

**CITY OF ROSLYN  
CITY COUNCIL WORKSTUDY  
MEETING MINUTES**

**November 8, 2011 – 6:30 P.M.**

Roslyn Council Chambers, 109 S. 1<sup>st</sup>, Roslyn, Washington

**CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Porter called the work study to order at 6:30pm and asked the Clerk – Treasurer to call roll.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Jeri B. F. Porter, Councilmember Andy Januszkiewicz, Councilmember James Begley, Councilmember Laura Osiadacz, Councilmember Geoff Scherer, Councilmember Cordy Cooke, Councilmember Spurrier (6:45pm), Councilmember Derek Gruber

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Bethany Spurrier

**MOTION:** Councilmember Cooke **MOVED** to excuse the absent Councilmember. Councilmember Scherer **SECONDED** the motion. The motion was **APPROVED 6-0.**

**STAFF:** Amber Shallow, Clerk – Treasurer; Lisa Haley, City Planner; Joe Peck, Public Works Crewmember; Mitch Long, Public Works Crewmember

**1. 2012 Budget Review**

Councilmember Scherer discussed the Budget, Finance, & Administration recommendations including cuts to try and save money, some of the cuts included staff reductions, turning off street lights except in the downtown core, Council salaries, and the lean to project for storage of utility pipes was cut.

Mayor Porter noted that we also talked about recycling bins to help cut back on the costs of garbage disposal and Mr. Chris Martin is supposed to be bringing a proposal forward and mowing the parks every other week.

Councilmember Cooke noted that by removing the street lights it creates an opportunity to put more historic light fixtures in later on.

Mayor Porter stated that turning off the street lights is an exploratory item to see what we can do to help cut the budget down.

Joe Peck – there were some concerns from the public about having lights turned off the last time this was discussed and you may want to consider safety concerns at intersections. Also the amount of grass clippings we need to haul away from the bagger on the mower is unbelievable and if we go to mowing every other week we'll be emptying the bag more often and the amount of time will be the same.

Mitch Long – what about winterizing the restrooms for the winter and locking the doors? Then you wouldn't have the high electric bills from heating them.

Mayor Porter – Mayor Gerth had entered into an agreement with the Coal Mines Trail to have a reduced yearly maintenance fee in exchange for building and operating the restrooms so we would need to check that agreement.

Councilmember Cooke – what about closing them down between seasons such as from Labor Day until the snow is here and the same in the spring.

Councilmember Gruber – this is something I think we could take to the Coal Mine Trail Commission and see what they say.

Councilmember Begley – I don't see why not but we should check the agreement first to see what it says.

Councilmember Cooke – what about cutting the Council salaries?

Councilmember Gruber – I agree with Councilmember Cooke.

Councilmember Osiadacz – my opinion about the Council salaries is that it should be up to each individual to give their stipend up.

Mayor Porter – there was some discussion with Margaret the City Attorney about the Council salaries but I have forgotten what that was.

Amber Shallow – the Council has the option to give up their salaries but they have to sign a form stating they want to do that. If Council were to take the Council salaries out of the code then in order to put it back it would have to be for the next term of each Council position as Council cannot give themselves a raise.

Joe Peck – I see that in the revenues for the business licenses the amount is much less for 2012 than what was received in the past.

Amber Shallow – many of the business license holders in Roslyn are construction companies from out of town and they only get a license if they are working within the City limits. When I figure out the amount I only look at those businesses that I know for sure will be renewing such as businesses located within the City limits.

Joe Peck – what about the Suncadia property in back of the Old City Hall, do we get property taxes from them.

Mayor Porter – I'm not sure if they are done with the process of transferring it from the City to the Suncadia.

Discussion continued regarding the Number 4 Mine Property (property transferred to Suncadia).

Councilmember Cooke – we did ask Amber to get us some information regarding a B&O tax, do you have anything for us on that?

Amber Shallow – I did talk with Margaret a little bit about that, it is a possible revenue stream but it would be administered by the City similar to the gambling and admission taxes.

Councilmember Cooke – we also discussed changing the business license requirements for rental properties from 3 homes down to 1 home.

Amber Shallow – I did talk with Lisa the City Planner and she is concerned about code enforcement. The amount of time it would take to track those people down and ensure they get a license would cost more than the amount we would receive for the business license.

Councilmember Cooke – I'm only interested in pursuing those items that will bring in additional revenues not cost us more.

Mayor Porter asked the Council if they were able to come up with any other cuts.

Councilmember Begley – do we need to do the software upgrade?

Amber Shallow – no it is not absolutely necessary but it should be done soon and it was included in the water/sewer rate study we did this past year and the rate increases reflect the purchase of software and handhelds for meter reading in 2012.

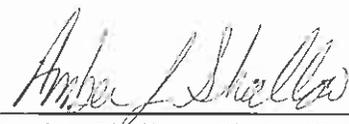
Councilmember Scherer announced that the next Budget, Finance, & Administration Committee meeting will be on November 17<sup>th</sup> and we will be discussing the budget further.

Mayor Porter asked the Council Members to bring their ideas for cuts to Council Members Cooke, Scherer, and Osiadacz.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Porter adjourned the work study at **7:01pm**.

  
Neal R. Lockett, Mayor

Attest:   
Amber Shallow, Clerk - Treasurer