

Pastor Jim Weddle, Kelso First Baptist Church, gave the invocation. 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, Malella, Roberson, McDaniel, Myers, Slater, and Karnofski.

**Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Slater, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Approve the minutes of the 4/7/09 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring the week of April 19 through April 25, 2009, as "**National Volunteer Week**" in the City of Kelso. **Mike Chapman, Program Manager for Lower Columbia CAP**, accepted the proclamation and spoke about the CAP Volunteer Center. Information on the program was handed to Councilmembers along with a 2008 Volunteer Activity Report. Mr. Chapman expressed his appreciation to the 610 volunteers, representing a total of 104,978 hours of service to our communities. Mayor Futcher thanked the volunteers for their hard work.

Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring the week of May 17 through May 23, 2009, as "**National Public Works Week**" in the City of Kelso. **Public Works Director David Sypher**, accepted the proclamation. David expressed his appreciation to Kelso's public works staff and the 438 individuals in the nation who lost their lives last year providing some of the basics of life.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**HOME 2009 Allocations:**

Mayor Futcher opened the public hearing at 7:08 p.m.

**Julie Hourcle, City of Longview Community Development Department**, gave a power point presentation of the 2009 HOME Investment Partnership Program Allocations. The estimated 2009 allocation for the City of Kelso is \$64,718. Julie spoke about the following 2009 HOME Projects: Cowlitz County Habitat for Humanity, Tenant Based Rental Assistance for Drug Court and Hope Court Participants, and Tenant Based Rental Assistance for Domestic Violence Survivors.

Mayor Futcher invited citizens to speak. The following individuals spoke from the audience:

**Marion Olmsted**, 2378 Sparrow Loop, spoke on behalf of the Kelso Housing Authority who is requesting rental assistance for two families (or four families if the Drug Court is dropped) for victims of domestic violence.

**Sherrie L. Tinoco**, Executive Director of the Emergency Support Shelter, asked Councilmembers to support their request for transitional housing rental assistance for victims of domestic violence.

Council discussion followed.

**Lyn Lelevich**, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity, spoke about their program which provides homeownership opportunities for low-income families who would not have the ability to purchase a home. They are currently building their thirteenth house, located at 800 N. Pacific, which should be completed by early fall.

**Diane Perron**, Office Manager for Habitat for Humanity, thanked Councilmembers for their past support. She reminded Councilmembers as the homeowners pay their mortgages, the funds are applied towards the next home.

**Lori Taylor**, who will be the recipient of the home being built at 800 N. Pacific, spoke about how she and her family have benefited from this program and thanked all who have helped her realize this dream.

There being no further comments from the public, Mayor Fatcher closed the public hearing at 7:32 p.m. Council discussion followed. The amount of funds available is estimated at \$64,718. **Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Move to fund \$40,000 to Cowlitz County Habitat for Humanity, \$13,830 to the Emergency Support Shelter for Tenant Based Rental Assistance for Domestic Violence Survivors, and \$10,888 to Tenant Based Rental Assistance for Cowlitz County Drug Court. If Drug Court is no longer in existence after June 1, 2009, move the \$10,888 to the Rental Assistance for Domestic Violence Survivors.'** Discussion followed. A roll call vote was taken. Councilmembers Roberson, Slater, Karnofski, and Fatcher voted yes. Councilmembers McDaniel, Myers, and Malella voted no. Motion passed 4 to 3.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Adopt the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (2009-2014):** Public Works Director David Sypher said this is a housekeeping issue to change the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program again in order for the City to receive additional federal funding for the 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue Overlay Project. A resolution will be brought to Council for consideration later on in tonight's meeting. Mayor Fatcher opened the public hearing at 7:41 p.m. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Fatcher closed the public hearing at 7:42 p.m.

**PRESENTATION:**

**Stormwater Ordinance & KEDM Changes:** City of Kelso Senior Engineer Van McKay gave an introduction to an Illicit Discharge Ordinance draft, a Development/Redevelopment Ordinance draft, and revisions to the Kelso Engineering

Design Manual (KEDM). The ordinances and manual changes are a result of state mandated requirements in the City's Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit. These documents have been reviewed and edited by the Kelso Stormwater Advisory Committee. Three monthly Public Hearings will be offered for public comment on the documents prior to the first reading at the July 21<sup>st</sup> City Council Meeting. Van introduced **Josh Johnson from the City of Longview**, who also spoke about the stormwater issues. Lengthy discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Council to have a workshop at a later date.

### **CITIZENS BUSINESS:**

**Rick Von Rock**, 400 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., asked if the stormwater ordinance pertains to debris that comes out of the gutters. He also spoke about the City going green and suggested being able to get information about his water bill on line, such as an e-statement. Discussion followed.

**George Graham**, 3329 Columbia Heights Rd., read a letter concerning stormwater fees from C. Robert Suess, a businessman from Eugene who wants to develop some land he has purchased in the Kelso area. Discussion followed.

### **COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**Set Public Hearing for 2009-2013 Draft Home and CDBG Consolidated Plan:** It was the consensus of the Council to set the public hearing for May 19, 2009.

Mayor Fatcher, with Council consensus, added the following items to the agenda:

**Revenue Status:** Finance Director Brian Butterfield spoke about an email he sent to Councilmembers concerning the budget. Due to the economic conditions, cuts were made last fall when the budget was being finalized. First quarter 2009 wasn't great, as building permits, sales taxes, gambling taxes, and real estate excise taxes were down. Property tax information will be coming in soon. Lengthy discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Council to hold a budget workshop on May 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 p.m. to discuss budget issues.

**Consider Funding of the Fairgrounds Conference Plan (\$25,000):** Mayor Fatcher reminded Councilmembers of the presentation at the last Council meeting by County Commissioner Axel Swanson and Brian Magnuson, Representative of the Public Facilities District Board, who spoke about the strategic plan for the forty-seven acres at the fairgrounds and the conference center. Cowlitz County, the City of Longview, and the Cowlitz Public Facilities District have agreed to each contribute \$25,000. Discussion followed concerning the use of the County's .09% fund or lodging tax money. City Attorney Janean Parker will do some research to see if lodging tax funds can be used for this purpose. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Refer the issue to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, awaiting their decision,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Auditing of Accounts:** \$1,612,055.60

**Committee Appointment:** Mike Fowler to the Highlander Festival, Term to End 12/31/2012

**13<sup>th</sup> Avenue Agreement and Prospectus:** Washington State Department of Transportation

Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$1,612,055.60, motion carried, all voting yes.

**MOTION ITEMS:**

**Resolution No. 09-993 – Transportation Improvement Plan:** The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Pass Resolution No. 09-993, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING A REVISED SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN.' Public Works Director David Sypher said this resolution is needed due to a housekeeping issue. Motion carried, all voting yes.

**Resolution No. 09-994 – Identity Theft Prevention Program:** The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Pass Resolution No. 09-994, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO ADOPTING AN IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR USE BY THE CITY'S WATER/SEWER UTILITY.' Mayor Fatcher said the City is required to put this program into place using some federal guidelines. Motion carried, all voting yes.

**Resolution No. 09-995 – Designation of Applicant's Agent for Federal Disaster No. 1825-DR-WA:** The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Pass Resolution No. 09-995, 'BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO DAVID SYPHER, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, IS HEREBY DESIGNATED THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE AND JESSICA WILLIAMS, PROJECT COORDINATOR, IS DESIGNATED THE ALTERNATE FOR AND IN BEHALF OF THE CITY OF KELSO, A PUBLIC AGENCY ESTABLISHED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**Ordinance No. 09-3699 – Amending KMC 16 & 17:** The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 09-3699, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO REVISING THE SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE, TITLE 16 AND

THE ZONING ORDINANCE, TITLE 17 TO ELIMINATE INCONSISTENCIES AND OMISSIONS, REFORMAT TO ALLOW FOR EASIER UNDERSTANDING, AND MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN,' Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

**Ordinance No. 09-3700 – Approving KMC Code 18B:** The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 09-3700, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO ADOPTING A PROJECT PERMIT AND PLAN AMENDMENT ADMINISTRATION ORDINANCE, TITLE 18B, ESTABLISHING STANDARD REVIEW PROCESSES FOR ALL LAND USE PERMITTING AND PLAN AMENDMENTS AND RESCINDING KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE TITLES 18.04.080, 18.04.090 AND 18.16, motion carried, all voting yes.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**Dennis Richards:** 1) The All Aboard Washington group will have a meeting in the Council Chambers Monday, April 27, at 7:00 p.m. 2) The Task Force Committee will give a presentation at the Council workshop on Tuesday, April 28, at 6:00 p.m. 3) One of the benches located in front of City Hall was picked up today by a young man who will refinish the benches as an Eagle Scout Project. 4) The \$50,000 claim against the City by a police officer has been settled. An agreement was reached for the City to pay \$700 toward her attorney's fees and return three sick days to her sick leave balance. The police union has dropped its unfair labor practice claim against the City for employer interference in union activities and the Civil Service issue has been withdrawn. One other complaint is before the examiner. 5) I hope you have enjoyed summer, because it could be over soon!

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Janean Parker:** I will research the Lodging Tax issue and will probably have information to pass on at the next meeting.

**David Sypher:** 1) An Executive Session will be needed. 2) We have been working hard for approximately seven months getting the mapping done for our sewer project. 3) We have been getting lots of work done due to the nice weather. 4) Councilmember McDaniel asked for an update of the Skate Park. David said the specks and plans are done and they are waiting for approval from the Recreation Conservation Office, the state agency that approves the bidding documents.

**Michael Kerins:** No report

**Andrew Hamilton:** 1) Earlier this month, Ely Krouse pled guilty to a single charge of first degree robbery with a firearm and eighteen counts of second degree assault. He was sentenced to more than thirty-six years for robbing the Fibre Federal Credit Union in

West Kelso. The reason he pled was a direct result of the investigation and confession that was obtained by lead detective Damon Blain and his partner, detective Mark Berglund. 2) We are getting ready for the Every 15 Minutes Program at the Kelso High School coordinated by Craig Christianson and Dave Shelton.

Brian Butterfield: No report

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Todd McDaniel: No report

Gerald Malella: The Airport Board is getting final recommendations on the runway.

John Karnofski: No report

Alan Slater: Spoke about the possibility of extending the runway at the airport 300 feet to the south and 300 feet to the north.

Dan Myers: 1) Invited citizens to attend the All Aboard Washington Meeting Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. 2) I am on the Parks & Recreation Committee. It looks like it will be a difficult process.

Rick Roberson: No report

David Futcher: Concerning Councilmember Slater's comments about the runway, last week when I took an airplane ride, the pilot pointed out how close the mountains are when you are making the approach.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council convened into Executive Session at 9:10 p.m. to discuss potential litigation and property acquisition. At 9:55 p.m. the Council reconvened into Regular Session.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

  
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CITY CLERK



CITY OF KELSO

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

As of This Date April 21, 2009

The City Audit Committee Does

Approve for Payment those Claims included in the above listing, and futher

described below, in the TOTAL AMOUNT of \$ 1,612,055.60

Voucher warrant Numbers: 151619 through 151807

In the Amount of \$ 908,668.70

Prepaid Warrant Numbers: 151408  
151584 - 151589 through 151616 - 151618

In the Amount of \$ 50,845.96

Voided Warrant Numbers: 151615 through 151808

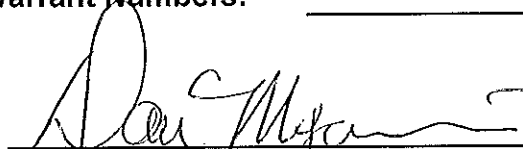
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Claims Warrant Numbers 151590 through 151614

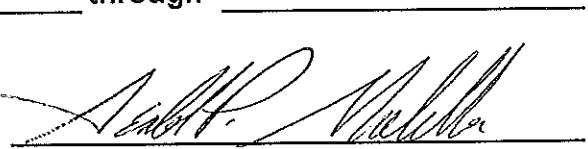
In the Amount of \$ 351,175.24

Payroll Warrant Numbers: 9611  
518502 through 9719  
518540

In the Amount of \$ 301,365.70

Voided Warrant Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_

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Authorized for Payment per Council Action:

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