

**CITY OF KALAMA  
CITY COUNCIL  
JULY 21, 2010**

**URBAN GROWTH AREA WORKSHOP**

Mayor Pete Poulsen opened the workshop of the Kalama City Council at 6:00 pm. Councilmembers present were Dominic Ciancibelli, Adam Smee, Chuck Hutchinson, and Don Purvis. Councilmember Bud Gish was absent. City staff present were Director of Public Works Carl McCrary, and Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster. Members in the audience are listed on the sign in sheet.

Director of Public Works Carl McCrary gave an overview of how the 2005 Urban Services Plan was developed and adopted. The City worked with a committee of community residents and entities which included the Port of Kalama. The Port had been reluctant to address urban growth or anything that might discuss annexing certain areas of their property to the City, but they did finally agree to the Urban Services plan adopted in 2005. Carl provided a map showing the boundaries of the Urban Services Area as well as the Water Service Area and City limits. Once it was adopted, the plan was presented to the County to consider. They had positive feedback on the plan but did ask why it was “services” and not growth. The County’s adoption of the plan was not completed as there was to be some coordination with them on how it would incorporate into their Comprehensive Plan which just never got done. The County is now reviewing their Comp Plan for update, so Mr. McCrary felt this was a good time to review the plan and incorporate the updated city limits as well as any new text. The modifications to the plan are very minimal, and there are no changes to the boundary. The biggest change is the change of the word “services” to “growth” in the title.

Mayor Poulsen noted that the County will be working on the Comp Plan update for at least two years, so he doesn’t want to push this through. He would like to see the City sit down with the Port and review the plan to address any concerns. The Port is the biggest economic developer in the area, so we do need to recognize their role in the growth of the area. Over the last two years he has been working with the Port on the development of property to the north of the City. While they have always been reluctant to discuss annexation, they are developing a developer’s agreement proposal that would annex the property into the City. At this time the City needs to be considerate of maintaining this relationship with the Port and move forward cautiously. It was asked what the Port’s objection is to annexation. There is not a clear understanding of this. Mayor Poulsen noted that the Port may also be annexing the Park area in order to get better police services. Mr. McCrary noted that the updated draft plan had been sent to the Port, but there had been no response to date. Mayor Poulsen added that Port Director Lanny Cawley had planned to attend, but had a scheduling conflict.

The goal for getting the City’s Urban Growth Plan in place with the County is to allow for areas adjacent or close to the City limits that would logically become part of the

City in the future to be developed to the City standards for street lights, streets and infrastructure instead of the County standards.

It was agreed that a meeting would be set up with the Port to review the plan and allow them to comment .

Mayor Poulsen adjourned the workshop at 6:45 pm. These minutes are not verbatim. A copy of the tape can be made available for listening.

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**Pete Poulsen - Mayor**

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**Coni McMaster - Clerk/Treasurer**