

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
EXECUTIVE SESSION ROOM**

**JANUARY 14, 2009
6:00 P.M.**

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: Public Works Overlay Program

Mayor Futch opened the special meeting at 6:10 p.m. Councilmembers in attendance were: Futch, Malella, Roberson, Slater, Myers, McDaniel, and Karnofski.

City Staff present: City Manager Dennis Richards, Public Works Director David Sypher, Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield, and City Engineer Dave Mack.

Public Works Director David Sypher and City Engineer Dave Mack presented a list of streets that need to be overlaid. David Sypher reminded council that the 2009/2010 biennium budget for the Kelso Overlay Project was cut back to almost nothing. In addition, David Sypher stated that due to the severity of the road conditions, work needs to be done in a timely manner, otherwise the overlay won't work and total road reconstruction would be needed. Total reconstruction will cost five times as much as overlays. David Sypher stated that the cost of the proposed overlays would be \$1 million.

Funding options discussed included General Obligation Bonds, Public Works Trust Fund Loans, and an interfund loan from monies set aside for the retirement of the 2003 G.O. Bond. After discussion, it was the consensus of the council that the interfund loan would be the most economical way, at this time, to finance the proposed overlay project.

As to the repayment of the loan, David Sypher mentioned that some cities in Washington have passed on some of the costs of road repair to the companies that collect garbage. Garbage trucks cause substantial damage to roadways because of their excessive weight. The City could renegotiate with Waste Management in 2010 and beyond to compensate for some of the wear and tear on the roads caused by their heavy equipment.

Discussion followed.

It was the consensus of the council to authorize a million dollar overlay program and use an interfund loan for the debt service fund and obtain more information regarding passing on some of the costs to Waste Management, Inc.

Mayor Futch adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.



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