



Study Session
Monday – January 7, 2013
7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Perry called the regularly scheduled study session to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Council Members present were Jones, Manley, Morton, Ott, Whalen, Zaroudny and Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor.

STAFF PRESENT

City Administrator Mukerjee, Public Works Director Neal, and Finance Director Tylor.

3. STUDY ITEMS

a. Lighting in Parks

Council discussed the issue of allowing a light for the Arlington Oak tree planted by the VFW in Triangle Park. Current city code limits use of a park after dark to lighted tennis courts and activities at a lighted venue, as well as the sidewalks within a park. Since the Veterans Memorial is already lit, and the Arlington Oak tree is part of the overall memorial site, Council directed staff to prepare an ordinance which would exempt the memorial and its component parts from the park lighting restrictions, as long as the lights were installed by the city and sufficient care was taken to minimize the impacts to adjacent properties.

b. Tobacco Use in Parks

Council discussed a recommendation from the Parks Board to prohibit smoking and tobacco use in city parks, except in designated areas. Council discussion centered on whether there needs to be a total prohibition, or whether the prohibition should apply only to designated areas. Also, there was discussion on whether the prohibition should be for smoking only, or for all tobacco products including chewing tobacco. Council directed staff to prepare an ordinance which would prohibit the use of all tobacco products from city parks, including the inter-urban trail and skate court.

c. Animals at Public Events

Council discussed the issue of not allowing animals at city events held in city parks. Currently, the city code allows animals in city parks, as long as the animals are tied to a leash. A Spokane ordinance addressing this issue was discussed. Council directed staff to prepare an ordinance which would prohibit animals from city events. This prohibition

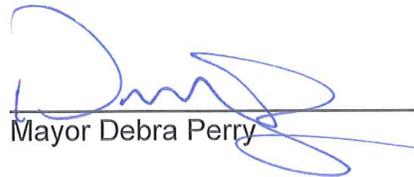
would not apply to service animals, or animals used by law enforcement or those animals that were part of a sponsored event.

d. Community Event Budget

Council discussed whether to create a separate fund for community events, so that revenues and expenditures could be better tracked. Currently, the budget for community events is part of the Activity/Senior Center budget of the General Fund. Direct costs and staff overtime costs are charged against this budget. Regular staff costs for setting up for the events are not charged to this budget. Council directed staff to prepare an ordinance which would create a separate fund for Community Events. The fund would retain the funding levels in the adopted 2013 budget of \$13,100. In future years, the expenditure budget could be set at previous year's revenue levels, in an effort to move this fund to be self sustaining by 2014.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The Study Session adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Mayor Debra Perry

ATTEST:



Lisa Tylor, City Clerk