



City Council Draws Council Districts for Better Representation

The City Council has set revised boundaries for the districts within which 5 of the 7 positions of the City Council are elected. The remaining two positions are considered “at-large” and may reside anywhere within the City. The new boundaries can viewed on the City’s website at: www.pasco-wa.gov/councildistricts or by

requesting a map from the City Manager’s Office. Potential candidates for City Council, seeking to participate in the 2015 election, should consult the district map to determine their eligibility to run for a district seat. In 2015, seats for District 1 and District 5 are up for election, along with one of the “at-large” positions. Candidates for

Continued on following page

Visit our website at: www.pasco-wa.gov

CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor Matt Watkins (At Large)
416-6696, watkinscouncil@pasco-wa.gov

Mayor ProTem Rebecca Francik (Dist. 5)
545-6134, francikcouncil@pasco-wa.gov

Councilman Mike Garrison (Dist. 2)
545-3404, garrisoncouncil@pasco-wa.gov

Councilman Bob Hoffmann (Dist. 3)
547-7373, hoffmanncouncil@pasco-wa.gov

Councilman Al Yenney (Dist. 1)
547-8021, yenneycouncil@pasco-wa.gov

Councilman Tom Larsen (At Large)
545-9916, larsencouncil@pasco-wa.gov

Councilman Saul Martinez (Dist. 4)
547-7285, martinezcouncil@pasco-wa.gov

MANAGER & OFFICIALS:

City Manager Dave Zabell
545-3404, citymanager@pasco-wa.gov

Deputy City Manager Stan Strebel
543-5760, strebels@pasco-wa.gov

Police Chief Bob Metzger
545-3481, pascopolice@pasco-wa.gov

Fire Chief Bob Gear
545-3426, pascofire@pasco-wa.gov

Community Dev. Director Rick White
545-3441, communitydevelopment@pasco-wa.gov

Public Works Director Ahmad Qayoumi
543-5738, publicworks@pasco-wa.gov

**Admin. & Community Services
Director Rick Terway**
543-5757, acsadmin@pasco-wa.gov

Comments about the Pasco Pulse?
Email to communications@pasco-wa.gov

The Pasco City Council meets every Monday at 7pm (except for 5th Mondays) at City Hall, 525 N. 3rd Ave. Watch the Council meetings LIVE on PSC-TV Channel 191 on Charter Cable, or on the web at www.pasco-wa.gov/video.



PRIDE IN OUR CITY

(Continued)

office have a one-week period beginning May 11 and ending on May 15. Contact the Franklin County Election Office (www.co.franklin.wa.us/auditor, 545-3538) or visit the County Courthouse on 4th Avenue for more information.

Adoption of the district boundaries in March was the conclusion of a four month decision process for the City Council in which the Council reviewed several considerations for redrawing the district boundaries.

These included the Pasco Municipal Code which requires districts to have no more than a 10% population variance from one another (growth in the City has been rapid enough to trigger this redrawing process nearly every 2 years in the past 16 years); State law which sets guidelines on district composition, communities of interest, and identifiable boundaries; and possible issues under the Federal Voting Rights Act, to assure fair representation for all voters.

State law provides that, where districts are utilized, primary elections will be for districts only, but general elections are held on a City-wide basis. However, a recent Federal judicial decision affecting the City of Yakima requires that all voting be done by district only. The City Council is still considering district-only voting as a possible option prior to finalizing a decision for the 2015 elections.



Road 80 Area Annexation Committee Forms

In January this year, the City Council approved the formation of a committee to review and verify the facts associated with a potential annexation of the unincorporated “donut hole” area west of Road 80.

The committee has been formed and consists of 15 residents/property owners in the area who have the opportunity to thoroughly review annexation issues and an existing annexation fact matrix, and prepare a statement which will be shared with all residents prior to any further action by the City on the annexation proposal. A very similar process was used in 2012 for annexation of an area east of Road 68.

The committee is expected to review the different costs and regulations associated with property ownership in the unincorporated donut hole and the City. The intent of this effort is to make sure that each resident or property owner in the Road 80 area has the opportunity to learn the facts and to have their questions answered. For more information, visit www.pasco-wa.gov/annexation or call 545-3441.



Memorial Park Upgrades Continuing

It has been an exciting couple of years at Memorial Park with the addition of the Kiwanis Shelter and a new accessible playground. This year the City will be undertaking a project which includes the addition of asphalt trails linking all the shelters, playground and restrooms for easy access. Planning is also underway to add a concession facility for the pool and park during the summertime when the pool is in operation. Bring a lunch and have a picnic as you plan for a day at Memorial Pool this summer– season passes are now available for individuals and families. It's the best deal around to stay cool this summer!

HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE

City offices will be closed:

Monday, May 25
for Memorial Day

*For more information about the City,
visit our website at www.pasco-wa.gov*

Go Downtown for Farmer's Market and Cinco de Mayo



As longer days and warmer weather returns – thoughts begin to turn to the opening of the Pasco Farmers Market and the annual Cinco de Mayo celebration!

These two events in Downtown Pasco signal the beginning of the summer season and a new page in Downtown revitalization efforts. As the City begins the “spring cleaning” for the opening day of the Farmers Market and Cinco de Mayo, there are likewise efforts underway to engage in a significant public outreach effort for community input. The planned Lewis Street overpass and the transition from the overpass into the Downtown street system provides the starting point for leveraging the public infrastructure investment with the community vision for an attractive Downtown Center at or near 4th Avenue and Lewis Street. The design of this location in Downtown will “set the bar” for future improvements for the rest of the Downtown area.

A professional design and community involvement team has been assembled by the City to kick off this outreach effort and partner with the Downtown Pasco Development Authority to gather input from Downtown businesses and property owners. One of those opportunities for input will be Downtown at the annual Cinco de Mayo celebration on Saturday, May 2nd. Be sure to stop by the City's booth and be a part of Pasco's future!