PALOUSE CITY COUNCIL

Public Hearing: Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan & Regular Council Meeting June 27, 2023, @ 7:00 PM Palouse City Hall | 120 E Main St.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Tim Sievers called the Public Hearing on the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan to order at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Deputy Clerk Kelsey Blair took Roll Call.

Councilmembers present: Sarah Bofenkamp, Bill Slinkard, Leslie Sena, Samuel Brink, Travis Deerkop, Robert Brooks, and Ann Barrington

Councilmembers absent:

City staff present: City Administrator (CA) Misty La Follett, Public Works (PW) Superintendent (Supt) Mike Wolf, Walter Fealy, Police Officer Joel Anderson, and Deputy Clerk (DC) Kelsey Blair

Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan Public Hearing:

A copy of the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan was provided in the council's meeting packet. CA LaFollett explained that there has been no change to the 6-year Transportation Improvement Plan from last year.

Mayor Siever invited the public to comment on the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan, but there was no public comment.

Resolution 2023-16 - Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan for 2024-2029

- Mayor Sievers read the entire ordinance aloud.
- Councilmember Bofenkamp introduced a MOTION to approve Resolution 2023-16 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan for 2024-2029, the MOTION was seconded by Councilmember Sena. All council members approved, and the MOTION passed.

The Public Hearing Adjourned at 7:10 PM, at which Mayor Tim Sievers called the regular Council Meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilmember Barrington asked to amend the minutes, adding the phrase "but the planning commission can request direction from the council if desired" to the final sentence in the Policy & Administration Committee report.

 Councilmember Brooks introduced a MOTION to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting on June 13, 2023, as amended, the MOTION was seconded by Councilmember Brink. All council members approved, and the MOTION passed.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Supt Mike Wolf presented his report to the Council

- Lots of problems with the Pool. It was built in 1965
- The pool closed due to a leaking pipe in the pit. It was closed Tuesday Saturday then reopened on Sunday. Sunday evening a pool light came out and had to drain the pool to fix that. Worked on it until 11 pm on Sunday, but was able to get the pool filled back up to open for Open Swim on Monday..

POLICE REPORT:

Officer Anderson presented his report to the Council.

20 calls for service and 2 callouts 64 traffic stops, 2 infractions, and 2 criminal citations.

^{*}The full Public Works report is attached to the minutes.

- Stopped a vehicle with no license plate and with only a bill of sale in the window. The driver had a suspended license for 30+ years and a non-extraditable warrant. The driver was arrested for driving on a suspended license and the vehicle was impounded.
- Responded to the assisted living complex for an elderly male with dementia yelling in the parking lot. Resources were provided.
- Stopped a vehicle with expired tabs over 3 years, going 40mph in a 25mph zone on Main Street. The license plate and title had been canceled. The driver was cited for operating a vehicle without a valid title certificate.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR / DEPUTY CLERK REPORT:

Verizon

- Verizon has submitted a proposal asking for a lease of city ground for a Verizon tower. Verizon would like permission to keep moving forward. This is not a full formal approval. The next step would be surveying and going through the board of adjustment process. CA LaFollett is asking for permission from the council to move forward with the conversations with Verizon.
- Councilmember Sena introduced a **MOTION** to move forward with taking the next steps with Verizon in regards to a Verizon tower on city-owned property, the **MOTION** was seconded by Councilmember Bofenkamp. All council members approved, and the **MOTION** passed.

Sign for the pedestrian bridge and landscaping proposal

• The owners of the old gym building that is now State Bank and the Clinic have submitted a mockup of street/pedestrian signs that they would like to put up on the existing pole. Also, they would like to landscape that city-owned section between the State Bank and the old clinic building. They are offering to pay for the landscaping for a reduction in the water bill. Council is open to the conversation but would like something more official for the landscaping that is being proposed and the cost associated. Council would also like the dimension of the sign that is being proposed.

Riding Lawn Mower

- CA LaFollett provided 2 quotes for two different riding lawnmowers. There was discussion about the need for a new lawn mower, the difference between the quotes, and about the budget.
- Councilmember Slinkard introduced a **MOTION** to purchase the 2023 Cub Cadet riding lawn mower, the **MOTION** was seconded by Councilmember Sena. All council members approved, and the **MOTION** passed.

Special Occasion Liquor License

- The Community Center is applying for a special occasion liquor license for the music festival on July 29th, 2023. Officer Anderson had no objections to this application.
- Councilmember Brink introduced a **MOTION** to authorize the mayor to approve the special occasion liquor license, the **MOTION** was seconded by Councilmember Deerkop. All council members approved, and the **MOTION** passed.

Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) grant for the St. Elmo feasibility study

• Avista has offered to cover a large portion of the required matching funds if we are awarded the CERB grant for the St. Elmo feasibility study.

A donation to reimburse the city

• A few weeks ago, Officer Anderson reported on a distraught woman at the gas station who was out of gas and had no money. CA LaFollett approved purchasing a ½ tank of gas for the woman to get to Spokane. A donation has been made to repay that purchase.

OLD BUSINESS:

TD&H - Revisions on the Cove Road Sidewalk

- Looking for approval for the mayor to sign the application for a Public Works Board loan for Cove Road Sidewalk improvements. There was discussion about the terms and the deadlines.
- Councilmember Slinkard introduced a **MOTION** to authorize the mayor to sign the application for a Public Works Board loan for Cove Road Sidewalk improvements, the **MOTION** was seconded by Councilmember Barrington. All council members approved, and the **MOTION** passed.

^{*}The full Police Department Report is attached to the minutes.

Ordinance 1021 – Changing Ordinance 1019 to Ordinance 1020- 2023 Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review

- Due to a misnumbering, we must do an ordinance to correct the misnumbering. Mayor Sievers read the entire ordinance aloud.
- Councilmember Sena introduced a **MOTION** to adopt Ordinance 1021 Changing Ordinance 1019 to Ordinance 1020-2023 Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review, the **MOTION** was seconded by Councilmember Slinkard. All council members approved, and the **MOTION** passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wastewater Permit with Department of Ecology (DOE)

• Two representatives from the Department of Ecology (DOE) spoke to the council about the status of the current wastewater permit. Those representatives were Art Jenkins, Permit Unit Supervisor, and Rob Buchert, Senior Compliance Specialist. Mr. Jenkins reported that we have had some compliance issues in the past, but for the last 4 months, the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) has had perfect compliance. The current permit is expired but the DOE is issuing an administrative extension and that means there are no changes to the permit. The current permit has a temperature limit deadline of next May. Mr. Jenkins reported that a new permit will be issued in the next 18-20 months, but in the meantime, we will continue to comply with the existing permit. The next permit will have a timeline for complying with the dissolved oxygen limits. Mr. Jenkins talked about "right-sizing" our WWTP and using current numbers for flows. Mayor Sievers asked if the facility plan that was approved by Ecology had flawed numbers and Mr. Jenkins said that it may need to be relooked at. There was a discussion about why we cannot get an extension on the temperature limits and focus on the dissolved oxygen levels, which would solve the temperature issue. Mr. Jenkins said that conversations need to be scheduled and would like to see progress.

Pool Fundraising Idea - Dog Day

• Kayla Johnston proposed having a dog day at the very end of the pool season. She explained that other pools do this. It is one human per dog. Supt. Wolf had no objections. CA LaFollett is going to check with the insurance company. There was consensus from the council that she can move forward with that.

Possible Noise Ordinance

• CA LaFollett explained that there have recently been 2 situations that involve noise complaints. She provided the council with a copy of the Pullman policy for reference. Looking to get an ordinance or a policy in place. The matter has been referred to the policy committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Policy & Administration - Chair Barrington:

- The committee has reviewed the dog ordinance in the code that was brought up at the last meeting. Chair Barrington provided the council with suggestions and recommends separating the consequences for the "potentially dangerous dog" section from the "dangerous dog" section. She recommends the potentially dangerous dog be a first step with a warning. Chair Barrington would like the city attorney to review the language being proposed.
- Sidewalk usage the possibility of creating a permitting process. The committee is working on a policy for the permitting process to be issued through city staff.
- The policy committee recommends not moving forward with a 911 Abuse/Non-Emergency Ordinance. The committee did hear from EMS Coordinator Joe Handley, who told them they are pursuing other solutions.

Budget, Finance, & Major Acquisitions - Chair Bofenkamp:

No Report

Streets, Properties, & Facilities - Chair Deerkop:

No Report

Personnel - Chair Brink:

• Chair Brink made a statement about the Police Task Force. There are a lot of concerns about what the task force is doing. To alleviate concerns the task force is not dealing with a "this or that" situation. The task force is investigating every potential use of the department (keep it status quo, increase the department, use Sheriff's office to supplement the department, co-police with other communities, etc.) it is an all-encompassing discussion to bring all items to the table to see what is the best way to go for future of the department.

Water and Sewer - Chair Slinkard:

No Report

Joint Fire Board - Chair Sena:

No Report

OPEN FORUM:

- Lesa Neumann Asked council where is the American and Washington State Flags, they used to be in city hall. In regards to the WWTP, Mrs. Neumann asked what happened to the plan that was presented by Andy O'Neil.
- Dana Anderson Asked council for clarification on the policy of age limits at the pool. He had children that were turned away for not being age compliant with an adult. If these policies are in place, then he thinks the pool times and operations should be looked at if adults must be with the children, because we are a working community. Mr. Anderson asked about the pool employee handbook that states lifeguards should not be sitting together and says it takes 10-20 seconds for a lifeguard to respond to emergencies. Mr. Anderson stated that he has seen kids get hurt, hit with a basketball, and get an arm stuck in the gutter and he feels that sitting together is a safety issue. Mr. Anderson also brought up paying for levies and paying for lifeguards, but then only certain kids can use the pool and some kids are not able to use the pool. He states that this pool is for us to use.
- Lynda Parnell Wanted to tell the council that she and her family have had only positive experiences with Officer Anderson. He helped save a dog and helped with a neighbor conflict. Mrs. Parnell noted that she thinks it is ok to pull people over and then educate them and she loves the small-town police force.
- Andree Marcus-Rader Thanked Councilmember Brink for clarifying the Police Task Force. Mrs. Marcus-Rader then read a portion of an email that she sent to the City Council members in support of the police department.
- AJ Newman Asked how to get involved with the police task force. Mr. Newman stated that he only had good interactions
 with Officer Anderson.
 - Mayor Sievers addressed the question and told Mr. Newman that the task force has been doing a lot of individual contacts and information gathering. Mayor Sievers encouraged reaching out to any of the council members or coming to the city council meeting and talking about the issues. Councilmembers Brooks, Brink, and Bofenkamp are on the Police Task Force, as well as Mayor Sievers and CA LaFollett. Coming up there will be opportunities over the next month to give feedback, it will be on the agenda for time to specifically talk about that.
- Jennifer Stephenson As a woman that lives here by herself she feels it is important for her to have an ally like Officer Anderson. Mrs. Stephenson feels it would be a disservice to the community to lose that amenity.
- Shishona Turner Mrs. Turner gave kudos to Officer Anderson. Mrs. Turner asked how are we going to address the issue of kids needing adult supervision at the pool if they are 12 and under.
 - Mayor Sievers informed everyone that there was some confusion about the law and some over-eagerness with the staff. Mayor Sievers did address that issue himself. There is not a policy presently in place that restricts what age the kids must be to use the pool. The city council would have to adopt a policy for there to be one. Mayor Sievers said we will be working with the lifeguards about the grouping/huddling up. If there is an interaction with a lifeguard, please be kind and if it does not go well, please reach out to the city staff.
- Bruin Turner Asked if a permit is needed to have a bake sale or lemonade stand.
 - Mayor Sievers answered that a permit is not needed.
- Cheryl Sanders Shared with the council that she took children that are under 13 years old to the pool, checked them in, and was able to leave them without issue. Mrs. Sanders said that she has been trying to figure out the pool policies.
- Dave Tharp Shared with the council that he moved in in 1976, there was a school fire, and the community rallied and rebuilt. The town rallied when there was a flood and helped save the store. Mr. Tharp would like to see the police department saved in this town. Mr. Tharp told the council that he has had good interactions with all the police in the town.
- Chris Cook Thanked the council and mayor for their service. Thanked Councilmember Brink for outlining the work that the police task force is doing. Mr. Cook let the council know that he thinks that some version of law enforcement should remain local and that there is a real value in having law enforcement directly in our community and schools. He understands the city must be good stewards of the resources and appreciates the council examining all the options.
- Rainy Anderson Mrs. Anderson asked if the city has settled out of court with any former employees in the last five years or is in the process. Mrs. Anderson asked when the task force would be making a decision.
 - To the first question Mayor Sievers answered no he is not aware of anything like that happening. To the second question, Mayor Sievers answered that the police task force has been delayed, but expects to wrap things up by the end of July, with a recommendation to the council.
- Edie Riddle She hopes that Palouse does not give up the police department.
- Brenda Firehawk Advocated highly for police that is familiar with the community. Police presence is a value for a community.
- Patty Rippee Mrs. Rippee asked about the levies that have passed for pool operations, what is the money used for and what is the fund balance? Mrs. Rippee asked about making legal U-turns on Main Street and when did the U-turn rules change?
 - Mayor Sievers answered that the levy is not enough for pool operations and maintenance.

- James Morrison addressed the council to show support for Officer Anderson. He has had limited but professional dealings with Officer Anderson. Mr. Morrison asked how to give input to the police task force before it wraps up at the end of July.
 - Mayor Sievers answered that are two council meetings in July and public input is welcome at either of those, also emailing the mayor or council members is encouraged.
- Eunice Stime informed the council that we need policing because of the grandkids. Likes walking the kids to school and seeing the police officer at the school.
- John Shuttleworth If we lose the police force then we will lose a lot of control.
- Al Pancoast in support of the local police department and support of Officer Anderson. In support of enforcing traffic laws and speed limits.
- Cheryl Johnson Officer Anderson has helped her many times and helped a neighbor. She can call him when fireworks were going off and when she had a strange dog on her porch. Outsourcing the police department will take too much time to get here.
- Angie Griner Asked how much money Avista is donating to the St. Elmo CERB grant match funds and asked if there have been other ways started to raise the rest of the matching funds and what is the deadline date. Mrs. Griner stated that turning around on J Street is allowed because it is an intersection and there is not a sign prohibiting it and there is no sign that says no left turns from the intersection of J Street and Main Street. Mrs. Griner stated that she is in support of local law enforcement, and states that every police officer in Palouse has always provided a police presence at the school, it is an important service, but it is not a new thing with the current officer. Mrs. Griner is not in favor of officers who act above the law. Mrs. Griner states that officers should not be making U-turns in front of the bridge on SR27 near the blind corner and the art gallery. A citizen sent her a video of that very act, that she sent to councilmembers.
 - Mayor Sievers answered that Avista has committed \$5,000 and they are just starting to talk about how to raise the rest of the money and would like the community to contribute. If awarded the grant, then there will be 6 months to raise the required matching funds.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no executive session.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Has had a phone meeting with Varela regarding the WWTP.
- Meet with Avista about donating a portion of the matching funds, if awarded the CERB grant.
- Upcoming meeting tomorrow with Congresswoman Cathy McMorris-Rodgers to make a legislative connection and to thank her for her support of the funding application.

ALLOW PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Councilmember Sena introduced a **MOTION** to allow the payment of bills; the **MOTION** was seconded by Councilmember Barrington. All council members approved, and the **MOTION** passed.

The following checks are approved for payment:

Claims paid

Ck#13204-13225 & EFT

\$94,088.28

ADJOURN:

Councilmember Slinkard **MOVED** to adjourn; Councilmember Sena seconded the **MOTION**: All council members present approved, and the **MOTION** passed.

The council meeting Adjourned at 9:17 pm

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

DATE:

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Public Works Superintendent Council Report

Date: June 22, 2023

(Keep in mind this is 4 days from each council meeting)

POOL:

The 6" drain pipe from the pit to the valve repair didn't hold as it was shot in the dark temporary fix. Tuesday morning there was significant leak so I called Shoemaker Construction. 2 employees came up from the Tri-Cities by noon that day and looked at it. They came back today with their design and parts and repaired the pool as a permanent fix.

Jason Ray came and repaired the PVC fittings going into the boiler today.

WATER:

We worked on a low water pressure complaint last week on Bridge Street. We put a new meter in and cleaned out the end of their pipe full of deposit build up.

SEWER:

With the help of a couple of life guards cleaned up around the plant. This included pulling weeds, trimming bushes, and string trimming.

We had an alarm light come on at the Beeson lift station around 5:30 last Wednesday evening.

CEMETERY:

Mike, Walt, and Evan leveled a headstone yesterday that was sinking.

Evan squared up a headstone that was moved by the mower.

PARKS:

All of the sidewalks were edged at the park today.

We are working on the gazebo in the park for the ice cream social. There was a little graffiti on the posts and some slats missing in the rails.

Monty Nearing trimmed the bushes and the trees at the nature park. THANK YOU MONTY!

STREETS:

Mike is working on the grader to get it ready to grade roads next week. We plan on road oiling the week after the fourth of July.

Evan repaired a broken valve for the sprinklers in front of the Lions block building today.

All of the sidewalks on West Main Street were edged today.

OTHER:

PW had three of the life guards help them while the pool was closed for the week. Beck, Ainsley, and Molly were the life guards that helped.

Palouse Police Department report for Palouse City Council meeting June 27, 2023:

Sixty four traffic stops resulting in two infraction citations and two criminal citations issued.

Nineteen calls for service and two call outs since last council.

230612-03 – While working pro-active traffic enforcement I stopped a vehicle for expired tabs of 03-2023 on a California plate. Investigation revealed the driver/registered owner had moved to Pullman sixteen months ago and had not registered her vehicle in the state as required within thirty days. Infraction issued.

230613-01 – Received a complaint from a citizen regarding another citizen's chicken/chicken coop on the south hill. Allegation of violation PMC 6.16.020 – keeping more than twenty chickens and PMC 16.16.030 – not enough square footage per chicken. Allegations of dirty coop and an odor emanating from the coop to other neighbors houses. Finally a nuisance/garbage violation was made in regards to wooden pallets stacking up on the property. I drove to the residence and attempted contact but owners were gone for the next five days. I was able to observe in plain view the chicken coop. The floor of the coop was clean, multiple sources of clean fresh water/food and counted 11-12 chickens. I smelled no odor. Later in the week I was able to make contact with owner who allowed me in the locked portion of the coop to verify there was only twelve chickens total. I advised to remove the wood pallets from street level view and to neatly stack them per PMC 8.12.020 and 8.12.024. Occupants were cooperative and explained the large amount of cardboard on the porch is being used as grass cover to eliminate grass for different type of landscaping.

230614-01 – While off duty and on call I received a complaint of a vandalism to a business on south end of town. Unknown person threw a small metal object through a glass window breaking it. I took pictures of the scene. A neighboring business was requested to check their cameras for suspect or suspect vehicle. That effort resulted in negative results. No incidents since. No suspect as this time.

230614-02 – While working pro-active traffic enforcement I stopped a vehicle with no plates and only a bill of sale in the back window. Investigation revealed driver had a suspended driver license for the past thirty plus years and a NO BAIL Felony Probation Violation Warrant for Dangerous Drugs. Due to a data entry error by the issuing agency – the warrant was not extraditable from Washington even though it was meant to be a nationwide extraditable warrant. I arrested the male for DWLS and impounded his vehicle.

230614-03 – While working pro-active traffic enforcement I stopped a vehicle for speeding. I contacted the driver and could see one child under ten in the front seat with no seatbelt and two children under five in the backseat with no car seat or seatbelt. Two infractions issued for RCW 46.61.687 Failure to Restrain Child Under 16 in a Motor Vehicle and RCW 46.61.687.1F - Child Under 13 Not in Backseat.

230615-01 – I received information that a NO BAIL felony warrant for DOC violation for Dangerous Drugs was issued to an adult female who resided in the city. Investigation revealed the female was told to leave her residence in Palouse three weeks earlier after family members caught her stealing from them

to feed her fentanyl habit. The female is now homeless in Clarkston. The warrant information was passed on to Clarkston PD and they arrested the female on the warrant the same day.

230616-03 – While on pro-active traffic enforcement I stopped a vehicle displaying expired tabs of 02-2020 and doing 40 MPH in a 25 MPH zone. Further investigation revealed the license plate and title had been canceled. Criminal citation issued for Operating a Motor Vehicle w out Valid Title Certificate.

230616-04 – Received a call from a business owner who was advised that a client contacted her to say while he was in her place of business earlier in the day, an unidentified person put a note in his vehicle via an open window. The business owner used her cameras and a neighboring business camera to get a screenshot of a heavy set male with black baseball hat, sunglasses, red t-shirt and cargo shorts walking around the client's car and inserting the note. The client would not reveal what the note said and did not want to pursue the incident further. All parties involved did not recognize the male.

230618-01 — While off duty and on call, I received a complaint of a neighbor blasting explicit lyrics music toward their property from a stereo with an open window. I arrived and was shown multiple videos of the music being turned up when the reporting party or his family were outside and then turned down when they went inside. This is a continuing harassment/neighbor dispute that has been going on for some time. I made contact with the person playing the music. He was aware there is no noise ordinance in Palouse and made it clear he had no intention to stop. I have since contacted a council member and City Attorney Eric Hanson in regards to the issue. A noise ordinance inserted as part of the Public Nuisance ordinance would help greatly and allow citations to be issued to citizens who have no desire to be good neighbors but instead aggravate and instigate others. I also advised the reporting party how to apply for an anti-harassment order via the courts.

230619-01 – I received a phone call from GarPal Superintendent requesting I respond urgently to the front doors of the school. Upon arrival I observed an adult female in crisis on the ground complaining of torso pain. I requested EMS immediately and helped tend to the female. Investigation revealed mental health diagnosis and evaluation would be needed. Female transported to Pullman for treatment. I was able to locate phone number for family member and request they respond to hospital.

230602-01 – While on patrol I responded to an assisted living complex for a report of a elderly male suffering from advanced dementia related symptoms wandering the parking lot yelling for his wife. The reporting party was a resident and was concerned for the welfare of the male. I arrived and spoke with male who I knew from previous contact. The wife eventually arrived back after running a quick errand. I worked with the wife to get some phone numbers for resources that can help her in the care of her husband so she can have assistance during this stressful life issue. I made sure she had my cell number to text or call when needed.

230622-01 – While on patrol I received a text from a citizen advising they observed a transient male walking in the cemetery two hours earlier. I drove to the location and was unable to locate the male. I drove downtown and walked Shady Lane looking for any encampment or signs of transient housing to no avail. The male is described in his thirties/forties, brown wool blanket over his head and body. I would like to make contact and get him to a city that has resources to better assist his food/housing needs.

Attended Whitman County Safety Protocol meeting June 22 at Colfax Public Service Building. Topics discussed included master keys to first responder vs NOX boxes. Finalizing lettering/numbering of interior/exterior windows/doors in a formatted way that is consistent county wide at all schools. Emphasis on mapping lining up with the numbers placed on the windows/doors. Discussed possibility of having access to real time footage of school CCTV via app on phone (have discussed this with GarPal Superintendent Jones). Some NIMS ICS training will take place for school admin personnel this summer then reconvene in October 2023. Possible scenario based tabletop exercise to follow in November/December.

Thank you,

MPO Joel Anderson #603

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6/27/23

ORDINANCE NO. 1021

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALOUSE, WASHINGTON, amending Ordinance No. 1019, dated June 13, 2023, thereby assigning it a new ordinance number.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 1019, dated June 13, 2023, was inadvertently assigned number 1019, thereby duplicating another Ordinance 1019 which was adopted prior to June 13, 2023; and

WHEREAS, to avoid such duplication, the City Council has determined to amend Ordinance No. 1019, dated June 13, 2023, by assigning it a different number, now, therefore,

The City Council of the City of Palouse does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. The number assigned to Ordinance No. 1019, dated June 13, 2023, is hereby amended to be assigned as No. 1020.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect five days after it or a summary thereof, is published in the official newspaper of the City of Palouse as required by law.

PASSED by the City	Council of the City of Palouse on this 2/" day of June 2023.
	APPROVED: / matheflan Swice
	MAYOR
	ATTEST: CITY ADMINISTRATOR
Approved as to form:	

Passed:

Published:

Effective date:

CITY ATTORNEY

6/27/23

ORDINANCE NO. 1020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALOUSE, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE 2023 SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM PERIODIC REVIEW AS REQUIRED BY RCW 90.58.080(4)

WHEREAS, the Shoreline Management Act (SMA) requires the City of Palouse to develop and administer a Shoreline Master Program (SMP); and

WHEREAS, Palouse adopted a comprehensive SMP update as required by RCW 90.58.080(2), which was effective as of January 17, 2004, and

WHEREAS, RCW 90.58.080(4) requires Palouse to periodically review and, if necessary, revise the master program on or before June 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the review process is intended to bring the SMP into compliance with requirements of the act or state rules that have been added or changed since the last SMP amendment, ensure the SMP remains consistent with amended comprehensive plans and regulations, and incorporate amendments deemed necessary to reflect changed circumstances, new information, or improved data; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palouse, along with the Town of Albion, City of Colfax, City of Pullman, Town of Rosalia, Town of Tekoa, and Whitman County, entered into a Coalition to jointly update the Shoreline Master Programs for each jurisdiction utilizing grant funding from the Department of Ecology to complete the periodic review update; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palouse, as part of the Whitman County Shoreline Master Program Coalition, developed a public participation program for this periodic review in accordance with WAC 173-26-090(3)(a) to inform, involve and encourage the participation of interested persons and private entities, tribes, and applicable agencies having interests and responsibilities relating to shorelines; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palouse used Ecology's checklist of legislative and rule amendments to review amendments to chapter 90.58 RCW and department guidelines that have occurred since the master program was last amended and determine if local amendments are needed to maintain compliance in accordance with WAC 173-26-090(3)(b)(i); and

WHEREAS, the City of Palouse conducted a formal public comment period in compliance with the requirements of WAC 173-26-104; and

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Shoreline Master Program Coalition published a legal notice in the Whitman County Gazette on January 19, 2023, for a public hearing on the proposed Planning Commission recommendations, including a statement that the hearings were intended to address the periodic review in accordance with WAC 173-26-090(3)(c)(ii); and

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Planning Commission took public testimony on the proposed Planning Commission recommendations at a public hearing on February 15, 2023; and

WHEREAS, a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) environmental checklist was prepared based upon Planning Commission Public Hearing Draft, and County Planner, Alan Thompson, SEPA responsible official issued and circulated a copy of the checklist and a Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) on January 19, 2023, and

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WHEREAS, the Whitman County Planning Commission reviewed the public testimony and written comments on the proposed SMP revisions, and suggested revisions to the proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposed amendments and forwarded it to each coalition member Council for review and adoption on February 15, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Shoreline Master Program Coalition provided Notice of Intent to Adopt to the Washington State Department of Commerce in accordance with WAC 173-26-100(5); and

WHEREAS, after considering all public comments and evidence, the Palouse City Council determined that the proposed amendments comply with all applicable laws and rules; and

WHEREAS, this completes the City of Palouse's required process for periodic review in accordance with RCW 90.58.080(4) and applicable state guidelines (WAC 173-26).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALOUSE;

Section 1. Review and Evaluation. The City Council hereby finds that the review and evaluation required by RCW 90.58.080(4) have occurred, as described in the recitals above.

Section 2. Revisions. That Shoreline Master Program Periodic Update and maps are hereby amended to read as set forth in Exhibit 1 attached to this ordinance and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 3. Palouse Municipal Code §11.04.010 and those portions of Ordinance No. 936 which were codified as Palouse Municipal Code §11.04.010 are hereby amended to read as follows:

"11.04.010 - Shoreline Master Plan Adopted. The "City of Palouse Shoreline Master Program," approved and published by the City Council on June 13. 2023 shown as Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, three copies of which have been placed on file in the office of the City Clerk/Treasurer, is hereby adopted by this reference as the 2023 City of Palouse Shoreline Master Program and is made part hereof as fully set forth herein."

Section 4. Adoption. The Council hereby adopts the above referenced SMP revisions and finds the amended SMP consistent with the requirements of RCW 90.58 and WAC 173-26, as they apply to these amendments.

Section 5. Submission to Department of Ecology. The Whitman County Shoreline Master Program Coalition is directed to submit the SMP and associated documents to the Department of Ecology for their review and approval prior to formal adoption. If/Once approved by the Department of Ecology, no further action is necessary for compliance with RCW 90.58.080(4) for the periodic review update due on June 30, 2023.

// // // **Section 6. Effective Date.** The amendments to the SMP adopted through Ordinance 1020 shall be effective 14 days after the Department of Ecology's final action as provided by RCW 90.58.090(7).

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Palouse on this 13th day of June 2023.

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CITY ATTORNEY	
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