongoing projects. Sablan provided Council with a handout entitled "2011 Budget Narrative" listing projects and purchases he'll be asking Council to fund for next year.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT: Gildroy presented a comparison of building permit activity from 1996 to the present, noting that construction values are up, though the number of projects is down. Gildroy also reported that permits for variances and conditional uses are about average and, although shoreline permits are up, that reflects the fact that people wanted to apply before the new Shoreline Master Program is adopted.

Gildroy then reviewed ongoing planning projects and their budgets.

There followed discussions concerning the Warehouse Industrial Action Plan and the Downtown Master Plan.

Morehouse initiated a discussion concerning the need to plan for improved storm water drainage in certain areas of town.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT: Grant thanked Council for making the Receptionist/Clerical Assistant position full time and reported projects the City Clerk's office and Finance Department have been able to complete with the additional help. Grant then advised Council of recent efficiencies and improvements implemented by Finance Department staff.

At 7:45 p.m. meeting was recessed for a rest break. Meeting reconvened at 7:57 p.m.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS: Reinbold asked Councilmembers to review and evaluate a list of capital improvements proposed by staff.

Grant pointed out that the list totals \$43 million (not including two projects listed whose cost is unknown) and it doesn't include certain projects that Councilmembers support or everything on staff's "wish list." She discussed capital improvement funding sources, cautioning against taking on too much debt. She explained that staff would like Council to prioritize and determine the funding for improvements and, through the budget document, give staff clear direction on what to move forward with.

Staff then answered questions concerning the information Grant had presented.

Council discussed the need to better inform the public about the City's accomplishments.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:45.

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Date approved by Council: _____

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City-Clerk

Robert R. Goedde
Mayor