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**CITY OF PACIFIC
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Date: January 23, 2012
Council Chambers
City Hall, 6:30PM**

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MEETING SUMMARY

1. CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Cy Sun called the City Council Meeting to order at 6:31pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Tren Walker
Leanne Guier
Josh Putnam - Absent
James McMahan
John Jones
Gary Hulse
Clint Steiger

Councilmember Walker moved to excuse Councilmember Putnam; Councilmember Jones second; All the votes were ayes.

Staff present: Linda Morris, Lt. Edwin Massey, Maria Pierce, Jane Montgomery and Al Abuan.

3. APPROVAL OF/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

1. Councilmember Steiger added under old business: Update on Police cars and Emergency Operations Center.
2. Councilmember Steiger asked for an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss the Uniformed Employees Union contract.

Councilmember Walker moved approval of the agenda as amended; Councilmember Hulse second.

4. AUDIENCE COMMENTS-

1. Richard Hildreth – Commended Councilmember Leanne Guier and the staff for the job performed during the storm last week. He is happy that they opened the Senior Center as a warming center. On Friday night Officer West checked on the people at Rainier Vista. He let residents know that the City cares for them.
2. Kate Hull -came to say thank you to Councilmember Guier, Councilmember Walker, and Putnam and the Pacific Community Center. She likes the fact that they used Facebook.
3. Reva Bryant-Thanked everyone for their efforts. Mayor Sun stated that he made arrangements to talk to people about who would handle the blow down branches. He does not want anyone to get hurt. He stated that this is an emergency situation and he is handling it. The Mayor wants to help residents who cannot clean up their yards due to being handicap or who are elderly. Lt. Massey and Mayor Sun cleared up driveways and debris. Mayor Sun stated that he realizes the critical nature of the problem and will work with Councilmember Guier, Lt. Massey and Bob Boyd.
4. Howard Erickson- Complimented the Public Works Department for getting the streets cleaned up. Mr. Erickson went around to other cities and stated that they did not do as good a job as the City crew did.
5. Di Allison - She did a lot of cleanup of yard waste and wanted to know if Waste Management would do an extra pickup. Maria Pierce stated that Allied Waste will bring two big dumpsters for free yard waste.
6. Jeanne Fancher - Questioned whether the Police Department twitter account had been used. Per Lt. Massey, it has not been used.

5. REPORTS

A. Mayor Sun- Thanked Councilmember Guier for her outstanding leadership and for opening the Senior Center and the Emergency Operation Center and all her efforts. Lt. Massey delivered flyers to residents letting them know the Senior Center was open as a warming center. Councilmember Guier thanked the Hattons, Carol Aguilar, Jerry Eck, Rich Hildreth, Gary Nitschke, Clint Steiger, Linda Morris and Joanne Futch for their assistance. Mayor Sun commented on how he was going to proceed. He said that his first responsibility was to reduce cost and operate efficiently. He commended the Finance Director Maria Pierce. He stated that he likes to get down to the core of problems. He spoke about the Police Department copier and said he believes the old one still works; that is why he held back on the decision to lease a new one at this time. Skillings Connolly billed the City \$25,000 for a spec change and the Mayor stated that he was not happy about the expense or with the way this was handled because the work was done before it was approved by Council. Mayor Sun intends on working closely with road projects in the future. Mayor Sun discussed the police cars. The Police Chief wanted to purchase five new police cars. The Mayor talked to Lt. Massey and they agreed to only get four cars. He stated that after discussions with Lt. Massey and Sgt. Pickett, he found that they could further reduce cost by lowering equipment cost. The City incurred a \$500 penalty for not taking one of the cars, but saved \$62,000 as a result. Mayor Sun stated he is responsible for the money that is expended. Mayor Sun received a resignation from the City Engineer, Jim Morgan. He stated that no one had been overlooking the Stewart Road Project. He wants representation on future road projects. He will go to the University of Washington to enlist the help of students who he hopes will monitor future road projects and follow contract requirements. He wants to monitor any engineering changes closely.

B. Finance - Maria Pierce stated that we are closing out yearend books and she is working on the Annual Report. She is still down a staff member.

C. Court Statistics- In the book.

D. Public Safety Department- Lt. Massey wanted to share the accolades of the fine job done by the people in City Government who kept the roads open and helped each other out. There are some still out of power. The Police Department is making sure people are safe from crime. One Officer was dedicated to focus on areas that had power outages. There have not been any commercial or residential burglaries. The Officers have been working with the Public Works Department 24/7 and they all have worked long hours. He stated that due to those efforts they have been able to keep roads open. The only roads closed were West Valley and Butte Avenue.

E. Public Works/Community Development Departments- Jim Morgan handed in his resignation.

F. Community/Senior/Youth/Services - Linda Morris thanked the community. She stated that Mayor Sun and Lt. Massey went door to door handing out flyers informing the Community that the Senior Center was open. She read her report. She is very thankful for the ham that Leanne Guier donated. She also thanked John Jones and Tren Walker who contributed food. They had over 20 volunteers. Jim Brass and his Boy Scout troop brought hygiene kits. Gary Nitschke went around and knocked on wheelchair bound people's doors. Joanne Futch and Tina helped out.

G. Boards and Committees

South King County Transportation Board (SKTBD)- Meetings were cancelled.

Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) – There was no report.

SCA – There was no report.

VRFA - There was no report.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Poet Laureate- Gerald McBreen has served three years as the Poet Laureate for the City of Pacific. It is recommended that the City endorse a fourth term for the honorable position of Poet Laureate to Gerald McBreen.

Councilmember Steiger moved to approve; Councilmember Walker second; All the votes were ayes.

B. St. Patrick's Day Parade- Pacific Partnerships in conjunction with the White River Valley Lion's Club and the Pacific Algona Community Center has proposed sponsoring a St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 17, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. in the City of Pacific.

Councilmember Walker moved to approve; Councilmember Jones second; All the votes were ayes.

C. Councilmember Steiger Update on Cars- The \$62,000 in savings from not receiving the fifth ordered Police car was verified.

D. Emergency Operations Center - Councilmember Guier and Councilmember Steiger reviewed funding for a new generator and other items. They will continue to work on the critical issues.

Councilmember Steiger asked the Council to suspend the rules so he could give an update on Stewart Avenue. All were in favor.

Councilmember Steiger stated that he wanted to make sure we had an inspector at all times down on Stewart Road. He did not want a problem. Staff stated that there was an inspector on site from Skillings Connolly and the change order had been reviewed by former staff. It was confirmed that the change was done without Council approval and did not come to the Public Works Committee or Council before the work was approved. Councilmember Steiger stated that this was a gray area. He wants projects to be monitored.

7. NEW BUSINESS- None

8. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

A. Ordinance No. 1818- A Ordinance Of The City Of Pacific, Washington Amending Ordinance No. 1814 The City's 2012 Adopted Budget Ordinance Attachment A.

The Finance Director, Maria Pierce, spoke to the Council. Salary is adopted by Ordinance. Council had questions about where the money comes from. She gave the breakdown of the costs. Currently there is a savings in all the funds. Maria Pierce went through the budget. She stated that it was too early in the year to project revenues. She believes the City can save and watch the spending throughout the year. Councilmember McMahan was not comfortable with this. He is concerned about how the the City was going to pay for the City Clerk/Personnel Manager's pay increase.

Action Taken: Send back to Finance Committee and bring back to the February 20th meeting. Councilmember McMahan would like to establish a set fund to accomplish this.

B. Resolution No. 1148-A Resolution Authorizing The Expenditure Of Funds With Bell & Associates For Solid Waste Contract Negotiations

Maria Pierce spoke with King County today and they will discuss the current situation. She told the Council that negotiations are ongoing.

Councilmember Walker moved to approve Resolution No. 1148; Councilmember Guier second;

Council Comment- Councilmember McMahan had concerns about task #4 on Attachment A, regarding the meeting with elected officials fee. Maria Pierce stated that this is not for an RFP; we are just extending the current contract. She is going to negotiate the billing services. Councilmember McMahan asked if we can do this in house. Maria Pierce stated that she has limited staff at this time and cannot manage that. Councilmember Hulseley asked if a Council person could go to these meetings. Councilmember Walker responded that there is a Solid Waste Committee.

The votes were as follows:

	Aye	Nay
Councilmember Walker	X	
Councilmember Guier	X	
Councilmember McMahan		X
Councilmember Putnam	absent	
Councilmember Jones	X	
Councilmember Hulseley		X
Councilmember Steiger		X

The Vote Was 3-3. Tie

Action Taken: Bring back to workshop on February 6, 2012.

C. Resolution No. 1149- A Resolution Of The City Of Pacific, Washington, Deeming Accounts Receivables Outstanding From 2006 Through 2010 To Be Irrecoverable And Accordingly Allowing Such Debt To Be Removed From The City's Financial Records

Councilmember Steiger moved to approve Resolution No. 1149; Councilmember Hulseley second;

The votes were as follows:

	Aye	Nay
Councilmember Walker	X	
Councilmember Guier	X	
Councilmember McMahan		X
Councilmember Putnam	absent	
Councilmember Jones	X	
Councilmember Hulseley	X	
Councilmember Steiger	X	

The Motion Carried 5-1.

9. The Mayor asked if he could suspend the rules – He would like to add; discussion about new City Attorney. Council agreed, all the votes were ayes.

Mayor Sun stated that he wanted Ken Luce to be the new City Attorney. The Mayor stated that he informed the Council of this at the last workshop. Ken Luce will be in attendance at the next Council workshop. In the meantime, Al Abuan will cover for the 30 day period. The Mayor will send the paperwork for termination to Mr. Abuan. Councilmember Walker asked if Al Abuan would be at the next meeting. Mayor Sun responded that it depends on if he feels he needs him at that meeting. The Council stated that they would like Al Abuan to be at the next meeting. They confirmed that the Mayor had not sent the formal written termination to Al Abuan.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

(The Mayor shall place matters on the Consent Calendar which are so routine or technical in nature that passage is likely.)

Councilmember Walker moved to approve the consent agenda; Councilmember Hulse second; All the votes were *ayes*.

A. City Council Meeting Minutes from, January 9th 2012; City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes of January 17th, 2012.	
B. Checks #39385 - 39421	\$119,224.46
C. Debit Checks #	\$
D. Payroll Direct Deposits 1/20/12	\$ 61,916.01
E. Payroll Check Register #4382-4388	\$ 8,591.15
F. 941 Payroll Tax Transfer	\$ 22,797.15

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION-

At 7:52 p.m. Council meeting was recessed and they went into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss contract negotiations. No action will be taken.

Council asked at 8:07 p.m. for 10 more minutes.

Council asked at 8:17 p.m. for 10 more minutes.

Council meeting was called back to order at 8:26 p.m.

Councilmember Walker moved to adjourn, Councilmember Jones second.

- 12. ADJOURN-** Mayor Sun adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.


Jane Montgomery, City Clerk