

**City of Puyallup
Regular City Council Meeting
March 18, 2014**

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COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Knutsen, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councilmember Door, Councilmember Palmer, Councilmember Shadko, Councilmember Swanson, Councilmember Vermillion

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:00 p.m., Mayor Knutsen announced an executive session expected to last thirty minutes, the purpose of which was to discuss real estate matters. City Manager Bill McDonald, City Attorney Kevin Yamamoto, Deputy City Attorney Steve Kirkelie, Public Works Director Rob Andreotti, City Engineer Mark Palmer, City Clerk Brenda Arline, Mayor Knutsen and the councilmembers recessed into executive session. Those attending the executive session returned to open session and the meeting reconvened at 6:30 p.m. No action was taken.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council Action: A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Hopkins, second by Councilmember Vermillion, to approve the agenda. The motion passed 7-0.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of February 12 and February 25, 2014

Council Action: A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Hopkins, second by Councilmember Vermillion, to approve the minutes of February 12 and February 25, 2014 as submitted. The motion passed 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS AND/OR PROCLAMATIONS

Organizational development process

Mass Ingenuity representative Kelly Johnston explained organizational development as an effort to plan and effect positive changes in an organization. The procedure includes the assessment of whether work processes allow staff to perform well; employee capabilities and whether they are in the right position; and if technology and the culture supports moving forward. She identified the city manager's goal that Puyallup be a progressive city fostering excellence, collaboration and a supportive work environment.

Ms. Johnston shared four key priorities of organization development, as follows: organizational alignment, or classification and compensation systems that ensure a consistent span of work

between similar positions; the management system, which determines which process changes are required to achieve desired outcomes; employee engagement, which allows employees freedom to make decisions with respect to their daily work; and the formulation of a strategic plan which identifies routines and assesses where improvement is needed.

City Manager Bill McDonald explained that a management team has met and a group is working to develop a strategy with the organizational alignment portion of the process being the highest priority. Advising council of the difficulty of the process and that it will take some time to complete, he identified the intent of the undertaking is to improve the operations of the organization in order to better serve council and the public. He concluded that a status update will be presented to the council during the second quarter of 2014.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Dr. Ernest Bay, representing the Foothills Rails to Trails Coalition and Friends of the Riverwalk, spoke in support of the proposed application for a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grant for a project that would construct a non-motorized access bridge linking Sumner to Puyallup. Dr. Bay noted a commitment to partner in the required match for the grant funds and referred to additional support that may be forthcoming from another organization as well as from private individuals.

Ms. Jil Snyder, representing Open Hearth Ministries, expressed the organization's appreciation for the community grant funding it received from the city this year. She explained the funds thus far have enabled Open Hearth to provide shelter for 31 families, including 60 children.

Ms. Diane Kienholz reported that human trafficking is not confined to large cities but occurs in areas such as Puyallup, as evidenced by a recent incident when a nine-year-old girl was exploited in the South Hill Mall area. She described Washington as a hotbed for human trafficking due to its being a border state with numerous ports and explained that persons engaged in this activity target young children. She spoke to the extent of the problem and urged everyone to remain watchful and aware, and report suspected instances to the proper authorities.

Ms. Shanna Peterson, representing the Puyallup Food Bank, expressed appreciation for the community grant funds provided by the city this year. Noting that the food bank fed 17,134 Puyallup families in 2013, she hoped for the city's continued support and encouraged those in the community who wish to volunteer to contact her.

Mr. Gene Landry stated he has issued numerous apologies to fellow residents of District 1 who wish to have more interaction with Deputy Mayor Hopkins.

Ms. Carol Stripling recalled that she came to Council last December regarding a property on Shaw Road which she planned to operate as a shelter for women veterans. Saying that the property owner has signed a covenant that requires anyone living there to undergo a criminal background investigation, she asked when she could anticipate the necessary permits being approved.

Ms. Diana Martin praised the integrity of Mayor Knutsen and Councilmembers Vermillion and Swanson and said their actions are motivated to improve the lives of citizens rather than to advance their political careers. She said those who volunteer on city boards and commissions do so because they care about their community, and others should consider volunteering as well. She characterized the comments of a speaker at the last meeting as resulting from that person's inability to bow out gracefully after losing her bid for re-election to the council, and urged all councilmembers to think for themselves.

Mr. Keith Henson, representing Pierce County Normal, supported reform of marijuana laws. Emphasizing that I-502 is the law of the state as enacted by the people, he said the initiative was very specific as to how the regulations are to be implemented and pointed out that eliminating unregulated markets will require that legal markets exist in all areas of the state.

Mr. Tommy Manning disbelieved that the federal government will involve itself in how Washington implements I-502. He said although he personally did not support this initiative, Washington's voters approved it. He referred to his history of working with the state to enact legislation and noted that RCW 74.31.060 was passed in his name.

Mr. Jay Berneberg introduced himself as a representative for persons who have applied for marijuana licenses and reported on his extensive work with the medical marijuana community across the state. Emphasizing that Washington state voters have the powers of initiative and referendum, he said the governor cannot veto an approved initiative and the legislature cannot alter it for two years after its approval. He encouraged council to not subvert the will of the voters with respect to this matter.

Mr. Michael James supported good planning practices to ensure quality development. He emphasized the need to think of the future and its residents and visitors, and said the city can and should pursue good development. He supported continuing the Shaw/Pioneer moratorium to allow time for a comprehensive evaluation of this area to ensure that its development aligns with what the community wants.

Ms. Renne Gilliam, program director of the YMCA Youth Investment Center, invited all interested persons to attend an informational event regarding human trafficking. She explained that the purpose of the event is to equip youth advocates with strategies for addressing this problem.

Mr. Bud Metzger commented on the city manager's compensation and questioned why there had been no discussion in public with respect to a review of his performance or to the council's apparent decision to continue his contract.

Mr. Chris Taylor sought an explanation of how and when the council decided to retain the city manager. On another subject, he said those who serve on the city's boards and commissions represent their fellow citizens. He noted a recent incident where a member of the Planning Commission had "called out" some councilmembers, asked that this matter be addressed, and suggested it might be appropriate to remove that person from the commission.

Mr. Steve Hastings said he has been a continued target of misinformation and attacks from uninformed persons and incorrect newspaper articles. He believed the purpose of these attacks was to support activist agendas and other political candidates, and said the persons issuing the criticisms have never spoken directly with him. He objected to the lack of civility and the manner in which these attacks have been hidden behind the veil of anonymity, with the exception of one person who publicly criticized him in accordance with her outward support of other candidates and despite her involvement with the local paper. He concluded that situations such as this will discourage citizens from volunteering.

Ms. Georga Prossick agreed that Mr. Hastings had done nothing wrong, yet has been repeatedly attacked. She noted that as a member of the Planning Commission, he does not make any laws or rules but only shares in making recommendations to the council. She pointed out that Councilmembers Door and Shadko have publicly acknowledged meeting with the developer of Wesley Homes, which is expected to apply for project permits.

Mr. Howard Schick questioned where the critics were ten years ago after the voters approved a new library and the city promised the former one would be converted into a senior center, yet that did not happen. He objected that the previous fire station was demolished in spite of its historic value, that the Senior Activity Center was not approved by voters but only by Council, and that the first floor of the current city hall is leased to companies not related to city business. He referred to the cost of city hall and said some of these funds could have been used to meet a good amount of the city's infrastructure needs, thereby avoiding the recent utility rate increases.

Mr. Merv Swanson reviewed the history of the current city hall and library and said Puyallup's civic center draws others to the community. He agreed with the mayor that it was not necessary to degrade or berate councilmembers.

Mayor Knutsen commented that the city appreciates all of the volunteers on its boards and commissions.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the purchase of four police patrol vehicles from Columbia Ford in the amount of \$144,901.07

Accept the ADA Curb Ramp Upgrade project as completed

Authorize the acceptance of seven new Motorola portable radios acquired by Pierce County's Division of Emergency Management through grant funding

Resolution declaring K9 "Timber" as retired and surplus to the needs of the City and transferring his ownership to retired Chief Lockheed Reader

Termination of an interlocal agreement with the City of Milton for IT services

Approving accounts payable, payroll and electronic fund transfers of \$4,469,180.01; ratifying and confirming payments as previously authorized by the finance director

Council Action: A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Hopkins, second by Councilmember Vermillion, to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2250

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Puyallup, Washington, declaring Police K9 “Timber” as retired and surplus to the needs of the City of Puyallup and authorizing sale to retired Chief Lockheed Reader, for the sum of one dollar.

PUBLIC HEARINGS**Public hearing and Adoption of Findings of Fact on development moratorium for the Shaw/E. Pioneer area**

Deputy City Attorney Steve Kirkelie reviewed that on January 28, 2014, Council adopted a moratorium temporarily prohibiting development in the Shaw/East Pioneer area. State law requires that the city hold a public hearing and that Council adopt findings of fact within 60 days of approving a moratorium.

Mayor Knutsen opened the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.

Ms. Joan Cronk hoped that council was using the time under the moratorium to discuss design standards and enhancements for this area as these will have long-lasting results.

Ms. Therese Pasquier spoke to the lack of public parks in the southeast corner of the city and to the economic value of creating a sustainable park system. She said parks enhance a place’s quality of life and result in increased property values as well as other tangible benefits. She supported the strategic acquisition of park land and the creation of a Puyallup Parks Foundation. She encouraged soliciting the support of local landowners in the Shaw/Pioneer area as such support will be needed if the idea of a multi-use sports complex at this location is to be achieved.

Mr. Gil Hulsmann noted that the city was currently 49 days into the moratorium with 71 days remaining. He referred to last week’s Planning Commission meeting on this subject and urged council to confirm what it wants to see from the commission, and when.

Mr. Tom Masko saw no reason for the moratorium and said it does not promote the safety, health or welfare of the city. He believed it to be a blatant abuse of power, termed it vindictive and politically motivated, and said there was no reason for an overlay north of Pioneer especially as the existing overlay south of Pioneer has stifled development. He urged council to consider the reasons for the moratorium and rethink if it is truly speaking for the community.

Mr. Tom Taylor said that development in this area will impact his property values, commute and quality of life as well as his children's future quality of life. He thanked those who voted for the moratorium for their leadership on this issue, noted that the developers do not live in Puyallup, and expected the property owners to leave after they sell their land. He urged council to be prudent and strategic with respect to this issue.

Mr. Chris Taylor stated that Puyallup's voters elected those who they believed would best represent them on this issue.

Mr. Tommy Manning referred to remarks he made earlier in the evening under citizen comments.

Mr. Bud Metzger spoke to the findings of fact, noting that 19,000 cars a day travel on Shaw Road at East Pioneer. Referring to the strongly-worded letter from the city of Sumner contesting development in this area, he commented on the implications of the decision last year by the landowner to seek a rezone that changed the dynamics of this area. He did not support allowing warehouses in gateways to the community and said the city should ensure that development is compatible with surrounding areas.

Mr. Merv Swanson was concerned that citizens not pay for extending utility services to this area as development should pay for itself.

Mr. Howard Schick raised the question of what constitutes compatible development, noting that city regulations require that new construction be compatible with existing neighborhoods.

Seeing no one else wished to speak, Mayor Knutsen closed the public hearing at 7:51 p.m.

Mr. Kirkelie reiterated that in order for the moratorium to remain in effect for the entire 120-day period, state law requires the adoption of findings of fact.

Councilmember Swanson suggested editing the proposed findings of fact by changing the word "needed" in the fifth paragraph to "intended" and by removing the word "immediately" in the seventh paragraph, if not the entire seventh paragraph.

Responding to Councilmember Palmer, Mr. Kirkelie explained that the language contained in the seventh paragraph is a standard statement used to express the city's police powers relating to its zoning and building codes, and for that reason is included in most findings of fact.

Councilmember Vermillion did not see any facts listed in the findings of fact, nor any findings that were detrimental to the city.

Deputy Mayor Hopkins supported approving the findings of fact as originally proposed. He believed the necessary work to consider an extension of the overlay could be completed in the 120-day timeframe and said he was unaware of any project that has been delayed as a result of the moratorium.

Mayor Knutsen explained that developers rather than citizens pay for the infrastructure necessary for new construction. He felt the intent of the moratorium was to stop development and could see nothing in the findings of fact that was dangerous or harmful to the community.

Councilmember Swanson urged that council not miss the opportunity to establish a common understanding of the history of this area. He said the findings of fact should be made up of concrete, verifiable statements such as the date the state's Growth Management Act was adopted; the date the Shaw/East Pioneer area was assigned to the urban growth area; the number of vehicles which use Shaw Road; and the fact that Sumner sent to a letter of concern to Puyallup on this subject.

Councilmember Palmer said the rezone approved last year substantially changed the area as it allowed the construction of a large warehouse which had not previously been envisioned. He was concerned that very few design standards are associated with the Light Manufacturing zone and said the purpose of looking at the overlay zone is to determine whether additional design standards would be reasonable and appropriate to ensure compatibility.

Councilmember Vermillion disagreed that this matter centered on the issue of utilities; with the city's approval, development could proceed with septic tanks and a well. He believed the moratorium was an effort to stop a particular development and he did not feel the Shaw/Pioneer Overlay had any applicability to the ML zone but rather was intended to address commercial zoning.

Councilmember Door disputed that this matter was about the Schnitzer project, saying it was an attempt to ensure quality development that the community expects and deserves. She agreed that last year's rezone changed the original vision for the area and she favored looking at the big picture to avoid a patchwork development effect.

Councilmember Shadko pointed out that every landowner must abide by the zoning regulations on their property. She believed taking 71 days to look at what was best for the community would have positive results.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Palmer, second by Deputy Mayor Hopkins, to approve the Findings of Fact on the development moratorium for the Shaw/East Pioneer area. The motion passed 4-3 (Vermillion, Swanson, Knutsen).

Moratorium imposed on marijuana producers, processors, and retailers

Mr. Kirkelie explained that after Washington voters approved Initiative 502, the state established a licensing system for commercial entities involved in the production, processing and retailing of marijuana. The moratorium imposed by the City prohibiting such activities in Puyallup is set to expire on March 31, and staff recommends continuing the moratorium through September 31, 2014 to allow further research, analysis and deliberation regarding the City's approach to state-licensed marijuana businesses.

Mayor Knutsen opened the public hearing at 8:26 p.m.

Mr. Jay Berneberg contrasted law-abiding people who have passed background checks with persons operating via the black market. Noting that Washington has allowed medical marijuana since 1998, he believed that I-502 will be positive for the state. He encouraged Council to respect democracy and the will of the voters and said if the moratorium is extended, it should not be renewed again past September.

Mr. Keith Henson said no alternatives exist for ignoring the state's mandate that communities issue marijuana licenses, adding that the state has not passed any laws regarding local control over I-502's implementation. He said allowing unregulated and untaxed markets would not enhance public safety, but rather endorse the status quo of an uncontrolled criminal market and therefore promote criminal enterprise.

Mr. Leon Leonard commented on the recommendation of the Planning Commission to Council on this subject, including that businesses not be allowed adjacent to residential properties. He was unclear on the benefit of continuing the moratorium and urged that it not be continued.

Mr. Merv Swanson believed that the war on drugs had resulted in the unnecessary imprisonment of many persons at a significant cost and suggested it would be better to use these funds for education or other programs. Saying it was time for Puyallup to responsibly deal with this matter, he concluded this was a non-partisan issue and thus should not be made subject to partisan politics.

Mr. Steve Hastings spoke to the deliberations of the Planning Commission on I-502, specifically noting that approximately 60% of Pierce College's student population is under the age of 21 with a substantial number of these being high-school students attending Running Start. He encouraged consideration of a 1,000-foot buffer from churches and recommended that Puyallup consider aligning its regulations with those of Pierce County to avoid conflicting regulations.

Mr. Bud Metzger stated that 800 Running Start students attend Pierce College. He added that the restrictions require a 1,000 foot buffer from all licensed daycares, including the one at Pierce College.

There being no further comments, Mayor Knutsen closed the public hearing at 8:37 p.m.

Councilmember Swanson emphasized that I-502 did not preempt local zoning authority. He clarified the stance taken by the federal government on this subject and said questions remain to be answered, including how to coordinate regulation of the medical and recreational marijuana systems.

Councilmember Door said as Council has not yet seen the recommendations of the Planning Commission on this subject, it needs time to review and consider these.

Deputy Mayor Hopkins announced that one of his tenants has applied for a marijuana producing permit. Mr. Kirkelie said as the City's regulations will not be site-specific, this fact did not present a conflict of interest for the deputy mayor. Deputy Mayor Hopkins believed there was a

risk involved in not allowing the issuing of licenses in Puyallup as persons could claim damages from City interference in the operation of their businesses.

Councilmember Vermillion said the market has expanded, making the populace susceptible to having greater access to marijuana than what the law intended. He spoke to the involvement of marijuana in motor vehicle accidents, commented on the number of persons who become addicted to it, and objected to exposing youth and pets to marijuana-infused products. He supported a total ban on marijuana licenses.

Councilmember Shadko said while the City must respect the voters' approval of the initiative, the state legislature still has to address the issue of medical marijuana. She supported extending the moratorium for six months. Councilmember Swanson added that more time is also needed to review the City's business licensing authority with respect to the new licenses. Councilmember Palmer supported continuing the moratorium to address zoning and other issues.

Mayor Knutsen noted this was a complicated issue, with state law now conflicting with federal law. Commenting on the possibility that the next federal administration might change its stance, he suspected that legalizing marijuana will result in a significant social disaster with more negative effects than alcohol. He expected that various issues will be decided by the courts and was concerned with the consequences of Puyallup allowing licenses if other jurisdictions ban them.

Deputy Mayor Hopkins reported that I-502 passed by a slim margin throughout Puyallup, failing in Districts 2 and 3 but passing by 8% in District 1. While he supported extending the moratorium, he felt it should not be used to delay or avoid making a decision, and therefore he preferred that it be limited to 60 days rather than six months.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Swanson, second by Councilmember Door, to declare an emergency and approve first and second reading of an ordinance extending the moratorium imposed on marijuana producers, processors, and retailers for an additional six months. With a roll call vote, the motion passed 6-1 (Hopkins).

ORDINANCE NO. 3061

AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Puyallup, Washington, extending for six months a moratorium with respect to the acceptance or processing of applications, or issuance of permits, and approvals, and uses or activities associated with the producing, processing, or retailing of marijuana and marijuana-infused products

First reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 9.01 of the Puyallup Municipal Code relating to alarm systems

City Attorney Kevin Yamamoto reviewed changes made to the draft ordinance, including updated definitions and language pertaining to guard dogs. He explained that the goal of the

ordinance is to reduce the number of false alarms by requiring the registration of all alarm systems and imposing fines for false alarms which result in police response.

While he supported the levying of fines for false alarms, Councilmember Palmer questioned the need for a third-party vendor. He asked if the City anticipates such a vendor conducting an annual registration process of all alarm systems, which Chief of Police Bryan Jeter confirmed. Chief Jeter added that requiring a yearly permit would help ensure that the system contains up-to-date information as far as alarm system owners, current telephone numbers, etc.

Deputy Mayor Hopkins agreed that the number of false alarms was wasteful and should be reduced. He suggested that the City consider waiving a fine for a first false alarm, but charging it retroactively if a second false alarm occurs. He preferred that the program be administered in-house as he expected the City would receive many complaints if it was delegated to a vendor.

Councilmember Swanson voiced his strong preference that the alarm companies coordinate registration fees and fines for their clients with the program administrator rather than have a third-party vendor deal with each individual alarm owner.

Councilmember Door wanted to allow a first false alarm without a fine as people make mistakes. She asked if the City could require that alarm companies pay it directly, thereby negating the need for a third-party vendor. Deputy Mayor Hopkins concurred that it would be more palatable to shift responsibility for registering systems from individual owners to the alarm companies. Councilmember Palmer supported reducing transaction costs for residents and making the process as simple as possible.

Council Action: At 9:30 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Swanson, second by Deputy Mayor Hopkins, to extend the meeting for an additional 20 minutes. The motion passed 7-0.

On the advice of the city attorney, Mayor Knutsen noted the consensus of the Council to continue first reading of the ordinance so a revised version incorporating changes as discussed could be brought back for consideration.

First reading of an ordinance reducing the speed limit along Valley Avenue NW (westerly city limits to Meridian) from 40 to 35 mph

Council Action: A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Hopkins, second by Councilmember Vermillion, to approve first reading of an ordinance reducing the speed limit along Valley Avenue NW. The motion passed 7-0.

Public Affairs/Community Information Officer position

Mr. McDonald voiced a need for additional staff capacity within the city manager's office. He said increasing the Public Affairs/Community Information Officer to a full-time position would provide the additional capacity needed, emphasizing that some functions are currently left undone while others could be done better. He felt strongly about having the management analyst

work on the organizational development process full-time and asked that Council support this request.

Councilmember Swanson explained that further research on this issue changed his position and he now supported the request, in large part to facilitate having a full-time management analyst person dedicated to conducting performance audits and other organizational evaluation work similar to the review of the parks department's operations that was done in 2013.

Councilmember Palmer did not support the request as he believed that the half-time position was sufficient. He recognized the improving economy has increased the demand for services, expected this pressure to result in requests for additional FTEs across the organization, and voiced reluctance to manage those needs incrementally.

Deputy Mayor Hopkins acknowledged the need, appreciated that the job description was expanded to be more diverse, and supported the request. He voiced a need for a public records clerk as well.

Councilmember Vermillion voiced his support for the request and expressed his belief that the organizational development evaluation will result in a cost savings to the city. He pointed out that the city manager has assured that this change can be made within his existing budget.

In response to a question by Councilmember Door, Mr. McDonald said many duties were included within the management analyst position description; however, the existing duties have consumed the position leaving an inadequate amount of time for the management analyst duties. He added that increased capacity would allow addressing organizational development needs which he considered a high priority.

Councilmember Swanson recalled discussion by the council last year that position requests be considered during the budget process and not individually. He subsequently realized that the timing of that discussion did not allow certain requests to be included in the 2014 budget process and noted that it was those requests which are now coming forward for resolution. He believed it would be unfair to defer these requests to the 2015 budget process.

Councilmember Palmer pointed out that the city has thus far managed with the organizational development function being blended with community relations. Councilmember Shadko referred to pressing needs in other departments and was not comfortable with approving the request at this time.

Mayor Knutsen commented on the duties of the management analyst position, wondered at the amount of time necessary to perform an organizational assessment, and voiced concern that the position would shortly transition into an assistant city manager. Referring to staffing needs within the public works and police departments, he believed that the city manager could find a way to allocate the workload using existing staff, and did not agree that the city manager's office was the appropriate place to hire the next employee.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Swanson, second by Councilmember Vermillion to approve the request for the Public Affairs/Community Information Officer position. The motion failed 3-4 (Palmer, Door, Shadko, Knutsen).

Authorization of matching funds for six Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grant applications

City Engineer Mark Palmer sought Council's commitment for matching funds for six separate grant applications, noting that the pre-screening forms must be submitted by April 11 with the full applications due by April 30. He provided updates on the status of the following possible projects, identifying potential funding sources: Shaw Road/12th to 23rd; Shaw Road/23rd to Manorwood; Meridian/15th to 23rd Overlay Project; 23rd Avenue SE/Meridian to 9th; Washington State University (WSU) Frontage Phase 2 and 3; and the Riverwalk Trail Pedestrian Bridge.

Council Action: At 9:30 p.m., a motion was made by Deputy Mayor Hopkins, second by Councilmember Vermillion, to extend the meeting an additional 20 minutes. The motion passed 7-0.

Council requested clarification on the following aspects of certain projects: Shaw Road, from 23rd to Manorwood, which with the inclusion of federal matching funds may allow expansion of the project to 39th; the amount of federal funding being sought; the difference between federal and TIB funding; the estimated cost if Shaw Road/12th to 23rd goes to five lanes and whether other alternatives are under consideration other than five lanes; and how current projects may impact the 23rd Avenue SE/Meridian to 9th project.

Mr. Palmer noted that the projects would come back for individual Council authorization of matching funds; however, the city must be able to state on each application that "matching funds are reasonably expected."

Deputy Mayor Hopkins voiced concern over matching funds drawing away from revenues for neighborhood streets.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Vermillion, second by Councilmember Door, to authorize matching funds for the six potential grant applications as described. The motion passed 7-0.

Annual inspections of privately-owned stormwater facilities

Rules for board and commission appointments and operation (Council-initiated)

Mayor Knutsen voiced the Council's consensus to postpone these two items to a later date.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Shadko explained that as Wesley Homes owns the property it plans to develop in Puyallup, her touring the Auburn facility had no bearing on the new project. She spoke of a

recent tour of Washington State University Extension and said future programs will be very exciting for the community.

Councilmember Swanson disclosed that he too had toured the Wesley Homes facility some time ago. He encouraged councilmembers to be informed and said he would not discourage them from meeting with people and gathering information. He issued an invitation to the upcoming event to stop human trafficking, scheduled for March 28th at Puyallup High School, and spoke of work being done regarding trafficking laws.

Councilmember Door was saddened by tone of the meeting, saying that although all councilmembers are understandably passionate in their beliefs, she believed a better job could be done of working together respectfully. She reported on the status of the community float for the Daffodil Parade and voiced hope that a sustainable approach would be achieved for future years.

Councilmember Vermillion spoke regarding the criticism levied against those who attended the meeting for the Shaw/Pioneer area. He emphasized that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the overlay zone, utilities and infrastructure, and the proposed rezone had not been discussed. He reported that he had also met with the Wesley Homes group and spoke with a developer in order to be informed of what is happening in the community. He noted the availability and encouraged the purchase of \$5 bags of groceries from Fred Meyer to benefit those in need, explaining that the items will be donated to three different local schools to sustain children who will not receive their usual school-provided meals during spring break.

Council Action: At 10:10 p.m., a motion was made by Deputy Mayor Hopkins, second by Councilmember Door, to extend the meeting an additional five minutes. The motion passed 7-0.

Deputy Mayor Hopkins appreciated the efforts made by Councilmember Door towards the community float and acknowledged the excellent work done by the city attorney in settling the Putnam/Johnson lawsuit. In regards to the Flood Control Zone, he announced that the Army Corps of Engineers has a tentatively selected plan.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Knutsen noted his refusal to meet with Wesley Homes. Referring to the severe attacks on Mr. McNutt and Mr. Hastings for attending a meeting with various people during their campaigns for city council, he felt they did nothing wrong and said meeting with people is a part of public service. In regards to remarks made by the deputy mayor at the last meeting, he pointed out that *Robert's Rules of Order* are a guideline and state law states the mayor has the same rights as every other councilmember to be a part of the process and the discussion. He reported on his attendance at the St. Patrick's Day dinner and the Fred Oldfield Art Festival fundraiser.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:12 P.M.