

**SPECIAL KELSO CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**JANUARY 23, 2007
6:00 P. M.**


TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: STAFFING

The Special Meeting of the Kelso City Council was called to order by Mayor Gregory. Councilmembers in attendance were: Gregory, Slater, Chester, McDaniel, Wheeler, Futcher, and Karnofski.

City Manager Doug Robinson: With the resignation of Kent Anderson as Community Development Director effective 12/31/06, I have been reviewing the staffing levels in the Community Development Department. I think we need to have some type of an associate or planner technician to look at development projects as they come in. Community Development needs to have a director working economic development and going after ways to improve the downtown area. Currently there is not time because of phone calls, e-mails, and answering questions. We need to take care of the backlog. We need an associate planner to work with individuals as well as with our engineering department. I want to be able to contract with the Council of Governments for planning services on existing projects as well as new projects coming in so that they can work these projects in this interim period of at least three months while a search is conducted for a Community Development Director.

Lengthy Council discussion followed regarding nuisance abatement.

The Special Meeting closed at 6:55 p.m.



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