

City of Langley

Council Meeting January 4, 2010

Mayor Samuelson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Present were City Council Members Robert Gilman, Jim Recupero, Rene Neff, Bob Waterman and Russell Sparkman. Also present was Larry Cort, Director of Planning; Fred Evander, Community Planner; Challis Stringer, Director of Public Works; and Debbie Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk. The flag salute was lead by Robert Gilman.

SWEARING IN OF RE-ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS – Director of Finance/Clerk Debbie Mahler facilitated the swearing in of Council members Robert Gilman, Rene Neff, and Russell Sparkman. Each took their oath of office and rejoined the Council table.

MOTION: To nominate Council member Robert Gilman as Mayor Pro-tem for a two year term. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Recupero. Motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION: To approve the consent agenda. Motion – Waterman, 2nd – Neff. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Council Meeting Minutes – December 21, 2009
- b. Claims Warrants 25896, 25893-25896, 25923, 25960-25961, 25988-26004 in the amount of \$15,672.17
- c. Approval of Agenda

MAYOR'S REPORT

a. Langley Library – Vicky Welfare, Librarian reported that a library patron left \$63,000 to the Friends of the Library. The Friends are deciding on the priorities for how to spend the money. They are thinking of making a manager's office, adding mobile shelving units, and updates to the customer service desk with the donation. Public works is doing the janitorial service at the Library now and the library staff is very pleased with the great job they are doing.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Robert Gilman reported that the Association of Washington Cities holds a legislative conference in Olympia in January. Council members who attend hear what the legislature is working on, and can talk to legislators. The New partners for Smart Growth Conference will be in Seattle this year. Last year Mayor Samuelson, Larry Cort and

Robert went to the conference. It will be held February 4-6th. The registration deadline is soon.

Rene Neff reported that both the Cemetery Board and the Economic Development Council skipped December meetings. Bob Waterman reported that the Historic Preservation Commission is looking to hire an expert with grant funds to survey buildings in Langley for inclusion on the register. The Commission will bring their recommendation to Council at the next meeting.

Russell Sparkman reported that January 12th at 9 AM, the Chamber and the Mayor's Council on Economic Health will co-sponsor an "Experience Langley Economy" workshop at the Clyde Theater. They will discuss making the community attractive to IT and home based workers and other multimedia issues. Russell will be the opening speaker, followed by a moderated panel of merchants in the community.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Larry Cort reported that he has been thinking about how paper moves through City Hall and working on ways to streamline operations and improve customer service, and is making good headway.

Debbie Mahler reported that she is working on the final amendment to the 2009 budget which will be ready for the next meeting. She is also working on closing up the books for 2009 and putting the 2010 budget into the financial program.

Challis Stringer reported that Hladke Park has been repaired from the accident that happened this summer and is looking very good. There is a new generator on the side of City Hall to provide power to the Police Department and all of City Hall in the evening during power outages when the big generator is in use for the water system. It was funded by a federal stimulus grant. She will be meeting with the board of the CMA Church regarding design of parking lot very soon. She will bring draft designs to Council for public input.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no comments from citizens at this time.

ACTION ITEMS

MOTION: To bring to a first reading, a Resolution approving the Interlocal Agreement with the AWC RMSA. Motion - Waterman, 2nd – Recupero. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

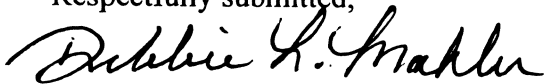
a. *Zoning Code Amendments/Moratorium.* Mayor Samuelson explained that the moratorium pertains to subdivision only in two areas of town. The public perception is

that Langley is anti-growth. The City is trying to get the parts of the code that pertain to subdivision amended as soon as possible so that the moratorium can be lifted. The rest of the zoning code can be amended in phases. Larry Cort passed out copies of the staff report to the public and explained which areas of the city are affected by the land division moratorium. The moratorium was previously lifted in the already developed areas of the City. The moratorium does not affect development that does not need a plat of land divided. Larry Cort answered questions from the Council. Under the rules of the Growth Management Act, the final draft must be reviewed by the State before it is adopted by the City. The State needs a sixty day review period.

Larry Cort also presented the draft work plan to get the subdivision code amended and the moratorium lifted and the rest of the zoning code amendments finished. Larry and two members of the Planning Advisory Board, Jim Sundberg, Chair and Fred Geisler answered questions from members of the public.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM. Motion – Waterman, 2nd – Sparkman. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk