



## City Council Minutes

**Workshop**  
**Monday, November 4, 2013**  
**6:30 p.m.**

### **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council President Walker called the regularly-scheduled meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Council Members Garberding, Hulsey, Jones, Putnam, Steiger, Council President Walker, and Mayor Guier

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem McMahan (Mayor Pro Tem McMahan arrived at 6:36 p.m.)

### **STAFF PRESENT**

City Engineer Jim Morgan, Court Administrator Kelly Rydberg, Public Safety Director John Calkins, Senior Services Assistant Darcie Thach, Youth Services Assistant Joanne Futch, Finance Director Richard Gould, and City Clerk Amy Stevenson-Ness

### **ADDITIONS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Council Member Steiger inquired about the status of the investigations. He was advised there are no results to date. The cost estimate for six investigations is approximately \$34,000.

Chief Calkins removed item C from the agenda.

The amended agenda was approved unanimously by Council.

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

**Discussion:** Amendment No. 8 with Parametrix to the Scope of Work for the 136<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Valentine Avenue Corridor improvements.

Engineer Jim Morgan explained the amendment covers the completion of the construction contract documents for the Valentine Avenue SE/136<sup>th</sup> Avenue Improvement project.

(Mayor Pro Tem McMahan arrived at 6:36 p.m.)

Direction by consensus of Council: Move forward to the meeting on November 12, 2013.

**B. Discussion: Resolution No. 2013-0xx:** Renewal of the agreement with Valley Communications for dispatch services for 2014.

Chief Calkins provided information to Council regarding the Valley Communications Center supplemental agreement for dispatch services for 2014.

It was discussed that the dispatch costs for 2013 are well under budget for this year and should be more than covered in the 2014 budget.

Council Member Steiger inquired if there is a cost for non-emergency phone calls. Chief Calkins stated he expects it will be charged at half the cost.

Direction by consensus of Council: Move forward to the meeting on November 12, 2013.

**C. Discussion: Resolution No. 2013-0xx:** Authorizing the purchase of seven (7) W26P Tasers, in the amount of \$7,489.89

Chief Calkins advised Council that the Police Department is in need of replacement Tasers as three of the Tasers are inoperative. The department will be utilizing the trade-in credit.

There was discussion regarding the frequency of use of the Tasers and the possibility of not having one weapon for each officer. It was explained that utilizing a check-out system is not feasible

Direction by consensus of Council: Move forward to the meeting on November 12, 2013.

**D. Budget Workshop:** Review of the new preliminary budget for 2014

Director Gould reviewed the different funds and provided a brief overview of what is occurring in the different funds. He requested that Council send questions and direction to him before the upcoming meeting on November 18, 2013.

**E. Discussion:** Ad Valorem Tax Levy

Finance Director Richard Gould advised Council that each year the City must adopt an Ordinance identifying the tax levy for the new year. The proposed amount for 2013 is between \$30,00 and \$39,000.

He advised that the City Council need not raise the Ad Valorem Tax for 2014 due to the status in the general fund.

Direction by consensus of Council: Move forward to the meeting on November 12, 2013.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Contract Negotiations per RCW 42.30.140(4)(a)

Council President Walker announced a 15 minute executive session.

At 8:06, Council President Walker announced an extension of 10 minutes.

At 8:16, Council President Walker announced an extension of 5 minutes.

Council President Walker reconvened the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

Council President Walker adjourned the workshop at 8:22 p.m.

  
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Amy Stevenson-Ness, City Clerk