

**City of Puyallup  
Regular City Council Meeting  
May 6, 2014**

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

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

City Attorney Kevin Yamamoto asked for the inclusion of a resolution relating to the city's official newspaper and the removal of the item revising the job description for the Engineering Contract Specialist position. Councilmember Palmer noted the ordinance renewing the development moratorium had been placed on the agenda as a placeholder and requested that it be removed in anticipation of Council action regarding the potential expansion of the Shaw-East Pioneer overlay zone.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Council Action:** A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Hopkins, second by Councilmember Vermillion, to approve the April 15, 2014 minutes as submitted. The motion passed 7-0.

**PRESENTATIONS AND/OR PROCLAMATIONS**

**Proclamation – Historic Preservation Month**

Mayor Knutsen presented a proclamation declaring May as “Historic Preservation Month” to Bob Minnich of the Puyallup Historical Society.

**Proclamation – “National Police Week” and “National Peace Officers” Memorial Day**

Mayor Knutsen presented a proclamation declaring May 11-17, 2014 as "National Police Week" and May 15, 2014 as "National Peace Officers' Memorial Day" to Police Chief Bryan Jeter.

**2014 Legislative Session Debrief – Doug Levy, Outcomes by Levy**

City Lobbyist Doug Levy of Outcomes by Levy summarized the 2014 legislative session, reporting that the legislature was unable to make progress on the following issues: a transportation package for the SR-167 extension, reconciliation of the public works assistance account, reconciliation of

the previous medical marijuana sales rules with a new marijuana retail system, or the passage of a capital budget that may have provided funds for the Meeker Creek restoration project. He explained the legislature remains divided on how to fund federal educational requirements and transportation needs while balancing other capital demands.

Mr. Levy identified the following items as points of interest for next year's session: a sexual offender housing system, jail capacity issues due to recent changes within the Pierce County Corrections department and a state policy addressing the housing of misdemeanor criminals, and infrastructure needs including the Washington State University Extension Center frontage improvements.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilmember Vermillion reported that the Growth Management Board informed its members that the Federal Highway Trust Fund is on the verge of insolvency. He explained that a continued lack of funding would negatively affect Washington state as the Transportation Improvement Board would not receive any federal funding in the near term, impacting many projects and local transit systems.

Councilmember Vermillion announced that the new Puyallup Community Connector service will begin on June 8th. A ribbon cutting ceremony is set for the June 7th Farmer's Market with free Connector access throughout the day to familiarize riders with the route.

Councilmember Vermillion reported his plans to attend a Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Board meeting on May 8th where the board will revisit the federal aid highway program.

Deputy Mayor Hopkins reported that the Council's Ad Hoc Appointments Committee will meet on May 15th to review term lengths and limits of the various boards and commissions, the process by which incumbents are considered for reappointment, and chairman protocol.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Mr. Marty Kiilsgaard objected to the continual lack of civility between councilmembers and towards citizens, saying this was not in the best interest of the city. He believed the Mayor's actions in regards to Mr. Taylor's comments on April 15th were inappropriate and that the reference to the city manager's pay was insensitive. He thanked Mr. McDonald for his commitment and suggested having a quarterly forum where citizens could address the council directly with their concerns.

Ms. Diane Kienholz invited council to a city-wide meeting on the subject of sex trafficking scheduled for June 24th at the Pioneer Park Pavilion. She shared many statistics and details relative to the exploitation of minors and discussed the negative effects of pornography.

Ms. Shelly Schlumpf reported that Pierce Transit's Community Connector will start on June 7th and the Puyallup Fish Hatchery's grand opening for its new Education Center is on May 10th. She

spoke of the Chamber's partnership with the Library to host "wake-up" meetings and invited Council to attend the upcoming Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

Mr. Chris Taylor announced that the National Association of Letter Carriers will hold its annual food drive on Saturday, May 10th. He stated that this food drive is the largest in the United States with letter carriers collecting 38,596 pounds of food last year.

Ms. Dixie Gatchel voiced support for the proposal to name a portion of the Riverwalk Trail the "JEB III Link" and thanked Councilmember Vermillion and Shelly Schlumpf for their work on the Puyallup Community Connector project. She read a letter from Foothill Trails Coalition President Buzz Grant regarding the Shaw-Pioneer overlay zone that voiced his concerns and expressed his optimism for that area.

Ms. Debbie Carling spoke against having city sports activities at Kalles Middle School, noting a similar program in the past that was disruptive to the neighborhood. She described ingress/egress issues which gridlock the neighborhood during the Spring Fair and said the neighborhood is already impacted by multiple traffic-generating establishments. She questioned who would monitor the impacts to the neighborhood from sporting events at Kalles.

Mr. Gene Landry spoke to city regulations involving bicycles and said many who use bicycles as a form of transportation in the downtown believe the regulations to be burdensome to themselves and others. He asked that council reassess the regulations so downtown Puyallup does not become unfriendly to bicycle riders.

Ms. Jeanne Venzone thanked Hans Zieger and the Council for listening and responding to her idea of a gondola to help to solve the transportation issue. She noted Sound Transit's upcoming open house on May 14<sup>th</sup> and spoke of the need for councilmembers to keep their campaign promises and respond to and respect all citizens. Saying that Sound Transit has admitted to toxins within the soil, she asked that a parking lot not be allowed at the East Main transit station.

Mr. Merv Swanson spoke regarding coal trains and noted that the lack of an overpass on Puyallup's west end would prevent access by emergency responders. He stated that oil is highly flammable and ignitable at low temperatures, and coal trains could create a highly hazardous incident. He voiced concern for citizens who live on the west side and stressed the need for overpasses on the rail side and over Clarks Creek to provide a safe evacuation route.

Ms. Pamela Kintzler-Graham described the negative effects to her family from the newly enforced "Wheels Up" program. She spoke of the health benefits of physical activity, described the dismay felt by many in realizing they may be subject to fines and jail time, and voiced belief that enforcing the rule would discourage healthy habits and erode support for downtown businesses. She asked that these regulations be revisited.

Mr. Leon Leonard, Planning Commission Vice-Chair, reported that two commission members concluded that current provisions in the ML zone would not adequately protect the character of the Shaw-Pioneer area. He suggested modifying the overlay zone to include a buffer for development, a trail connecting the JEB III Link to the Riverwalk Trail, and specific design

features. He spoke to the uniqueness of the area and pointed out that development will increase the already significant amount of truck traffic.

Dr. Ernest Bay identified himself as an avid bicyclist and urged reconsideration of the downtown bicycle regulations. He noted that while there have been plans for a system of bike lanes for many years, this has not been realized. He did not believe that bicycling or skateboarding on the sidewalks was a problem, noted that citizens use reasonable caution in regards to bike traffic and believed the regulations to be too restrictive.

Ms. Joan Kelstrub noted her status as the parent of a disabled young adult whose only mode of transportation is a bicycle. She voiced concern as she resides in and her son thus rides in the “Wheels Up area,” but until recently she had not been aware the law existed. She voiced concern with fines, penalties and regulation enforcement, wished Puyallup to be bike-friendly and urged gathering additional information before reconsidering the issue.

Mr. Lance Holloway noted that Washington was awarded its seventh title as the most bicycle-friendly state in the nation and urged the seeking of grant funds in support of more pathways and riding places. He reminded that the Revised Code of Washington mandates local multimodal transportation plans that include a bicycle transportation and pedestrian walkway plan. He urged reconsideration of enforcement that could force riders into the street for fear of being fined.

Ms. Joan Cronk issued an invitation to councilmembers to the Puyallup Food Bank’s upcoming fundraiser breakfast set for June 10<sup>th</sup> at the Lighthouse Church.

Mr. Steve Hastings, Planning Commission Chair, explained that the commission recommended against extending the Shaw-East Pioneer Overlay zone to any additional properties, including those zoned Limited Manufacturing (ML). Pointing out that this area will inevitably change over time, he felt it unfair to require increased design standards for some properties but not others, as doing so would give the latter a competitive edge. He advocated for zoning fairness and consistency and pointed out that much of the Shaw-Pioneer area is located within Pierce County and zoned for limited manufacturing uses.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approve a contract in the amount of \$55,813 with SunGard Public Sector to upgrade the city’s financial software package**

**Proposal to name a link of the Riverwalk Trail Phase IV project the “JEB-III-Link”**

**Authorize the purchase of 723 replacement water meters from Sensus Meter Company in an amount not to exceed \$124,941.41**

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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS****Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for 2015-2020**

- a. Public Hearing**
- b. Resolution approving the 2015-2020 TIP**

City Engineer Mark Palmer reviewed the proposed Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), noting that the 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE Phase III Connector and the 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue SE signalization projects are complete; the 23<sup>rd</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Signal project and the 23<sup>rd</sup> and Meridian to 9<sup>th</sup> Project were combined; and the Fruitland improvements were divided into three phases to allow for the Washington State University frontage project. He pointed out that the number of projects increased as projects must be listed on the TIP in order to be eligible for grant funding. Other projects added were a non-motorized transportation plan, an ADA transition plan, and a Transportation Element for the Comprehensive Plan. He elaborated on the addition of the Fruitland Extension, intended to make Fruitland Avenue a western side connector between River Road and 112<sup>th</sup>/39<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He estimated the entire TIP program to cost \$187,194,896.

Responding to questions, Mr. Palmer explained that the city has a sixty foot right-of-way for Shaw Road; the current proposal is for two through lanes, a left turn lane, five-foot sidewalks and an eleven-foot two-way “bicycle track.” In regards to Pierce County’s proposed Canyon Road corridor, he explained that the Transportation Coordinating Committee recommended providing contingency funding for that project.

Mayor Knutsen opened the public hearing at 7:44 p.m.

Mr. Allan Zulauf noted his recent mishap while attempting to cross Shaw Road at 23<sup>rd</sup> and voiced approval for the bike trail. He questioned how the city would address the high traffic volumes along Shaw Road and if the use of the road by large trucks has been considered. He urged the city to coordinate with the county to replace the section of Shaw Road from 23<sup>rd</sup> to Pioneer, as it will not sustain the high traffic volumes expected for that area.

Mr. Bud Metzger pointed out that the city experiences impacts from traffic generated in the county, yet he did not see the county accepting responsibility for these impacts. He suggested communicating with Pierce County on this subject and objected to Puyallup citizens having to pay to mitigate county-generated traffic because Pierce County will not.

Seeing no one else wished to speak, Mayor Knutsen closed the public hearing at 7:47 p.m.

Councilmember Palmer asked that staff provide information regarding any truck traffic regulations for Shaw Road.

**Council Action:** A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Hopkins, second by Councilmember Vermillion, to approve the resolution adopting the 2015-2020 Transportation Improvement Program. The motion passed 7-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2255**

A **RESOLUTION** of the City Council of the City of Puyallup, Washington, revising and extending the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program as required by state law.

**ORDINANCES**

**Second reading of an ordinance to remove Special Event/Street Closure permit fees from the Puyallup Municipal Code**

**Council Action:** A motion was made by Councilmember Vermillion, second by Deputy Mayor Hopkins, to approve second reading of the ordinance. With a roll call vote, the motion passed 7-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 3065**

**AN ORDINANCE** of the City of Puyallup, Washington, amending 5.34.050(4) of Title 5 of the Puyallup Municipal Code, which governs the fee that must be paid with a special events permit application.

**Second reading of an ordinance amending the 2014 Budget**

**Council Action:** A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Hopkins, second by Councilmember Vermillion, to approve second reading of the ordinance. With a roll call vote, the motion passed 7-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 3066**

**AN ORDINANCE** of the City of Puyallup, Washington, relating to municipal finance, amending the 2014 budget adopted by Ordinance No. 3053 and authorizing certain expenditures in the amounts specified in this ordinance to conform with previous direction provided by the City Council.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Incorporating Special Event/Street Closure Permit fees into the City Fee Schedule**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2253**

A **RESOLUTION** of the City Council of the City of Puyallup, Washington, promulgating fees and charges, which are related to special event permit applications, in the City of Puyallup Fee Schedule.

**Re-designating the City's official newspaper from the Puyallup Herald to the Tacoma News Tribune**

Mr. Yamamoto noted that the Puyallup Herald was designated the City's official newspaper in the early eighties. Since that time, the newspaper has reduced its number of publications from three to one per week; at times, this reduction in publication dates has made it difficult for the city to meet its publication deadlines. In response to a question from Councilmember Swanson, Mr. Yamamoto agreed that advertising costs are higher in the News Tribune and confirmed that staff will provide specific cost information during the upcoming 2015 budget process.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2254**

A **RESOLUTION** of the City Council of the City of Puyallup, Washington, re-designating the City's official newspaper

**CONSIDERATIONS AND REQUESTS****Interlocal agreements to provide alternatives for the housing of Puyallup City Jail inmates**

Chief of Police Bryan Jeter explained that previously, inmates requiring isolation due to behavior problems or those needing enhanced medical care were transported to the Pierce County Jail for incarceration. The county is no longer accepting level one or level two offenders (maximum custody inmates) or medically fragile inmates. He advised that female inmates are sent to the SCORE jail in Kent and inmates needing longer housing are sent to the Yakima facility. The department will use the Nisqually facility as needed and primarily for post-convictions. Chief Jeter added that while the option of contracting with Fife was considered, Fife mainly provides jail brokering services and staff believes it to be more prudent to deal with jail providers directly.

**Council Action:** A motion was made by Councilmember Swanson, second by Councilmember Palmer, to approve the interlocal agreements as recommended by staff. The motion passed 7-0.

**Award a contract to Rodarte Construction, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,811,157.23 for construction of the 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW Storm Drain Extension, Phase 2 project**

**Council Action:** A motion was made by Councilmember Vermillion, second by Deputy Mayor Hopkins, to award the contract as recommended by staff. The motion passed 7-0.

**OTHER BUSINESS****Recommendation from the Planning Commission on the potential expansion of the Shaw-East Pioneer Overlay Zone**

Development Services Director Tom Utterback relayed the Planning Commission's recommendation on the potential expansion of the Shaw/East Pioneer Overlay Zone (SPO), reviewing that in January, Council directed the commission to assess extending the overlay zone to the 65 acres located north of Pioneer. The properties located on the northwest corner of the intersection are zoned General Commercial (GC), the northeast corner of the intersection is zoned Community Mixed Use (CMX) and the property located north of the CMX zone is zoned Limited Manufacturing (ML).

Mr. Utterback reviewed the current SPO use and site design standards and explained that the Planning Commission developed three options to consider for each of the three zones: to apply the SPO standards as written, to apply the SPO standards with changes to the underlying zoning, and to not apply the SPO standards. He described the actions taken to evaluate all available options and said the Commission unanimously recommended that the overlay not be extended to the CG or CMX zones and further recommended by a 5-2 vote that the overlay not be extended to the ML zone.

Councilmember Palmer believed the overlay should be extended to the ML zone but not to the CG or CMX zones for the reasons discussed. Saying this area warrants additional attention due to its unique character, he considered the current ML standards to be minimal and said the additional standards would provide good design criteria to ensure compatibility while remaining consistent with the regulations of other cities for industrial developments. He said the language regarding street frontages for the ML zone should ensure a 25- or 30-foot landscape buffer at Shaw Road and along the north/south segments on 134<sup>th</sup>, and suggested additional language be added regarding: the location of loading docks, a fixed square footage on size rather than 20%, encourage LEED but require LID, add a 75% limit on impervious or hard surfaces, and reserve 25% for landscaping, LID features etc. He advised that the Code text be accompanied by illustrations to help provide direction and concluded that it would be appropriate to allow some flexibility regarding the density of the street frontage landscaping.

Deputy Mayor Hopkins agreed that no action with respect to the CG zone was appropriate. Regarding the CMX zone, he was agreeable to no action if strong language is present regarding trail access. For the ML zone, he supported the proposed draft language of the ML-SPO and noted that in the future, the city will have no option to encourage LID but instead will have to require it.

In response to questions, Mr. Yamamoto confirmed that Schnitzer West submitted a complete application for development on the ML-zoned site; thus, any extension of the overlay to that property would not apply unless a substantial change was made to the application such as the application being withdrawn, a change in ownership or a change in use after the project was built. He added that vesting rights could be retained through a development agreement with the city.

Councilmember Vermillion objected that four councilmembers were able to move this item forward without the full knowledge and consent of all councilmembers and stressed the need for the city manager and the city attorney to prevent a future reoccurrence of similar activity. In regards to the Schnitzer negotiations, he identified proposed changes that would require the developer to acquire additional property. He pointed out that it would cost the city up to \$8.7 million to move forward with a plan to purchase and construct a sports complex in this area.

Councilmember Shadko wanted to ensure that trails are addressed and protected in the CMX zone. She agreed that LID should be required and concurred with the suggestion for photos/illustrations to help meet the intent of the text regarding landscape design requirements. Noting the permanence of a development, she voiced a need to carefully consider the area to ensure any development is compatible.

In response to a question from Councilmember Swanson regarding whether to require LID, Councilmember Palmer said this requirement could apply to just the ML zone or over the entire SPO. Although there is only one property currently within the ML zone, this could change over time and the requirement would then be applied to multiple properties. Additionally, the requirement could be added to future northern properties pre-zoned ML that may eventually annex into the city.

Councilmember Swanson was not troubled by the idea of requiring LIDs, but disliked spot-zoning or targeting a single developer with requirements that are not city-wide. He pointed out almost 300 acres adjacent to the Shaw Road area is located in Pierce County and zoned Commercial Employment without design standards. He urged the city to be proactive in annexing those properties if Puyallup wishes to have a say in how those 300 acres are developed. He concluded that the failure to consider this area holistically and craft a plan that is satisfactory for all interested properties has resulted in a wasted opportunity and a development which even the developer does not want.

Councilmember Door was supportive of additional design standards for the ML area, voiced support of property owner rights and acknowledged the rights and concerns of the community. She agreed with the screening option (but not from the higher elevations) and LID requirements, but felt the latter should be imposed city-wide. In regards to concerns voiced by residents about truck traffic, she supported looking at options to address this type of traffic and how much should be allowed in this area. She agreed with not applying the overlay to the CG or CMX zones, except for a provision regarding trail access.

Emphasizing that this area is differentiated by other properties in the city by its rich, agricultural land, Councilmember Palmer said it could be developed using low-impact methods that would have less environmental impacts. He stated that since the properties in the county would require sewer access from the city, the city could provide that access under certain conditions including annexation. He did not believe that extending the overlay would promote the development of warehouses in the county.

Mayor Knutsen advised that there was a distinct difference between modern business centers and warehouse districts of the past and suggested that people consider the newer warehouses in Sumner

to get an idea of their present-day appearance. He believed the ML-SPO to be spot-zoning and did not see any reason to approve it. He voiced concern that an ordinance was drafted at the direction of four councilmembers, reminded that the full council is supposed to consider and decide the merits of an issue, believed the drafting of language to be staff's responsibility and considered it wrong for councilmembers to assume the planning of any projects. In regards to the rezone petition submitted last year, he believed it should not be given any weight as it failed to include full addresses from any signers and included signatures from persons residing all across the country, some of whom had no knowledge of Puyallup.

Mr. Yamamoto advised that an ordinance would be brought back on May 20<sup>th</sup> for council's consideration.

### **Overview of Bicycle and Skateboarding on Sidewalk Regulations (information only)**

Deputy City Attorney Steve Kirkelie explained that "Wheels Up" signs were installed in the Central Business District (CBD) area in response to citizen complaints. He noted that these types of signs have been used successfully by other cities and were installed to help educate the community regarding skateboard and bicycle usage laws in the downtown area.

Mr. Kirkelie explained that the bicycle code requires bicycles to be used in the streets and share the same rights, rules and courtesy as vehicles. The 1968 code disallowed bicycles on sidewalks in any business district zone but allows it in other areas of the city. Mr. Kirkelie reviewed the history of the skateboard regulations which were originally enacted in 1999 and subsequently expanded to the CBD Core zone in 2009.

Councilmember Swanson pointed out that it may not be as safe to ride in the streets now as it was in 1968. He suggested allowing the police department to use discretion in determining incidents.

Councilmember Door believed the "Wheels Up" area too broad, that it discouraged family activities and that the focus should be on unsafe riders. Reporting that a teenager was detained and warned of a \$500 fine by an officer, she said many young adults use longboards as transportation and they don't understand when they cross into a prohibited zone.

Councilmember Palmer was uncomfortable in having responsible, well-behaved riders in fear of violating the law. He was supportive of modifying the "No Wheels" zone.

Councilmember Vermillion believed that safe riders should be allowed to use the sidewalks and those who cause damage should be held liable for their actions. He suggested abolishing the "Wheels Up" program and dealing with incidents on a discretionary basis.

Deputy Mayor Hopkins noted the aggravation caused by the signs and preferred them to be removed with the exception of a few located in precarious areas. He believed the signs sent the wrong message and pointed out that Council supports alternate transportation modes.

**Council Action:** A motion was made by Councilmember Swanson, second by Councilmember Door, to extend the meeting to 9:45 p.m. The motion passed 7-0.

Councilmember Shadko voiced concern with the potential liability to the city caused by skateboarders performing flips and tricks on public property. She suggested that the new Community Connector transit route also stop at the skateboard park as this might encourage increased use of that park.

Noting that doors along Meridian swing inward because of bicycles and pedestrians along the street, Mayor Knutsen identified his prior vote against these regulations and suggested citing certain misbehaviors with reckless endangerment instead.

### **Annual inspection of private stormwater facilities (information only)**

Public Works Director Rob Andreotti gave an update on the status of a new NPDES requirement that cities develop and execute an annual inspection program for privately-owned stormwater facilities. He explained that the purpose of the inspections is to ensure that all private facilities are functioning as designed and that necessary repairs are completed. He described the approach staff will use to assist private facility owners in developing agreements and Operations and Maintenance (O&M) manuals. The city will offer workshops, maintain and share a list of local maintenance contractors, and troubleshoot and offer solutions. Additionally, the city will be responsible for enforcement if property owners don't follow NPDES guidelines.

Mr. Andreotti noted that 90 private facilities have been permitted since 2007; some are partially in compliance but all will need to have agreements and O&M manuals. He further noted approximately 1,500 licensed businesses and 5,000 plats, most with some stormwater element. The city will be required to inspect all elements after implementation of Phase I in 2016; staff will then work with businesses to ensure compliance into 2018.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Bill McDonald reminded that the upcoming public meeting on human trafficking conflicts with the June 24<sup>th</sup> budget workshop. He recommended canceling the June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting and moving that meeting to July 8<sup>th</sup> in place of the regular study session. The Council concurred with the recommendation.

Mr. McDonald spoke of his attendance at the Pierce County Cities and Towns meeting, where a presentation was given by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency. He reported that the agency is raising its annual assessment on Puyallup by 30% or approximately \$8,000; the director of the agency has offered to share its justification for the increase.

In regards to Pierce County's 2160/2163 Committee, he explained that the committee is responsible for allocating filing fee funds towards housing and associated social services. He advised of his conversation with the committee chair who was receptive to having a Puyallup councilmember representative on this committee.

**Council Action:** A motion was made by Councilmember Swanson, second by Mayor Knutsen, to extend the meeting to 10:00 p.m. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. McDonald reported that the bond refinancing is in progress and Standard & Poor's has upgraded the City's bond rating to AA, which will benefit the refinancing.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilmember Vermillion reported that the Puyallup Tribe of Indians will give a blessing during the grand opening of the education center at the Puyallup Fish Hatchery and described efforts to install a carved cedar Chinook salmon into the dry creek bed at the hatchery. He spoke of the lack of progress on zoning issues for the Shaw/Pioneer area, felt Mr. Swanson's comments accurate, and noted that the county is moving forward with the Employment Center (EC) zoning. He spoke of failed efforts to work with Schnitzer West on a plan for a sports field and trail network within the area and said a discussion with Sumner Mayor Enslow revealed that Sumner's revenues and property values have both increased because that city now has more jobs than people. He referred to a citizen comment that he received describing a nine-percent increase in utility costs this year.

Councilmember Shadko reported on her attendance at the Washington State Arts Commission welcoming its new executive director. She advised of the following upcoming events: the Puyallup Fish Hatchery grand opening and the Puyallup Activity Center pancake breakfast, both on May 10<sup>th</sup>, and the Safe Today, Healthy Tomorrow presentation on May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Activity Center.

Councilmember Palmer reported that the JEB III Link is almost complete, saying that the pathway is paved and barriers will soon be added to separate the trail from the roadway.

Councilmember Swanson offered to forward a report prepared by Pierce County on the 2163 program. He reported on his participation with Mayor Knutsen and Councilmember Vermillion in bringing supplies to the area affected by the Oso landslide, elaborated on the devastation of the area and spoke of the need within that community for personal care items and cash funds.

Councilmember Door was pleased with the decision to name a portion of the trail after John Ernest Berry III. She advised that she would not be present at the May 13<sup>th</sup> study session due to her attendance at the annual LEOFF conference.

Deputy Mayor Hopkins apologized for missing the Families in Motion event and recognized the hatchery volunteers for the tremendous amount of work that has been done. He issued an invitation to the pancake breakfast on Saturday at the Activity Center.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Knutsen expressed appreciation to the following: Councilmember Door for filling in for him at the Valley Cities and Towns meeting; Councilmember Swanson for attending the National Day of Prayer and reading a proclamation in his place; former Mayor Rick Hansen and the Edgewood Food Bank for donating toilet paper and water for the Oso victims; and for the service provided by all councilmembers in working on community projects.

**ADJOURNMENT** – 9:55 p.m.