

Langley City Council Meeting
January 20, 2009

Mayor Samuelson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Present were City Council Members Robert Gilman, Rene Neff, Bob Waterman, and Russell Sparkman. Jim Recupero was absent. Also present were Special Assistant to the Mayor, Kathleen Landel and Director of Finance/City Clerk, Debbie Mahler. The flag salute was led by Rene Neff.

MOTION: To approve the consent agenda Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Sparkman. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Council Meeting Minutes – January 5, 2009
- b. Claims Warrants in the amount of \$81,293.84
- c. Payroll Warrants No. 8298 - 8321 (12/15/08) in the amount of \$48,945.12 and Nos. 6290, 8323- 8346(12/31/08) in the amount of \$50,013.72.
- d. Approval of Agenda

MAYOR'S REPORT

Sherry Mays of the Chamber of Commerce reported that they are gearing up for Mystery Weekend which starts February 24th. Volunteers are needed. The County-wide tourism committee is finishing up their marketing plan. There will be a 2% grant committee meeting in Coupeville soon, Sherry will be attending. First Street merchants would like to have a meeting to discuss alternatives to the parking issue. The Chamber has taken a stand to support the Port's plans for the marina, and have sent out letters to State Legislators regarding funding. Choochokum may be moved under the Chamber umbrella. The Chamber is also asking PSE to approve flower pots on the power poles. They will work with the garden club to beautify the city. At the next Chamber members meeting someone from the Ferry Service will be there to talk about possible changes to the system.

Michaela Marx Wheatley, Site Director of the South Whidbey Big Brothers Big Sister organization explained that this is National Mentor Month. They have a school mentor program and a community mentor program. Volunteers are matched with a child that they mentor each week. Cynthia Shelton, a Board Member and Maureen Green, a Mentor Volunteer were also present. Mayor Samuelson read his Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentor Proclamation.

Colombia "Carnival of Diversity" Proclamation - Thursday evening Mayor Samuelson presented this to a group of 35 students and four teachers from Bogotá, Colombia.

Whidbey General Hospital has hired another Physician's Assistant three days a week at the Langley Clinic. The Mayor also reported that the City is still getting lots of interest in the old Fire Hall. Council wants to be informed if there is a serious interest or proposal for lease of the building. They would like to encourage proposals that bring people to Langley, something new and unique to help give energy to the community and reinforce the goals of the Comp Plan. The Mayor stated that he would like to send any proposals through the Mayor's Committee for Economic Development for review also.

Robert Gilman reported that the Island Transit Board has had a change of membership and officers. Commissioner Helen Price Johnson is a new member. Robert will be the vice-chair of the Board. It looks promising for getting federal infrastructure dollars for a new maintenance facility. When they started with two buses, they had two maintenance bays. They still have two bays and 150 buses. Robert is also working towards a Langley shuttle bus.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no comments from the audience at this time.

PUBLIC HEARING – *Amendment to 2008 budget.* Mayor Samuelson opened the public hearing at 7:24 PM. Debbie Mahler explained that the Street Fund completed several grant projects in 2008 that have been ongoing for years. Costs had increased considerably over what had been budgeted and grant funds have been awarded to cover those cost increases, but not all reimbursements have been received yet. The City needs to make a short term inter-fund loan to the street fund to cover those costs until reimbursement and amend the budget to show the increased cost. The sewer fund also needs to be amended as the fund received higher revenue than budgeted and some costs such as electrical power and contract services increased during the year. There were no additional comments and the hearing was closed at 7:26 PM.

ACTION ITEMS

MOTION: To waive the first reading and adopt Ordinance No. 918 Amending the 2008 budget and Ordinance Nos. 896 & 910. Motion - Neff, 2nd – Waterman. Motion carried with all in favor.

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance No. 919 repealing Ordinance Nos. 840, 856, 859, 908 and Chapter 14.01 of the Langley Municipal Code regarding Boat harbor moorage and regulation. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Neff. Motion passed unanimously.

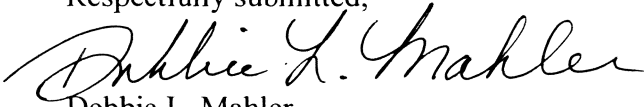
MOTION: To waive the first reading and adopt Resolution No. 713 Authorizing an inter-fund loan from the Capital Reserve Fund 303 to the Street Fund 101. Motion - Sparkman, 2nd - Neff. Motion carried without opposition.

STUDY SESSION TOPICS

Mayor Samuelson gave a power-point presentation on the past year and the accomplishments attained. The Mayor and Kathleen worked with the Council and audience to establish priorities for 2009.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:29 PM. Motion-Sparkman, 2nd - Waterman. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Debbie L. Mahler
Director of Finance/City Clerk

Passed by the City Council of the City of Langley and Approved by the Mayor
this ___ day of February, 2009