

## City Council Meeting Minutes

Council Meeting February 2, 2009

Mayor Pro-Tem Robert Gilman 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. Mayor Samuelson was out of town. Also present were Director of Planning, Larry Cort and Director of Finance/City Clerk Debbie Mahler. The flag salute was led by Councilman Waterman.

**MOTION:** To approve the consent agenda as amended. Motion – Waterman, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Recupero. Motion carried. Add confirmation of appointment of Faith Bushby to the DRB.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Council Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2009
- b. Claims Warrants in the amount of \$15,206.17
- c. Liquor Licenses – Star Store (Grocery Store – Beer Wine)
- d. Approval of Agenda

### MAYOR'S REPORT

Lynn Sterbenz, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator gave a presentation on 2008 accomplishments and goals for 2009.

Linda Irvine, Resource Conservation Manager gave a power point presentation on energy use, green power and other energy issues.

Larry Cort reported that he, Mayor Samuelson, and Robert Gilman recently attended the Partners for Smart Growth Conference in New Mexico. The conference centered on community sustainability, planning and zoning and other issues and was very helpful. Next year's conference will be held in Seattle. One presenter would like to do a pre or post conference workshop in Langley next year.

### REPORTS

Rene Neff reported that the Cemetery Board met in January and they are looking at designs for a columbarium, and at how to finance that. Lynn Hayes and Randy Landon are working on that. Parks and Open Space Commission just finished all their tours; a sub-committee is looking at mapping the information and establishing priorities, etc.

Jim Recupero asked that the Council discuss the proposed ferry plans for a reservation system, and other programs. He asked that the Mayor's office voice the city's concern or work with the Council of Governments to let our legislator's know our feelings.

Bob Waterman announced that February is National Historic Preservation Month – the commission is looking at ways to participate in that. They are also looking at how to define the historic character of the city and its neighborhoods and eventually to work with the Design Review Board regarding design standards. Russell Sparkman stated that the Economic Development Commission is working on a local Whidbey trade fair that showcases services and activities and perhaps teaches or has some kind of educational component.

Larry Cort reported that there are a number of organizations and individuals interested in leasing the old Fire Hall. He is trying to get the proposals together to present to Council in the near future. Planning Advisory Board has been working on a new subdivision ordinance, looking at changes to the zoning code and neighborhood plans. The zoning code changes should be done within the next five months. Challis Stringer reported that the work on the 3<sup>rd</sup> St sewer extension has begun. A Utility committee has been formed and the first meeting held. Debbie Mahler reported that the City had a new computer server installed last week which will allow the city many new capabilities and enable us to run our new financial software.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – none

**MOTION:** To confirm the Mayor's re-appointment of Cathy Waymire-Rooks and appointment of Faith Bushby to a three year term on the Design Review Board. Motion – Waterman, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Neff. Motion carried unanimously.

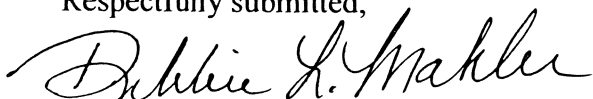
Policy Process Assignments —moved on to the next meeting.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

Fred Giesler of the PAB reported that a subcommittee of the PAB has been working diligently on a tree ordinance for several months. Certain elements of the tree ordinance such as a purpose statement are complete, but they need further direction from the Council on how wide of scope they want in the ordinance. Fred explained that much of the content of the ordinance falls under the direction of the Comp Plan. Jim Sundberg and John Lee of the subcommittee were also present and the draft and its direction were discussed at length.

**MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM. Motion -Waterman, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sparkman. Motion was approved.

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.