

**CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON  
601 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Warden called the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL**

Council Members Elder, Everett, Taylor, Troemel, Hamilton, and Becken were present. Council Member Rainer requested an excused absence.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Matt Durbin, 1107 Claire Street, discussed the Sheridan Avenue improvement project and expressed his concerns regarding the loss of parking spots to his business Prosser Family Fitness Zone located at 1419 Sheridan Avenue. Mr. Durbin also pointed out that he felt he received inaccurate information from the city as it related to his property.

Rollie Ausere, 1411 Sheridan Avenue, suggested Council consider his proposal to change the engineering of the project in order to accommodate his request for diagonal parking along Sheridan Avenue. Mr. Ausere stated he believed the change would lessen congestion and would make up for his loss of four parking spots. Mr. Ausere requested Council direct city leaders to redirect the project engineers to construct diagonal parking.

Council Member Troemel requested to hear from the City Administrator on the issue.

Interim City Administrator Cathleen Koch provided Council with a brief history of the issue and explained the series of requests for project accommodations made by Mr. Ausere in the past several weeks. Additionally Mrs. Koch explained City Officials and the project engineers have met with Mr. Ausere numerous times to discuss his request for accommodations and provided options which included Mr. Ausere paying for additional parking stalls in the amount of \$5,000 per stall for a total of \$25,000. Due to the several requests made Mr. Ausere, the city has accrued an additional 10 – 20 hours of billable engineering time to the project and at one point during the project, work was stopped.

Council inquired at what point were the residents sent notices regarding the project and when were they afforded the opportunity to provide comment.

L.J. DaCorsi, Public Works Director advised Council of the timeline and series of notifications that were sent to the public, specifically to those residents and business owners that would be impacted by the project.

Mr. Ausere stated he felt he was not notified in a timely manner and further explained how he had moved residences during the notification period and therefore did not receive the notices.

Mrs. Koch explained that the project needed to continue to move along per the contract documents and at this time it is not staff's recommendation to modify the project engineering due to the substantial costs it will add to the project.

Kathi Durbin, 1107 Claire Street, stated from the information they received on the project they were under the assumption that the road would be widened however there wouldn't be a loss of parking spots and felt it negatively impacted her business.

Council Member Troemel stated he thought this issue should be left to the City leaders to solve as that is their responsibility.

Council Member Everett asked staff to explain why there was loss of parking spots and how much each spot would cost if it were included in the overall project.

Public Works Director DaCorsi advised the project engineers Huibregtse, Louman Associates, Inc., previously provided a letter to the City explaining the angel parking and the impacts to the travel lane.

Interim City Administrator Koch advised copies of the letter will be provided to Council per their request.

Council advised they would need to review the letter prior to providing direction to staff on whether or not to modify the project engineering and incur more unbudgeted debt.

#### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Mayor Warden stated there would be an executive session added to the agenda. Mayor Warden suggested Council consider the cancellation of the scheduled City Council Work Session on July 3, 2012 due to a lack of items for discussion. Council was in agreement on cancellation of the Work Session.

Council Member Troemel stated he thought the city should consider development of the located at the Vista View Point.

Council Member Everett stated that property is outside of city limits.

Council Member Becken reported the Wine Bus ridership is again down and therefore the service will not be available after this year. The tours that are already scheduled through the year will be honored.

#### **REPORT FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

(None)

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Council Member Becken removed Item "B" from the Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Everett to approve Consent Agenda Items "A, C-E". Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Rainer).

- a. Accept Monthly Report by Prosser Economic Development Association for the Month of May 2012 and Authorize Payment for Those Services in the Amount of \$2,166.66
- c. Approve Payment of Payroll Check Nos. 502252 through 502254 in the Amount of \$2,222.45 and Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$15,576.59 for the Period Ending June 15, 2012
- d. Approve an Interagency Agreement between the City of Prosser and the Washington State Department of Revenue to Provide for Business Licensing Services
- e. Review and Confirm the Appointments to the Planning Commission as Appointed by Mayor Warden

Council Member Becken stated check number 69062 in the amount of \$280,340.12 approving payment, needed to be pulled due to the fact that funding is currently not available and the check should be brought back at the next Regular City Council meeting for consideration. A motion was made by Council Member Becken, seconded by Council Member Elder to approve Consent Agenda Item "B" with the exception of check number 69062. Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Rainer).

- b. Approve Payment of Claim Check Nos. 69004 through 69066 in the Amount of \$430,396.69, DOR Electronic Payment in the Amount of \$13,316.10, and IRS Federal Tax Wires in the Amount of \$4,821.48, for the Period Ending June 26, 2012

**COUNCIL ACTION****APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIM CHECK NO. 69067 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$86.77, FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 26, 2012**

Council Member Hamilton abstained due to a conflict of interest. A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Everett to approve payment of Claim Check No. 69067 in the amount of \$86.77 for the period ending June 26, 2012. Motion passed 5 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Rainer), 1 ABSENTION (Hamilton).

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-1396 APPROVING BENTON COUNTY HOMELESS HOUSING AND ASSISTANCE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT**

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Everett to adopt Resolution No. 12-1396 approving Benton County Homeless Housing and Assistance Interlocal Agreement. Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Rainer).

**APPROVE CONTRACT WITH WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF SHERIFFS AND POLICE CHIEFS FOR POLICE CHIEF RECRUITMENT**

A motion was made by Council Member Everett, seconded by Council Member Taylor to approve contract with Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs for Police Chief Recruitment. Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Rainer).

**ORDINANCE NO. 12-2786 AMENDING THE 2012 BUDGET FOR THE ARTERIAL STREET FUND**

Finance Manager Yost gave a brief explanation of the proposed budget amendment. A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Becken to adopt Ordinance No. 12-2786 amending the 2012 Budget for the Arterial Street Fund. Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Rainer).

**DISCUSSION ITEMS****DISCUSS AND PROVIDE STAFF WITH DIRECTION TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS WITH BIAS SOFTWARE**

Finance Manger Toni Yost provided a review BIAS Software's response to the City's Request for Proposals for new financial software. Mrs. Yost explained the benefits and substantial upgrade from the City's current vendor. It is staff's recommendation to move forward with BIAS Software as a vendor for financial software for the City. There was discussion regarding which fund the software would be purchased from as well as the implementation timeline.

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Everett to direct staff to begin negotiations with BIAS Software. Motion passed 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT (Rainer).

**DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PROPOSED DRAFT 6-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) 2013 – 2018**

Public Works Director DaCorsi provided an overview of the 6-Year Transportation Improvement Program for 2013 – 2018. There was discussion regarding the projects and listed priorities. Discussion ensued regarding the prioritization of the Wine Country Road/Merlot Drive/Gap Road intersections and whether or not that should be the City's number one priority. Council concurred they were not opposed to the project being on the STIP, however it should not be the number one priority and the Kinney Way and Byron Road projects need to be moved up on the list.

Mr. DaCorsi advised he will make the changes to the document as requested by Council and schedule a Public Hearing on July 10, 2012 to receive public comment on the document. Council action to adopt the 6-Year TIP 2013 – 2018 by resolution will be brought back for Council consideration at that meeting as well.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:18 p.m., Mayor Warden recessed the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council to conduct an executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party,

when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. The session was to include the Mayor and Council Members, Interim City Administrator, City Clerk, Public Works Director, and City Attorney. The session was expected to last for a period of 10 minutes.

At 8:28 p.m., Mayor Warden reconvened the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council and stated no action had occurred in the Executive Session.

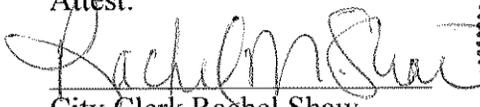
**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the City Council at this time, the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

  
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Mayor Paul Warden



Attest:

  
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City Clerk Rachel Shaw