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Annexation: The Way Forward

In summer 2011, the city initiated discussion with Franklin County and Fire District No. 3 to develop a mutually-agreeable plan for annexation of what is commonly referred to as “the donut hole” (an unincorporated “island” of about 3.5 square miles, south of I-182 Highway). Though the city could lawfully annex part of the area using the utility connection agreements signed by property owners over the past 20 years, the City and Fire District both view a mutually agreeable plan for annexation to be the best method for all involved. Unfortunately, discussions with Franklin County over the ensuing eight months have not produced even a draft agreement.

In May, a group of donut hole residents initiated an effort to incorporate the donut hole as a new city, to be completely surrounded by the City of Pasco. State law permits incorporation of a new city, with certain conditions. One condition requires the proposed city to have at least 3,000 inhabitants. The law also recognizes the interests of an adjacent city (like Pasco), by allowing the adjacent city to lawfully annex any portion of the proposed incorporation area; if the annexation reduces the population of the proposed incorporation area below 3,000, the new city proposal dies entirely.

The City Council has considered the potential problems associated with creation of a new city in the donut hole and has concluded that it would: increase costs to Pasco taxpayers due to inefficiency of city operations and indirectly require Pasco taxpayer subsidy of the new city due to lack of park and



traffic impact fees; use Pasco facilities without financial contribution (Chiawana Park, Senior Citizens Center, etc.); and require \$2 million for relocation of city Fire Station No. 3 (Road 68/Argent Road) to a location north of the highway so it is not on the edge of Pasco.

In view of the negative aspects and substantial cost to Pasco taxpayers caused by a new city surrounded by Pasco, the City Council determined it should annex a portion of the donut hole this fall and has initiated that effort. The initial annexation area contains about 1,400 persons, so the annexation will reduce the remaining donut hole population well below the 3,000 threshold, consequently stopping the incorporation effort toward a new city. Once this initial annexation is completed, the city and Fire District can resume the effort to develop a mutually agreeable annexation plan for the balance of the donut hole – a plan which cannot succeed without agreement of the Franklin County Commission.

PROUD TO BE YOUR HOME!

New Police & Court Online Services

The City has improved its online offerings to residents by posting accident reports, police notifications, and allowing online court payments.

Residents looking for traffic accident reports can now download them free via the City's



website. The site will be updated every weekday, so visitors to the City's website will have quick access to these reports in Adobe Acrobat (pdf) format. You will need the report number to locate the correct document. Accident reports can be found on the Police Department's page on the City's website.

The public can also sign up for email or text notifications from the Pasco PD by logging into nixle.com. This free service will notify you of important public safety announcements from the Police Department. For more information on accident reports or Police notifications, contact the Pasco Police Department at (509) 545-3421.

Pasco Municipal Court now accepts payments via credit or debit cards by visiting the City's website and clicking "Online Bill Pay", then by following the link to the Municipal Court payment site. To pay for your fine online, you will need the citation number found on your ticket. There will be a processing fee for online fine payments. For more information, visit the website or call the Pasco Municipal Court at (509) 545-3491.

Solicitor's License Requirements



All persons selling products or services door-to-door are required to carry a current Pasco Solicitor's License with them at all times. If you're buying their products, they must provide you a copy of the written purchase receipt or contract with the solicitor's name, the company, and address written on the receipt.

Solicitors may not go to a home that has posted "No Soliciting" signs and no soliciting may be conducted at homes between 9 p.m. and 9 a.m. Any solicitor that cannot produce a City of Pasco license when requested should be asked to leave. If you do have an unlicensed solicitor at your home, please contact the Pasco Police Department to provide your address and a description of the solicitor.

School Starts August 28th!

With children returning to school, please remember to drive safely and obey the school zone laws. Back to school safety involves everyone!

Pasco City Television wins programming award



Pasco City Television has won an "Honorable Mention" from the Alliance for Community Media – Northwest Region "Best of the Northwest" Awards for the 2011 Pasco Candidate's Forum. The awards honor cable access programming from across 8 northwestern states.

PSC-TV is on channel 12 on Charter Cable in Pasco, and streamed 24/7 on the City's website at www.pasco-wa.gov/psectv. Selected programs, including meetings of the City Council, Planning Commission, and Code Enforcement Board can also be streamed on-demand via the City's website, too.

Holiday Observance - City Offices will be closed:



Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day

For information regarding City Council meetings, visit our website at www.pasco-wa.gov

Wastewater Treatment Plant wins award



The Washington State Department of Ecology recently awarded the City of Pasco the prestigious "Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Performance" award for achieving stringent sewer plant compliance standards.

The Department of Ecology evaluated wastewater treatment plants in Washington for compliance with the effluent limits, monitoring and reporting requirements, spill prevention planning, pretreatment, and overall operational demands of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. Of approximately 300 wastewater treatment plants statewide, the City of Pasco is one of 108 that achieved full compliance with its NPDES permit in 2011. This achievement is important as all treatment plant discharge ends up in the Columbia River, which is shared by us all. This award is the result of various upgrades and improved processes at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant over the last few years.