

**\*\*Reminder: Reception for Mayor McCrady - December 22, 2005 @ 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.**

## **Longview City Council Agenda December 22, 2005 – 4:00 p.m.**

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**01. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Mark McCrady

**02. FLAG SALUTE**

**03. ROLL CALL**

Chet Makinster, excused

**\*\* SWEARING-IN OF DENNIS WEBER, MARY JANE MELINK, ANDY BUSACK FOR CITY COUNCIL POSITIONS #7, #6 & #5, RESPECTIVELY**

**04. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – of December 8, 2005**

[\(LINK TO PAPERWORK\)](#)

**05. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

**06. PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS - None**

**07. CONSTITUENTS COMMENTS**

**08. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**

**09. BOARD & COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS - None**

**10. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

**A. ORDINANCE NO. 2950, 2005-2006 BUDGET AMENDMENT (2<sup>nd</sup> READING)**

Subject ordinance has been prepared to amend the 2005-2006 biennial budget to authorize expenditures unforeseen at the time the 2005-2006 biennial budget was adopted. These amendments affect the General, Downtown Parking, Library Grant, Water Operations, Sewer Operations, Sewer Construction, Filter Plant Operations, Filter Plant Construction, Sanitary/Recycling, Storm Water, Public Transit, Mint Valley Golf, Insurance Reserve, Facility Maintenance, and Firemen's Pension Trust Funds in the 2005-2006 biennial budget.

Budget amendment ordinances require two readings before the Council. The first reading occurred on December 15, 2005.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2950.

[\(LINK TO PAPERWORK\)](#)

**11. MAYOR'S REPORT AND COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS**

**12. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

[\(LINK TO PAPERWORK\)](#)

B. PROJECT COMPLETION, 2005 WATER/SEWER RE-ROOF PROJECT

[\(LINK TO PAPERWORK\)](#)

C. PROJECT COMPLETION, WASHINGTON WAY & 15<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE STREET REPAIRS

[\(LINK TO PAPERWORK\)](#)

13. **LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS** - None

14. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT** - None

15. **MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION** - None

**\*\*EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL MATTER**

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS:**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2006 AT 7 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2006 AT 7 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING

**NEXT COUNCIL WORKSHOP:**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2006 AT 7 P.M. – LEASH REGULATIONS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION  
OF THE LONGVIEW CITY COUNCIL  
HELD THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2005

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor McCrady.

2. INVOCATION/FLAG SALUTE

Mayor McCrady asked former Mayor Karen Bergquist to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor Mark McCrady  
Councilman Kurt Anagnostou  
Councilman Don Jensen  
Councilwoman Ramona Leber  
Councilman Dennis Weber  
City Manager Bob Gregory  
City Attorney Dave C. Spencer  
Deputy City Clerk Ann Davis

Councilman-elect Andy Busack was also present.

City Staff Present

Dave Campbell, Assistant City Manager

**\*\*APPOINTMENT AND SWEARING-IN OF ANDY BUSACK TO POSITION #6\*\***

Mayor McCrady stated it was Council's intention to appoint Councilmember-elect Andy Busack to the remaining three-week term of Position #6 vacated by the resignation of Ron DiRe-Day.

**Councilman Jensen moved to appoint Andy Busack to fill the unexpired term of Position #6. This motion was seconded by Councilman Weber, and, upon a vote duly held, carried unanimously.**

Andy Busack came forward and was sworn in by the Honorable Ed Putka, Longview Municipal Court Judge. Following the swearing-in ceremony, Mr. Busack signed his Oath of Office, and Judge Putka attested to his signature.

Mayor McCrady welcomed Councilman Busack to Council and invited him to take a seat at the dais. Councilman Busack was welcomed by a round of applause from Councilmembers and the audience.

5. CHANGES/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

In addition to the abbreviated agenda being followed this evening, Mayor McCrady announced he would like to move consideration of Agenda Item 12, Consent Calendar, prior to the Councilor selection process, Agenda Item 11.

## 12. CONSENT CALENDAR

**There being no items the Council wished removed from the Consent Calendar, a motion was duly made and passed approving the items on the Consent Calendar as though acted on individually.**

### A. Accounts Payable

Based upon the authentication and certification of claims and demands against the city, prepared and signed by the City's auditing officer, and in full reliance thereon, it is moved and seconded as shown in the minutes of this meeting that the following vouchers/warrants are approved for payment:

First Half December, 2005 A/P Claims \$630,137.64 (Check Nos. 260375 – 260705, inclusive)

First Half November, 2005 Payroll \$793,244.77 (\$153,650.11, Check Nos. 192164 – 192273, inclusive; \$367,211.66, direct deposits; and \$272,383.00, wire transfers)

Second Half November, 2005 Payroll \$1,022,416.30 (\$206,252.30, Check Nos. 192274 – 192399, inclusive; \$331,894.27, direct deposits; and \$484,269.73, wire transfers)

## 11. MAYOR'S AND COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

Mayor McCrady outlined the procedure by which Council would interview, deliberate and ultimately choose a candidate to fill the unexpired term of Position #3 vacated by the resignation of Susan Stockard.

The Mayor thanked each of the candidates for their interest in the process. He announced Linda L. Phillips had withdrawn her name from consideration. Another candidate, Steve Dragich, had failed to provide evidence of eligibility to serve on Longview City Council. Mayor McCrady noted Patricia Barrett was not present. Therefore, ten candidates would be interviewed and considered.

Candidates will draw numbers to determine the order of addressing Council. While each candidate speaks, the other candidates will be sequestered outside the Council Chamber so they do not hear what the speakers are saying.

Candidates will be given three minutes to briefly introduce themselves and mention any special qualifications they would bring to Council. A short break will follow, during which time candidates will be given four questions to respond to during the next round. A total of eight minutes per candidate will be allowed for answering the questions in phase 2 of the selection process.

If necessary, Council may adjourn to an Executive Session to debate the qualifications of the candidates, but all voting must take place in open session.

### ***Roberta "Robbie" Oldemar***

Ms. Oldemar stated she has lived in Longview for 16 years, and has three grown children. She has worked in the communications business for many years and currently is an outside sales representative. Her community activities include serving as the Executive Director of Go 4th.

She has been a Past President of Altrusa of Cowlitz County. She served on the Longview 75th Anniversary Committee.

As a past local business owner, she was closely aligned with the Lower Columbia Contractors' Association.

Ms. Oldemar advised she believes the City Council is the foundation of Longview. "I am passionate about Longview and what happens to Longview." It is time for her to quit being an observer and to become a participant. She would like to get involved to make sure the foundation stays strong and focused on issues pertinent to citizens. She feels qualified to become an active voice. She further stated if she were not selected tonight, she plans to run for office at some time in the future.

***Kenneth Botero***

Mr. Botero noted he is serious about this position. He has had good experience with the two Boards he has worked on: Work Force Development Council and ESD Board of Directors. He felt there are some great opportunities present in our community. Some of the plusses are: some of the businesses, good students, and great programs. Regarding people moving to Longview from Vancouver: do we want to become a bedroom community, or do we want to do something else? He thanked Council for their time and effort, and stated he looks forward to the opportunity to serve.

***Ireda Grohs***

Noting that many people know her, Ms. Grohs said she served eight years on the Kelso City Council. As a former Councilmember, she understands the things Council needs to be concerned with: the Comprehensive Plan, budgeting, experience in lobbying. She has been a member of AWC and NLC and has attended conferences and workshops. She has been trained in collaborative negotiation where there are two winners and no losers. Communication is very important: she has learned how to deal with people who only want to complain.

In addition to her time on Council, Ms. Grohs has been employed both by City of Longview and City of Kalama doing critical work in Planning and Building. The Comprehensive Plan should be reviewed periodically and changes made as necessary. "We all want growth; we need to make sure the growth is planned."

***Terrie Jones***

Ms. Jones indicated her appreciation for the opportunity to meet with Council and apply for the open position. She currently is the Director of WSU Center at LCC. She has a Masters Degree in Business Administration, and teaches political science at LCC. She has lived in Longview seven years and raised two of her three sons here. "We live in a beautiful environment" with natural amenities and proximity to large cities. As a Councilmember, she plans to do the same things she does at work: she listens to people, studies the situation, assesses needs and responds to those needs.

***Kirby Kee***

Mr. Kee shared his background with Council. He was raised in Auburn, Washington, graduating high school in 1963. He spent many years on submarines and served two tours in Vietnam. After the service, he worked for the Federal Board of Prisons, both at McNeill Island and in

Phoenix. In 1990 he moved to Washington D.C. for his career. He retired after 35 years service with the Federal government. He and his family moved to Longview upon retirement because of family and friends. He would like the opportunity to serve and make Longview an even more desirable place to live.

***Chester “Chet” Makinster***

Mr. Makinster reported he is a third generation Longview resident. He ran his own large business for twenty years, during which time he was a member of various community groups and non-profit boards. He stated he has no agenda in mind coming to Council.

This community has undergone a change as the economy moves away from natural resources. He would like to be part of the process of developing a more varied economy and providing people with jobs. He would like to see the community keep growing in the direction the citizens want. While shaping a new future, he wants to be mindful of Longview’s heritage. He would continue marketing the Mint Farm; he believes in strong public safety and “bricks and mortar” -- solid infrastructure.

Mr. Makinster mentioned two recent decisions of Council’s that he thought were “great.” Regarding the budget, Council looked long and hard at the budget and made the necessary cuts. Regarding the Lowe’s decision, he felt Council had “run out of time.”

***Orville “Vern” Klump***

Mr. Klump thanked Council for fulfilling its duty of representing all segments of society. He felt he was likewise uniquely qualified to represent all segments of society, given his past. He has lived in Longview since 1963, and had contact with all segments of society. He has worked as a social worker serving disabled clientele; for four decades he has owned and operated his own business, including meeting payroll, budgeting, etc. He has been responsible for sales and service of all lines of insurance and financial planning. He has also owned a credit agency. He has served for thirty years with the Longview Police Reserves.

Throughout his working career he has also served in various service and social groups. He would be honored to be a member of Council, and if appointed would do whatever he could. “I am but one person, but I can do something. That which I can do; I should do. I will do.”

***Terry Brandon***

Mr. Brandon stated he grew up in Longview, attended Mark Morris High School, and after graduating from Washington State University, returned to Longview and worked at Longview Fibre Company. He will be retiring from Fibre soon, after working 38 years, eight months. For his retirement, he has decided he wants to remain in Longview and would like to give something back to the community. Currently he is on the Board of Directors of the Kelso/Longview Chamber of Commerce. Twice he has served as the Chairman. Other community service includes the Lower Columbia Leadership Academy Board and the Governing Board of Peace Health. He also has served on the United Way Board. While his first wife was being treated for cancer, they were forced to drive to Portland for her treatments. Subsequently he was instrumental in helping make the Lower Columbia Regional Cancer Center a reality so residents could obtain treatment here.

If chosen to serve, Mr. Brandon stated he would to his very best and try to participate.

***Ken Spring***

Mr. Spring thanked Council personally for its leadership. He said he has been attending all the Council meetings and workshops since he filed for office, so he would be able to “hit the ground running.” His background includes blue collar work (many years at Weyerhaeuser) and has owned his own business for thirty years. He understands both the management and union positions. Now that he has retired, he stated “I have found my calling in public service.”

Right now he belongs to ten public service groups, many of which are anti-drug related. He is a strong supporter of the Humane Society, and donates regularly to that organization.

Longview has many people in need. Mr. Spring declared he cares about the city; “I love this city and want to see it prosper.”

Mr. Spring stated he looks forward to getting along with other Council; staff is great. He intends to be respectful of all constituents. He will be an employee of the citizens, not the other way around.

***Raymond L. Baker***

Soft-shoeing up to the podium, Mr. Baker stated he did not have a fancy position, but wanted to stress the things he thinks are important: education, employment, environment and involvement. Longview has to build a new future, but while doing so, not diminish the old. “Value the old and cherish the new.” No decision that is made is going to make everyone happy. Higher education generates higher value jobs. Presently there is no room or opportunity to expand area schools. He would work with federal agencies on environmental issues, air and visual pollution. Mr. Baker states he listens; he interprets. “We are a community.” There are some people who are being forgotten.

**RECESS**

Mayor McCrady declared a brief recess at 7:45 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 7:55 p.m.

***Roberta “Robbie” Oldemar***

Ms. Oldemar identified long-term growth, traffic congestion, and drug problems as the three most pressing problems facing Longview. In order to deal with those problems, Ms. Oldemar stated Council needs to learn to listen to departments and use their input as well as listening to debates between Councilmembers. She felt Council could make informed decisions after speaking with residents, businesses, etc., and obtaining citizen input.

Her communication style is that she does not make snap decisions. She does a lot of thinking. For the Go 4th event, she plans all year long to make sure “every contingent is taken care of.” Council needs to look at all the possibilities.

Regarding the time commitment needed, Ms. Oldemar stated as an outside sales representative she can set her own work hours; Council time commitment would not be a problem.

She recommended working with the Downtowners to further develop business downtown. The parking situation is better than it used to be downtown; she felt the Farmer’s Market and

sidewalk sales help bring people downtown. New ideas and new businesses should be encouraged downtown. Council should be very aggressive in trying to bring new business to downtown. She felt the EDC could be a strong factor in attracting and supporting new businesses.

***Kenneth Botero***

The three major issues affecting Longview are growth, and the expanded services that will be needed to accomplish this; public safety, Police and Fire Services; and drugs. He sees drugs as a result of a problem. He would utilize community partnerships to help get some of these people out of jail and back on the work force. He expressed a strong desire to work with and listen to staff for recommendations. He indicated he did not have all the answers, but he was willing to work and learn. He urged citizens to come forward with solutions as well as coming forward with complaints.

His communication style consists of asking questions. If he does not understand something, he will ask questions. He believes he is very collaborative and can agree to disagree.

Since he is retired, the time commitment to serve on Council is not a problem. The two other Boards he serves on will work with his schedule. He assured Council he would be available to do anything necessary.

To increase economic development, he suggested revamping the Downtown Comprehensive Plan, and speaking to the business owners. They have expressed sidewalk maintenance and public safety concerns as City obligations. Longview is not a destination city; he declared "somehow we need to become a destination city." The Downtown area is a beautiful area. He thought younger people should be drawn downtown, possibly with coffee shops. Future growth should be directed by the Comprehensive Plan.

***Ireda Grohs***

Ms. Grohs indicated crime/public safety issues, the need to increase the tax base, and education of our children as the three major issues facing Longview. We need to improve each of these in order to attract more business and industry and help our economy.

Describing her communication style, Ms. Grohs stated she likes to listen to what others have to say. "I learn a lot more by listening than talking." All the facts need to be heard by Council prior to making a decision, and all the citizen input should be heard.

Ms. Grohs is now retired, and she promised that Council would be the second on her list of priorities, the first priority being her family.

She sees the City's role in economic development as one of providing infrastructure. Another way to assist would be to streamline the permitting process for new businesses. If the infrastructure were up to par, people would be more likely to want to come to Longview and spend their money. She is in favor of exploring public and private joint ventures.

Ms. Grohs indicated she would contribute to Council by knowing a lot of the local players and with her prior government experience. She always has listened to citizens; Council works for the citizens.

***Terrie Jones***

Ms. Jones stated issues are opportunities to decide our future. She looks at them as optimistic challenges which change over time. She cited transportation, commercial development, and the drug problem as the three major challenges affecting Longview. These issues filter into every facet of life in Longview.

She described her communication style as open and collaborative; approachable, possibly seeming timid at times. In her position, she has had experience dealing with students and people of all ages with many differing levels of education.

As Director of the WSU Center at LCC, Ms. Jones stated her occupation will allow her a lot of latitude to attend Council obligations. As a teacher of political science, she will be showing her students how they can serve the community.

The Downtown area should really be one of the most inviting places in Longview; it should be a gathering place filled with unique shops, restaurants, and where people want to come and congregate. People could walk from location to location, and she envisioned recapturing some of the second floor space in downtown buildings.

Connectivity is another important issue: She thinks it is critical to be able to move people through Longview and have them see what we want them to see. The City is very developer friendly. She would like Longview to present itself as friendly to others and to industrial and commercial development. She would like Longview to become a regional commercial and educational center.

***Kirby Kee***

Mr. Kee felt the meth problem, need for additional Police personnel, and the new Comprehensive Plan for the City are priorities to be addressed. Council's decision on the Lowe's location was made outside the existing Comprehensive Plan.

Since voters rejected the meth initiative, he said he would get out with the people and determine what they want to do to combat the meth problem.

Mr. Kee described his communication style as straight-forward; he will "tell it like it is." He won't "flip-flop."

Mr. Kee is retired so has no commitments (other than fishing and golfing) to impinge on time needed for Council business.

Downtown revitalization needs to start with the commercial property owners downtown. The City cannot do everything for this area; the owners have to do it. He suggested encouraging retail development through the Comp Plan. He felt if the meth problem could be cleaned up, industry would see a city that is viable, and plan to come here. "They will see what we are

about, and come.” He indicated he did not envision major developments coming into this area until the meth and crime problem is cleaned up.

***Chester “Chet” Makinster***

Mr. Makinster cited planning for future growth, attracting new businesses, and improving infrastructure as the three major issues facing Longview.

Mr. Makinster described his communication style as listening, studying, asking questions.

His current employer fully supports his interest in serving on City Council, and therefore would be willing to accommodate a modified work schedule.

The City should facilitate Downtown improvements as much as possible. The City should be the leader in utilizing the property as it should be used. Further commercial retail developments on Ocean Beach and Downtown need to be worked hard. Mr. Makinster stated he was in favor of the pod version of commercial development. The City needs to be recruiting businesses that will provide family wage jobs, and industries that have a multiplying effect.

***Orville “Vern” Klump***

Mr. Klump sees growth, unemployment, and drugs as the three major issues facing Longview. Growth is inevitable in our future with an influx of people from more congested areas; the City needs to prepare. Unemployment and drugs are co-conspirators; the drug problem is caused in great part by the unemployment. Mr. Klump called for more family wage jobs in the area, support for Drug Court, and hiring more City employees.

Mr. Klump described his communication style as eclectic. Being in sales, his first action is to educate his audience, then encourage them to accept his point of view. Sometimes he adopts a debate mode. Other times he plays devil’s advocate. Since he is self-employed, he can set his own hours and a commitment to Council business would not be a problem.

He is in favor of maintaining the historical district, promoting a clean atmosphere, and providing family wage jobs. He suggested offering tax incentives to businesses for locating in the Downtown area in order to economically revitalize this area.

***Terry Brandon***

Mr. Brandon identified the Comprehensive Plan, meth problem, and streets and roads as the three primary problems facing Longview’s future. He would take input from citizens, elected officials, business leaders, and staff, and use a collaborative approach to address these problems. He said identifying the issues is easy; solutions can be hard. He would ask open-ended questions in order to draw out more information and listen carefully. He is not afraid to answer tough questions.

Noting he will soon be retired, Mr. Brandon stated he would not have a problem meeting the time commitments necessary to serve on Council.

The City’s role in developing Downtown is to work with the Downtowners, the Economic Development Council, and the Kelso/Longview Chamber of Commerce to learn what we need to

be doing to invigorate the Downtown area. These agencies can assist Longview in attracting new businesses. The downtown area needs to be encouraged to spruce up. Longview needs a strong industrial base, but needs light industry, too; a strong industrial base attracts retail businesses associated with serving this industry. Longview should be looking at other retail and commercial ventures.

***Ken Spring***

Three things impacting Longview currently are drugs, including meth and alcohol; crime; and the Comprehensive Plan. The Comp Plan needs to be finalized in order to allow orderly growth.

Mr. Spring stated he is already working on the drug problem. He supports the Drug Court and participates in numerous other organizations to help fight drugs.

Regarding crime, Mr. Spring stated he would be willing to personally do anything the City Manager would allow him to do to work with the Police Department to combat crime. At present, he is involved in a block watch around his business location and patrols nightly.

Stating "I think I have learned my lesson," Mr. Spring emphasized "I believe in politeness." He asserted he could work very smoothly and well with staff and citizens. "I would love to have a chance to do that." Since he owns his own business, he can understand the perspective from both the employee and employer. While he might have a little different perspective than others, he could find a way to work things out. "I would be an asset, rather than somebody that would be disruptive." Since he is retired, the time commitment is not a problem.

The Downtown Commerce area is very important to Longview. The business owners should be primarily responsible for upkeep and maintenance. Mr. Spring lauded Council for its wise leadership; he also complimented the Longview Planning Commission as "very able."

Important to Longview would be more jobs, preferably non-polluting industry, jobs with benefits and family wages. Mr. Spring asserted Longview is a very nice area to live and has good selling points for attracting businesses, and also has a very good work force. We need to draw people off the freeway and show them what we have.

Concluding his statement, Mr. Spring stated "I love this City; I would love to serve."

***Ray Baker***

Mr. Baker again emphasized his four primary concerns: employment, education, environment, involvement. More family wage jobs are needed in this community. Longview needs to raise the foundation and build. The environment needs to be improved and protected. We do not want Longview to become what Portland or Vancouver residents are running away from.

Identifying himself as a very open individual with a lot of personality, Mr. Baker said he likes to joke, have a good time, and thinks a sense of humor is important.

If appointed to Council, he would listen, absorb, analyze and then come up with a plan.

His communication style is simple. He is a Longview boy, and he is now back at LCC taking classes with a goal of a degree in education. His business closed and right now he is regrouping.

He made a commitment, however, to give back to the community, and he is not running away from it. Serving on Council would be an opportunity to contribute back to Longview.

He felt Downtown Longview is an adult venue. While the area has great historical value, there are issues, including some of the transients and others who live in the area. He would like to see the area cleaned up and made more youth-oriented.

Mr. Baker stated he was opposed to the recently defeated meth initiative. "It takes people to deal with drugs, not a tax." He would like to be instrumental in making Longview "a city we can be proud of."

#### RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor McCrady declared a recess at 9:04 p.m. to an Executive Session to discuss Council candidates. He estimated Council would return in approximately one-half hour.

#### OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

The Mayor reconvened the Council meeting at 9:41 p.m. He opened the floor for nominations to Council position #3.

**Councilman Anagnostou nominated Ken Botero to fill Council position #3.**

**Councilman Weber nominated Chester (Chet) Makinster to fill Council position #3.**

There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

**A vote was taken by show of hands: In favor of Ken Botero, one vote was cast by Councilman Anagnostou. In favor of Chet Makinster, three votes were cast by Councilmembers Leber, Weber and Jensen, and the Mayor indicated his vote would make a majority of four. Councilman Busack did not vote. The new Councilmember in Position #3 will be Chet Makinster.**

**Councilwoman Leber suggested Council extend appointment by acclamation to show unanimous support of Chet Makinster. Upon a vote duly held, the suggestion to support the candidate's appointment by acclamation failed for lack of unanimous consent.**

#### 16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at its regular session, the meeting was adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

#### Meeting Reminders

*Special* Council Meeting: 7:00 p.m., Thursday, December 15, 2005

*Special* Council Meeting: 4:00 p.m., Thursday, December 22, 2005

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Ann Davis, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

**AGENDA SUMMARY SHEET**  
**Business of the City Council**  
**City of Longview, Washington**

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**SUBJECT TITLE:**

ORDINANCE NO. 2950

Amending 2005-2006 Biennial Budget  
(Second Reading)

Agenda Item: 10A

Dept. of Origin: Finance

For Agenda of: December 22, 2005

*Clearances:*

Originator: Kurt Sacha

City Atty Review Necessary? Yes

Date/Initials of City Attorney: 12/9/2005 DCS

Asst. City Manager: David Campbell

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**EXHIBITS:**

Ordinance No. 2950

**PRESENTED BY:**

Robert J. Gregory, City Manager

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2950.

ORDINANCE NO. 2950

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An Ordinance relating to public expenditures and declaring an emergency under the provisions of RCW 35A.34.150, fixing the amount of money required to meet such emergencies and authorizing the expenditure of money not provided for in the 2005-2006 biennial budget of the City.

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WHEREAS, on December 9, 2004, the City Council of the City of Longview adopted the biennial budget of the City of Longview for 2005-2006; and

WHEREAS, it was thereafter determined by said City Council that additional funds are available and that additional expenditures should be authorized, and said matters were not contemplated at the time of the adoption of said 2005-2006 biennial budget:

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Longview do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That the General Fund of the 2005-2006 City of Longview biennial budget shall be, and is hereby, amended as follows:

- (a) General Fund resources shall be modified to provide for additional revenues resulting from an improved economy and reimbursement for the Fire Department's confined space training. In addition, beginning resources in the amount of \$325,420 shall be utilized to offset the increase in expenditures: \$824,300.00
  
- (b) General Fund expenditures shall be increased to provide for settlement of the Fire arbitration and overtime related to confined space training; an Assistant Planner's position; state mandated employer pension contributions; re-establishing funding for the Unemployment Compensation Fund; restoring Employee Benefits Reserve Fund contributions; and health insurance premium adjustments. An expenditure decrease will be recorded for the credit on the Spillman Records System software: \$824,300.00

Section 2. That the Downtown Parking Fund of the 2005-2006 City of Longview biennial budget shall be, and is hereby, amended as follows:

- (a) Beginning resources in the amount of \$3,100 shall be utilized to provide

for increased expenditures associated with state mandated pension contributions, unemployment compensation and Employee Benefits Reserve Fund contributions: \$3,100.00

(b) The Downtown Parking Fund expenditures shall be increased to provide for state mandated employer pension contributions, re-establishing funding for the Unemployment Compensation Fund, and restoring Employee Benefits Reserve Fund contributions and health insurance premium adjustments: \$3,100.00

Section 3. That the Library Grant Fund of the 2005-2006 City of Longview

biennial budget shall be, and is hereby, amended as follows:

(a) Revenues in the amount of \$22,300 will come from grant proceeds for the Wal-Mart Literacy and the Met-Life Reading America programs. In addition, beginning resources in the amount of \$12,000 will be utilized to fund for program costs associated with the LCC Literacy Program: \$34,300.00

(b) The Library Grant Fund expenditures shall be increased to provide for program costs associated with the LCC Literacy, Met-Life Reading America and Wal-Mart Literacy grant programs: \$34,300.00

Section 4. That the Water Operations Fund of the 2005-2006 City of Longview

biennial budget shall be, and is hereby, amended as follows:

(a) Revenues from water sales shall be increased to provide for state mandated employer pension contributions, re-establishing funding for the Unemployment Compensation Fund, and restoring Employee Benefits Reserve Fund contributions and health insurance premium adjustments: \$13,670.00

(b) The expenditures in the Water Operations Fund shall be increased to provide for state mandated employer pension contributions, re-establishing funding for the Unemployment Compensation Fund, and restoring Employee Benefits Reserve Fund contributions and health insurance premium adjustments: \$13,670.00

Section 5. That the Sewer Operations Fund of the 2005-2006 City of Longview

biennial budget shall be, and is hereby, amended as follows:

- (a) Revenues from sewer collection shall be increased to provide for state mandated employer pension contributions, re-establishing funding for the Unemployment Compensation Fund, and restoring Employee Benefits Reserve Fund contributions and health insurance premium adjustments: \$17,930.00
- (b) The expenditures in the Sewer Operations Fund shall be increased to provide for state mandated employer pension contributions, re-establishing funding for the Unemployment Compensation Fund and restoring Employee Benefits Reserve Fund contributions and health insurance premium adjustments: \$17,930.00

Section 6. That the Sewer Construction Fund of the 2005-2006 City of Longview

biennial budget shall be, and is hereby, amended as follows:

- (a) Beginning resources in the amount of \$950,000 shall be utilized to provide for expenditures related to the 30<sup>th</sup> & Hudson sewer repair project: \$950,000.00
- (b) Expenditures in the Sewer Construction Fund shall be increased to provide for unanticipated costs associated with the 30<sup>th</sup> & Hudson sewer repair project: \$950,000.00

Section 7. That the Filter Plant Operations Fund of the 2005-2006 City of Longview

biennial budget shall be, and is hereby, amended as follows:

- (a) Revenues from water distribution sales shall be increased to provide for state mandated employer pension contributions, re-establishing funding for the Unemployment Compensation Fund, and restoring Employee Benefits Reserve Fund contributions and health insurance premium adjustments: \$6,720.00
- (b) The expenditures in the Filter Plant Operations Fund shall be increased to provide for state mandated employer pension contributions, re-establishing funding for the Unemployment Compensation Fund, and restoring Employee Benefits Reserve Fund contributions and health insurance premium adjustments: \$6,720.00

Section 8. That the Filter Plant Construction Fund of the 2005-2006 City of Longview

biennial budget shall be, and is hereby, amended as follows:

- (a) Funding for Filter Plant construction projects shall come from capital contributions from the City of Longview and Cowlitz PUD as per the formula specified in the Interlocal Agreement: \$77,300.00
- (b) Expenditures in the Filter Plant Construction Fund shall be increased to provide for project costs associated with rebuilding the Hi-Service pumps and the River/ Intake Modifications project: \$77,300.00

Section 9. That the Sanitary/Recycling Fund of the 2005-2006 City of Longview

biennial budget shall be, and is hereby, amended as follows:

- (a) Revenues from sanitary/recycling collection shall be increased to provide for state mandated employer pension contributions, re-establishing funding for the Unemployment Compensation Fund, and restoring Employee Benefits Reserve Fund contributions and health insurance premium adjustments: \$7,100.00
- (b) The expenditures in the Sanitary/Recycling Fund shall be increased to provide for state mandated employer pension contributions, re-establishing funding for the Unemployment Compensation Fund, and restoring Employee Benefits Reserve Fund contributions and health insurance premium adjustments: \$7,100.00

Section 10. That the Storm Water Fund of the 2005-2006 City of Longview

biennial budget shall be, and is hereby, amended as follows:

- (a) Revenues from storm water fees shall be increased to provide for state mandated employer pension contributions, re-establishing funding for the Unemployment Compensation Fund, and restoring Employee Benefits Reserve Fund contributions and health insurance premium adjustments: \$12,100.00
- (b) The expenditures in the Storm Water Fund shall be increased to provide for state mandated employer pension contributions, re-establishing funding for the Unemployment Compensation Fund, and restoring Employee Benefits Reserve Fund contributions and health insurance premium adjustments: \$12,100.00

Section 11. That the Public Transit Fund of the 2005-2006 City of Longview

biennial budget shall be, and is hereby, amended as follows:

- (a) Revenues from Cowlitz Transit Authority shall be increased to provide for state mandated employer pension contributions, re-establishing funding for the Unemployment Compensation Fund, and restoring Employee Benefits Reserve Fund contributions and health insurance premium adjustments: \$12,790.00
- (b) The expenditures in the Public Transit Fund shall be increased to provide for state mandated employer pension contributions, re-establishing funding for the Unemployment Compensation Fund, and restoring Employee Benefits Reserve Fund contributions and health insurance premium adjustments: \$12,790.00

Section 12. That the Mint Valley Golf Fund of the 2005-2006 City of Longview

biennial budget shall be, and is hereby, amended as follows:

- (a) Revenues from green fees shall be increased to provide for state mandated employer pension contributions, re-establishing funding for the Unemployment Compensation Fund, and restoring Employee Benefits Reserve Fund contributions and health insurance premium adjustments: \$4,740.00
- (b) The expenditures in the Mint Valley Golf Fund shall be increased to provide for state mandated employer pension contributions, re-establishing funding for the Unemployment Compensation Fund, and restoring Employee Benefits Reserve Fund contributions and health insurance premium adjustments: \$4,740.00

Section 13. That the Insurance Reserve Fund of the 2005-2006 City of Longview

biennial budget shall be, and is hereby, amended as follows:

- (a) Miscellaneous revenues shall be increased to provide for state mandated employer pension contributions, re-establishing funding for the Unemployment Compensation Fund, and restoring Employee Benefits Reserve Fund contributions and health insurance premium adjustments: \$1,480.00
- (b) The expenditures in the Insurance Reserve Fund shall be increased to provide for state mandated employer pension contributions, re-establishing funding for

the Unemployment Compensation Fund, and restoring Employee Benefits Reserve Fund contributions and health insurance premium adjustments: \$1,480.00

Section 14. That the Facility Maintenance Fund of the 2005-2006 City of Longview biennial budget shall be, and is hereby, amended as follows:

(a) Miscellaneous revenues shall be increased to provide for state mandated employer pension contributions, re-establishing funding for the Unemployment Compensation Fund, and restoring Employee Benefits Reserve Fund contributions and health insurance premium adjustments: \$4,320.00

(b) The expenditures in the Facility Maintenance Fund shall be increased to provide for state mandated employer pension contributions, re-establishing funding for the Unemployment Compensation Fund, and restoring Employee Benefits Reserve Fund contributions and health insurance premium adjustments: \$4,320.00

Section 15. That the Firemen's Pension Fund of the 2005-2006 City of Longview biennial budget shall be, and is hereby, amended as follows:

(a) Miscellaneous revenues shall be increased to provide for state mandated employer pension contributions, re-establishing funding for the Unemployment Compensation Fund, and restoring Employee Benefits Reserve Fund contributions and health insurance premium adjustments: \$460.00

(b) The expenditures in the Facility Maintenance Fund shall be increased to provide for state mandated employer pension contributions, re-establishing funding for the Unemployment Compensation Fund, and restoring Employee Benefits Reserve Fund contributions and health insurance premium adjustments: \$460.00

Section 16. That by reason of the facts herein before set forth, an emergency is hereby declared under the provisions of RCW 35A.34.150, and it is hereby ordered that the foregoing appropriations and budget amendments be approved in excess of the 2005-2006 biennial budget for the purposes stated herein.

Section 17. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after five (5) days from its passage and publication.

Passed by the City Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of December, 2005. Approved by the Mayor this \_\_\_\_\_ day of December, 2005.

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ATTEST:

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City Clerk  
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney

Published: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Based upon the authentication and certification of claims and demands against the City, prepared and signed by the City's auditing officer, and in full reliance thereon, it is moved and seconded as shown in the minutes of this meeting that the following vouchers/warrants are approved for payment:

Voucher (warrant) totals for 2nd Claims of December 2005:        \$1,351,176.48



## **Memorandum**

December 22, 2005

### **CERTIFICATION** **Project Completion**

**To:** Mr. Robert J. Gregory, City Manager

**From:** Craig Bozarth, City Engineer

**Reviewed By:** Jeff Cameron, Director of Public Works

**Subject:** 2005 Water/Sewer Re-Roof Project  
Contract #05-0716-W/S

This is to certify that the 2005 Water/Sewer Re-Roof project has been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications under Contract No. 05-0716-W/S, entered into between the City of Longview and Weatherguard, Inc. and the same is hereby accepted and approved.

DATED this 22nd Day of December, 2005.



## **Memorandum**

December 22, 2005

### **CERTIFICATION** **Project Completion**

**To:** Mr. Robert J. Gregory, City Manager

**From:** Craig Bozarth, City Engineer

**Reviewed By:** Jeff Cameron, Director of Public Works

**Subject:** **Washington Way & 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue Street Repairs**  
**Contract #05-2446-E**

This is to certify that the Washington Way & 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue Street Repairs project has been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications under Contract No. 05-2446-E, entered into between the City of Longview and D. & A. General Contractors and the same is hereby accepted and approved.

DATED this 22nd Day of December, 2005.