

Mayor David Futcher led the flag salute. The Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council was called to order by Mayor Futcher. Councilmembers in attendance were: Futcher, Slater, McDaniel, Malella, Roberson, Myers, and Karnofski.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Slater, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Approve the minutes of the 3/3/09 Regular Meeting with the following correction: On Page 2, remove Wheeler and add Malella.' Motion carried all voting yes.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2009-2013 HOME & CDBG Consolidated Plan
Development:

Mayor Futcher opened the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m.

Julie Hourcle', Community Development Department, City of Longview, presented a power point with some information about the 2009-2013 Consolidated HOME Program Plan. This plan is required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development because entitlement funding is being received under the HOME program of affordable housing as the Longview-Kelso Consortium. The purpose of the public hearing is to accept community input on housing needs in the community and discuss the Neighborhood Stabilization funding.

Out of the grant total, 10% goes to the City of Longview as lead agency for the Longview-Kelso HOME Consortium (See HOME Program Policy #2), and a minimum of 15% is required to go to a (CHDO) Community Housing Development Organization (See HOME Program Policy #3). The remaining funds are divided by population, with 75% going to the City of Longview and 25% going to the City of Kelso. Councilmembers were previously asked to complete some questionnaires to determine how Kelso's portion would be spent. The results are as follows:

HOME Program Policy #1 (2009-2013)

Home Buyer/Rehab

- Home Owner Rehabilitation, Construction 45%
- Home Buyer down payment and other assistance 25%
- 70% Total

Rental/TBRA, planned

- Rental Rehab 10%
- Rental Acquisition or Construction 5%
- TBRA Rental Assistance 15%
- 30% Total

HOME Program Policy #2

Tenant Based Rental Assistance Management (2009-2013) program years.

In past years the administration costs were financed by the grant. This year none of the remaining grant money will be spent on management; however, the City of Longview has designated funds from their lead agency portion as follows:

- Longview Housing Authority 5%
- Mgt for the Kelso Housing Authority 0%

HOME Program Policy #3

Maintain Lower Columbia Community Action Program as only Consortium Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) 15%

(These funds are taken off the top of the grant money.)

Discussion followed.

Melissa Taylor, Council of Governments, gave a power point showing a summary of results of the community consultation process through Longview and Kelso Council workshops, focus groups, private and public agencies, the Longview and Kelso Housing Authorities, CAP, various community meetings, and public hearings to gather more input for the five-year plan.

The following people spoke from the audience:

John London, Residential Coordinator for Lower Columbia Mental Health, spoke about the housing situation for approximately 658 mentally ill people due to potential state budget cuts. Also, spoke about the Columbia Apartment building which needs a new roof.

Marcel Goulet of U S Bank, serves on the board of the Financial Education Resource Center in Longview and works closely with folks at the Longview Housing Authority, CAP, and some agencies in Clark County. He spoke about Kelso being unique in getting funds from the State of Washington Office of Community Trade and Economic Development and suggested the Council look at down payment assistance programs to provide housing to low-income individuals.

Leah Peltola, Progress Center, who supervises visitations for parents whose children have been taken away, spoke about the lack of funds to help people with their parenting skills to help them improve their quality of life.

Michael Kerins, City of Kelso Community Development Director, spoke about the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. The City is in process of putting together the program to propose to the State. The primary focus will be to rehabilitate abandoned and vacant houses.

Melissa Taylor, spoke about receiving some federal dollars that are aimed at preventing homelessness or to find housing for people who are currently homeless.

Mayor Fitcher closed the Public Hearing at 7:42 p.m.

Council discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Adopt the three HOME policies that were presented and implement the public comments into the plan,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PRESENTATION:

All Aboard Washington: Ron Shauer introduced Lloyd Flem and Loren Herrigstad of All Aboard Washington.

Lloyd Flem, spoke about All Aboard Washington, a non profit organization with approximately 520 members, that promotes the use of railroads for both freight and passenger service. He suggested contacting our legislatures to obtain stimulus money for the rail passenger service.

Loren Herrigstad, spoke about the volunteer station host program that could be used at the Kelso Train Depot.

Councilmember Myers indicated he would like to help organize a volunteer program at the depot.

After lengthy discussion Mayor Fitcher requested taking a five-minute break. At 8:35 p.m. Mayor Fitcher called the meeting back to order.

Jim Bain, Kalama resident, spoke about the help he and his wife, Judy, have received from the volunteers at the Olympia-Lacy Train Depot while traveling. He and Judy would like to be volunteers at the Kelso Train Depot.

PRESENTATION:

Talley Way Corridor Study Status Report: Jerry Sorrell, Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments, asked Councilmembers to refer to the status report, map, and roadway sections that are included in the Council packets. Topics discussed were traffic, roadway section, access management, Talley Way Bridge assessment, and stormwater management. The final open house to review this project is being planned for April 7th.

Discussion followed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Auditing of Accounts: \$1,203,612.42

**Addendum – Lockheed Martin Lease Extension Train Depot Conference Room
Janitorial Service Agreement – S.E.P.A. Janitorial Services**

Liquor License Renewals: 1) Azteca-Kelso, 420 Three Rivers Drive; 2) Kelso Bridge Market, Allen at Pacific Avenue; 3) Ol Tima', 211 W. Main Street; 4) Maltese Bar and Grill, 100 Pine Street; 5) B.P.O. Elks Kelso Lodge 1482, 900 Ash Street

Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$1,203,612.42.' Councilmembers Roberson, Slater, Karnofski, McDaniel, Myers, and Fatcher voted yes. Councilmember Malella voted no. Motion passed 6 to 1.

MOTION ITEMS:

Resolution No. 09-990 – Support Projects and Services that Create Jobs and Help Keep Americans Employed: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Slater, 'Pass Resolution No. 09-990, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO IN SUPPORT OF SPENDING ANY FEDERAL ECONOMIC RENEWAL GRANTS AND FUNDS ON PRODUCTS AND SERVICES THAT BOTH CREATE JOBS AND HELP KEEP AMERICANS EMPLOYED.' Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 09-991 – Establishing the City's Six-Year Capital Improvement Program 2009-2014: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Pass Resolution No. 09-991, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO RELATED TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND ESTABLISHING THE CITY'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD OF 2009-2014.' Public Works Director David Sypher presented the following changes to the attachment to the resolution: Page 1, Arterial Street, Priority #1, \$100,000 will be spent this year doing chip seal and prep for overlays and next year \$1,000,000 will be spent on the overlay; Arterial Street, Page 1, added Priority #7, 13th Avenue Resurfacing in the amount of \$290,000; City Street, Page 2, added priority #23, speed humps in the amount of \$6,000. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 09-3696 – Amend Ordinance No. 3016 Regarding Fees for Background Checks for Taxi Cab Drivers: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 09-3696, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3016, CODIFIED AS KMC 5.60.090 REGARDING LICENSING FEES FOR TAXI CAB DRIVERS.' This is a new \$10 fee the Washington State Patrol is charging the city and the cost would be passed on to the applicant. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 09-3697 – Amend Ordinance No. 3016 Regarding Licensing Fees for Pawnbrokers and Secondhand Dealers: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed

ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 09-3697, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3016, CODIFIED AS KMC 5.52.050 REGARDING LICENSING FEES FOR PAWNBROKERS AND SECONDHAND DEALERS.' Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 09-3698 – Water & Sewer Rate Ordinance Revisions: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 09-3698, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 08-3688 DEALING WITH WATER AND SEWER RATES TO CORRECT A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR AND MAKING THE RATES ADOPTED RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2009,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 09-992 – Changing the Name of Kelso's Airport: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Slater, 'Pass Resolution No. 09-992, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO CHANGING THE NAME OF KELSO'S AIRPORT TO "SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON REGIONAL AIRPORT."' Public Works Director Sypher spoke about an old resolution that created a regional airport entity which included "Regional" in the name; however, the name was never officially adopted. Later, a resolution dissolved the entity causing the name to be dissolved as well. Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Dennis Richards: 1) I enjoyed having the railroad folks here tonight, as I enjoy the railroad. 2) You are invited to a retirement reception here in the Council Chambers for Chief Wayne Nelson Tuesday, March 31st, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. 3) Last night I attended a meeting with the citizens who are trying to improve Kelso's image. There have been some good suggestions. The next meeting will be here in the Council Chambers on March 30th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. 4) Patty Murray, Finance Department, called a local company to take a look at our HVAC system, which hasn't been working properly. They discovered the system has not been maintained properly, so I cancelled the current contract and we are going out for RFP's to find a new company to service the system. 5) Many requests have been received for the use of our Council Chambers from various people that are not affiliated with municipal corporations. A fee needs to be charged for the use of the lights, water, and cleaning. An ordinance will be brought to Council. Councilmember Slater suggested allowing the public to use the old finance building at 109 Allen for a public meeting room until it sells. 6) Councilmember McDaniel spoke about the economic problems the City of Longview and Cowlitz County are being faced with and asked how Kelso is doing. City Manager Richards said the revenues are down but this city has worked on a very marginal employee base and has been conservative for sometime.

STAFF REPORTS:

Janean Parker: No report

David Sypher: 1) Congratulations to Councilmember Slater for receiving an award from the Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts for his extraordinary efforts at the Three Rivers Regional Treatment Plant. 2) Eight bids ranging from \$250,000 to \$900,000 have been received for sandblasting and painting the Coweeman Bridge. 3) The janitorial agreement that was accepted in the consent agenda was a \$10,000 savings over the amount that was budgeted. 4) The State has been contacted concerning the crosswalk on Allen Street where the two teenage girls were hit a few weeks ago. Discussion followed. 5) Councilmember Roberson spoke about lights being removed from the Cowlitz Way Bridge. City Manager Richards said the State will not be replacing them due to lack of funds.

Michael Kerins: A public hearing will be held on April 7th for the revisions to the subdivision and zoning ordinance and the adoption of the new permit review ordinance. The next step will be to look at some minor zoning map changes.

Wayne Nelson: 1) Our new officer, Aaron Marthaller, completed boot camp at the Academy. He should finish the training in mid June. 2) Last week we sponsored our eighth Crisis Intervention Training, for help in handling the mentally ill. Around 160 police officers have received this training. Captain Vern Thompson is currently attending a State Crisis Intervention Training Coordinators' Conference in Yakima. 3) The Police Department/Criminal Justice is eligible for some stimulus money. Spoke about some of the grants that are available. 4) We have been pre-approved for a Department of Justice Grant for approximately \$49,000. 5) Expressed appreciation to the men and women in the Kelso Police Department and the Council for their support for the thirty-five years he has been on the department, including the past seven years as the Chief of Police. Mayor Fatcher thanked Chief Nelson for his excellent service and reminded everyone of the retirement reception on March 31st from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Brian Butterfield: 1) Once a month I will be providing Councilmembers with a summary of how the general fund is doing both in expenditures and revenues. 2) Thanks to Patty Murray for all the work she has done concerning the HVAC system problems we have had.

Carol Bradbury: Reminded Councilmembers to file their personal financial affairs statement with the Public Disclosure Commission by April 15th.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Rick Roberson: No report

Gerald Malella: I will be unable to attend the Council of Governments annual luncheon on March 25th at noon. If anyone wants to go in my place, let me know.

Alan Slater: 1) Chief Wayne Nelson and his dad, former Sheriff Les Nelson, rank right at the top. 2) Spoke about the development of the Market Place building that is situated in both Longview and Kelso and the need to receive the proper B & O taxes and other taxes that are generated from the sales. Community Development Director Kerins said an analysis was done and 67% of the building is in Kelso. City Manager Richards said he has met with the Longview City Manager and all the sales from Jo-Ann Fabric will come to Kelso. 3) There have been several editorials regarding LNG. There are many unanswered questions about how we might be impacted if this goes through.

John Karnofski: No report

Todd McDaniel: Kelso High Seniors have their culminating projects due and they are looking for volunteers to evaluate their projects. If interested, call Molly DuBois at 501-1830.

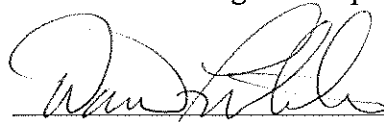
Dan Myers: No report

David Fatcher: No report

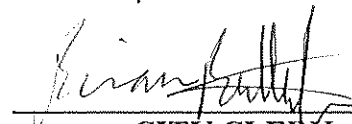
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council convened into Executive Session at 9:45 p.m. to discuss a real estate issue. At 9:55 p.m. the Council reconvened into Regular Session.

There being no further business, Mayor Fatcher adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.



MAYOR



CITY CLERK



CITY OF KELSO

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

As of This Date March 17, 2009

The City Audit Committee Does

Approve for Payment those Claims included in the above listing, and futher

described below, in the TOTAL AMOUNT of \$ 1,203,612.42

Voucher warrant Numbers: 151409 through 151582

In the Amount of \$ 517,444.79

Prepaid Warrant Numbers: 151188, 151373-151375 through 151377-151378, 151405-151407

In the Amount of \$ 22,963.94

Voided Warrant Numbers: 151376, 151404 through 151458, 151583

Payroll Deduction/Benefit Claims Warrant Numbers 151379 through 151403

In the Amount of \$ 359,182.04

Payroll Warrant Numbers: 9500, 518464 through 9610, 518501

In the Amount of \$ 304,021.65

Voided Warrant Numbers: — through —

SIGNED:
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Authorized for Payment per Council Action:

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