

## December 13, 2010

The SPECIAL Meeting of the Woodland City Council was held on the above date at the Woodland City Hall, Council Chambers, 100 Davidson Avenue, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Blum.

**Present:** Councilmember John Burke  
Councilmember Aaron Christopherson  
Councilmember Susan Humbyrd  
Councilmember Benjamin Fredricks  
Councilmember Tom Mattison  
Councilmember Al Swindell

**Absent:** Councilmember Marilee McCall, excused

**Also Present:** Clerk-Treasurer Mari Ripp  
Public Works Director Steve Branz  
Fire Chief Mike Jackson

### **WORKSHOP - 2011-2012 Legislative Priorities**

#### 1) **Presentation: Mark Brown, Connections Public Affairs**

##### Possible areas for 2011 focus:

- a. Regulatory relief and added fiscal flexibility
- b. Do no harm
- c. Economic Development
- d. Transportation
- e. Capital Budget
- f. Public Safety
- g. Miscellaneous

##### Regulatory Relief & flexibility

- Pause regulations and statutory mandates that cost us money
  - Storm water
  - Fleet conversion
  - Reclaimed water
  - Indigent defense
  - SEPA
  - Others
- Greater flexibility with existing local revenue authorities

##### Do no Harm – Protect revenues, no unfunded mandates / preemptions

- Leave state shared revenues alone
- No unfunded mandates
- No Preemption of local control

## Community and Economic Development

- New money / enhance LRF

## Transportation

- Funding request (\$2M) for I-5 / Scott Avenue and RR Crossing Improvements
- Support new transportation revenue package
  - Include direct distribution to cities and counties
  - Include street utility authority

## Capital Budget

- Fund PWTF
- Fund WWRP-Parks & Recreation
- Storm water funding

## Public Safety

- Support WA Fire Chiefs Association agenda
  - Chemical Biological Regional Nuclear Exposure funding
  - Simple majority for EMS levies
  - Property tax rate parity for areas annexed to Regional Fire Authority
- Support WA State Police Chiefs
  - K-12 mapping
  - Sex offender reporting
  - Gang Prevention / Intervention

## Miscellaneous

- Public Records reform
- Binding arbitration changes
- Pension contribution rates

## 2) **Samples:**

- a. Sample – Ridgefield
- b. Sample – Battle Ground
- c. Sample – Vancouver
- d. Sample – Federal Way
- e. Sample – Sultan
- f. AWC 2011 Legislative Priorities
- g. CWCOG –Regional transportation projects to Washington Transportation Commission
- h. AWC Legislative Action Conference Feb 16-17, 2011

## 3) **2011-2012 State Legislative Priorities - City of Woodland ideas:**

### 1. **Transportation**

- Funding request for Scott Avenue Crossing (\$1M State + \$1M Federal) for design and environmental work to facilitate \$60 million phased project
- Urge state lawmakers to develop and refer to the voters a comprehensive new transportation revenue package with direct distribution to cities and counties.

- Urge passage of legislation that would provide local-option authority to create a “Street Utility” that would provide a new tool to local governments in support of local transportation maintenance and preservation..

## **2. Regulatory Relief and Revenue Flexibility**

1. Support AWC legislation to “pause” a number of pending regulatory and statutory mandates facing cities, including:
  - Extend schedules for Comprehensive Plan updates under GMA
  - Delay Fleet conversion mandate
  - Impact fees – use or lose authority extended from 6 yrs to 10 yrs
  - Delay DOE proposed Storm water regulations
  - Delay DOE proposed Reclaimed Water permit regulations
  - Expand SEPA exemptions
2. Support AWC legislation that would provide greater flexibility in how local revenues can be spent, including REET, Lodging taxes and Gambling taxes.

## **3. Do No Harm**

The city will strongly oppose any legislation that would preempt authority traditionally and historically vested with local government or impose new or additional unfunded mandates. The City also asks that existing state shared revenues remain intact.

## **4. Personnel Costs**

- LEOFF 1 Medical and Long-term Care Costs-these costs continue to be a major concern and the City will support efforts to identify a means through which the State could provide financial support for the extraordinary costs associated with these two mandates of law.
- Medical Costs for offenders-The City would like further state support to cover extraordinary costs.
- Pension contribution rates- we call on the Legislature to fully fund the employer contribution rates as recommended by the State Actuary. We are concerned over the growing unfunded liability of Tier One systems and the potential for major increases in employer contribution rates in the future.

## **5. Public Safety**

- The City supports efforts by the WA Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs to enhance current sex offender reporting requirements; strengthen current gang laws and provide funding for both prevention and intervention; and to secure funding for maintenance of K-12/Higher Education critical incident mapping system.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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Charles E Blum, Mayor

Minutes approved: December 20, 2010

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mari E. Ripp, Clerk-Treasurer

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