

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, Karnofski, Schimmel, Myers, McDaniel, Roberson, and Student Representative Joey Tagliarino.

**Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the minutes of the 5/18/10 Special Workshop and the 5/18/10 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:**

**Joey Tagliarino, ASB President:** Joey introduced **Cody Doble**, the new Kelso High ASB Vice President, and **Eric McDaniel**, the new ASB President. Eric said their main focus will be to stress communications throughout the school. More decisions will be made as a student body rather than through a single club. The first ASB meeting will be Thursday. Mayor Futcher thanked Joey for his service this year and congratulated Eric and Cody on their new positions.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. **Award Contract with Measurement Research Corporation - Updating the City's Street Condition Survey, in the Amount of \$25,876.00**
2. **Interlocal \$150,000 Grant Agreement with Cowlitz County – Airport Runway Extension**

Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Approve the Consent Agenda,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**MOTION ITEMS:**

**Resolution – Greenhouse Gas Reduction:** The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Pass the resolution, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO TO CREATE A POLICY ABOUT GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION.' Councilmember Schimmel moved to **table the resolution** because he would like to have more time to look at the language. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McDaniel. Public Works Director David Sypher is in process of applying for a Public Works Trust Fund Loan, with a deadline of June 30<sup>th</sup>, and needs to have this resolution in place. Councilmembers Myers, Schimmel, McDaniel, and Roberson voted yes. Councilmembers Karnofski and Futcher voted no. **Motion to table the resolution passed 4 to 2.**

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**Council Position #5 Interviews:**

**APPLICANTS:**

**Gail Hazen  
Ben Harrison  
James Webb**

**(Brian Wood was not able to attend)**

The applicants are being interviewed for Council Position #5 due to Gerald Malella's resignation effective May 31<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Futcher explained the interview process. Each candidate will be asked to tell about himself and answer various questions posed by members of the Council. After the interviews take place, the Council will go into Executive Session to discuss the qualifications of each candidate. Mayor Futcher said he didn't know if a selection would be made tonight.

After the candidates were interviewed, Mayor Futcher invited them to come back to the podium if they wanted to make additional comments.

At 7:37 p.m. Mayor Futcher called a short recess to allow additional time for Mr. Wood to arrive. At 7:44 p.m. Mayor Futcher called the meeting back to order. (Mr. Wood did not arrive.) At 7:45 p.m. the Council convened into Executive Session for approximately fifteen minutes to discuss the qualifications of the three candidates. Mayor Futcher said no decisions would be made in the Executive Session.

At 7:58 p.m. the Council reconvened into regular session. Each Councilmember spoke about the qualifications of various candidates. Mayor Futcher thanked each of the candidates for their interest on the Council.

A roll call vote was taken and the results were as follows:

Councilmember Roberson	voted for	James Webb
Councilmember Myers	voted for	James Webb
Councilmember Schimmel	voted for	James Webb
Councilmember Karnofski	voted for	James Webb
Councilmember McDaniel	voted for	James Webb
Mayor Futcher	voted for	James Webb

Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Appoint James Webb to open Council Position #5,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Mayor Futcher congratulated Mr. Webb on the appointment.

**MOTION ITEM (Walk-on Item):**

**Award Contract for 2009/2010 Kelso Citywide Overlay Project with Lakeside Industries (\$1,124,655.95):** Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Award the overlay project to Lakeside Industries.' Public Works Director Sypher spoke about the need to expedite this contract due to a couple of problems. The first low bidder, who was deemed not qualified, had until 5:00 p.m. today by the RCW timelines to make an appeal. Recommending any other bidders until that appeal process was done would have been premature. The second issue is that the paving season is very short. Waiting until the next Council meeting could mean getting our projects scheduled for late in the year. This project is funded by a \$1,000,000 inter-fund loan for the construction and engineering costs for the non-chap funded streets and a \$274,000 CHAP grant for the CHAP approved streets. The qualified low bid for this project is \$101,993.10 below the Engineer's estimate of \$1,226,649.05 for all work. David is hopeful the amount of the loan will be closer to \$900,000, but won't know until the contract is closed out. Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**Dennis Richards:** 1) The Kelso Girls' Softball Team won the State Championship. 2) City employees raised over \$1,000 for Barnes School. We will be working with the school to decide how to purchase needed items such as belts, shoelaces, socks, and sweatpants. 3) The Weather Bureau has issued a storm warning. Two to five inches of rain and strong winds are expected for the next few days. The rivers are not expected to flood; however, there could be some flooded streets.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Janean Parker:** No report

**David Sypher:** 1) As you know, we are in process of making some major decisions concerning the airport. The summit meeting that was scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup> has been postponed to sometime in July. The subcommittee is gathering information so we can come to a good consensus and have a productive final summit on June 29<sup>th</sup>. The Port of Longview, City of Longview, and the County are going back to their boards to discuss their positions concerning the airport. I will send out some summary sheets to keep Councilmembers updated. Discussion followed. 2) We have applied for a runway extension with the state; however, we did not get the grant because we haven't adopted a master plan. We won't adopt a master plan until some of the decisions about the airport have been made.

**Michael Kerins:** The first draft of the Land Use Goals and Policies for the revised Comprehensive Plan is now available. There will be a workshop on June 16<sup>th</sup> to go over

the draft before it is published. The draft can be found on the website and the Community Development's Facebook page. Comments are welcome.

**Cindy Donaldson:** 1) "Make a Splash at Your Library" fliers, promoting summer reading programs at the Kelso Library and other local libraries, were handed out. Sign-ups begin June 10<sup>th</sup> and our first program is June 21<sup>st</sup>. We will also participate in the fair parade in August. 2) Our next book discussion is Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. You can pick up a copy of Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill at the library. 3) Last year a family volunteered to hold a garage sale to benefit the library. They raised \$2,500 and purchased over a hundred non-fiction DVD's for the library. They plan to make this an annual event. This year the garage sale will be held June 21<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>. 4) Councilmember Schimmel complemented the libraries for working together on a program like this.

**Andrew Hamilton:** 1) This month officers completed mandatory defensive tactics training. 2) We have been working on a traffic program with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission. 3) We will be working with the Department of Emergency Management, along with a number of other county agencies, on a training exercise. 4) Later in the month we will have firearms training in conjunction with the schools.

**Carol Bradbury:** We held our first Tree Lighting Meeting last week. Volunteers are welcome.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Todd McDaniel:** No report

**John Karnofski:** No report

**Gary Schimmel:** At the last Public Health Advisory Committee Meeting, we were informed that the County Health Department is trying to come up with a strategic plan concerning their role in public health. They are in process of conducting a public health survey with stakeholders. The funds they use to accomplish their mission are decreasing, so they are trying to focus on identifying the most important things concerning public health.

**Dan Myers:** 1) Last week I attended the government summit. I am disappointed that we didn't find out more at this point. There will be a presentation by the parks on the 15<sup>th</sup>. 2) Spoke about social networking issues.

**Rick Roberson:** 1) The Regional Library Committee announced at the Government Summit meeting they are not going to pursue a regional library. About seventy percent of the people in the county are already served by libraries, which would make it difficult to ask for a tax increase for services they already enjoy. 2) The Regional Transportation Board will meet Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, to hear about third rail funding. The May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting

was cancelled because the speaker was ill. 3) The Kelso Downtown Spring Fling will be Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. We are expecting approximately fifty vendors.

**David Futcher:** 1) Commented about library cards for people who don't live in the city limits. Library Manager Cindy Donaldson said county residents can purchase a card for \$70 a year. She also spoke about senior discounts, volunteer programs, and a special program for third graders who live outside the city limits. 2) Spoke about his plan to review the City of Kelso Charter. The West Kelso Ward has a small number of voters in comparison to the other wards, making it difficult to have a representative if the need should arise in the future. He also plans to compare the differences between our charter and the code that would be in place if we didn't have a charter. Any changes would need to be taken to the voters. 3) This Friday night our local baseball team, the Cowlitz Black Bears, will kick off their baseball season at Story Field in Longview. I encourage everyone to support this new team. 4) I want to thank the candidates who took the time to apply for the open council position. I appreciate what you are doing for the city and look forward to working with you in the future.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Council convened into Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. to discuss potential property acquisition. The executive session is expected to last twenty minutes. At 9:00 p.m. the Council reconvened into Regular Session.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m.



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