

**City of Langley**  
**Council Meeting – Business Session Minutes**  
**July 2, 2008**

City Hall Meeting Room 6:30 PM  
Council Workshop 4:00 PM

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

**MOTION:** To approve the consent agenda. Motion – Gilman, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Waterman.  
Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Council Meeting Minutes – June 16, 2008
- b. Claims Warrants Nos. 24148-24171 in the amount of \$26,626.13
- c. Award contract for Langley Road Sewer Extension
- d. Approval of Agenda

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Samuelson reported that he and Councilman Gilman attended the Association of WA Cities Conference in Yakima. There were several classes that were very helpful. Charting your Fiscal Future was an exceptionally good session and the small cities roundtable was great. Robert Gilman is a member of the AWC Board and was re-elected to that position. AWC is an enormous help to cities, especially small cities with limited resources. Robert took a class on setting utility rates that he found very helpful.

Fairgrounds Road construction has begun and should be done by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Some problems were encountered at the site today, but they are being fixed. The second First Street Group Waterfront Meeting took place recently and went well. The next meeting they will work on solving the issues that have arisen. The Council of Governments is putting on an Island County Affordable Housing Summit next week and Rene Neff is going to attend for Council. The Water Quality Letter went out to citizens last week. The letter included information on protecting our wells and the quality of our water. It also encouraged neighborhoods to do household toxic roundups. Paul Samuelson also reported that our planner, Fred Evander and his wife Paula have a new baby boy, Samuel Logan. Congratulations to them! Paul appointed Fred Sundberg as chair of the PAB.

First Street's centerline was moved and angled parking was put in on the north side allowing eleven new parking spaces. A motorcycle parking spot is also being put in an area that does not have room for a vehicle.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Rene Neff reported that she attended a regional transportation meeting that looked at multi-model transportation projects all over the region. Senator Mary Margaret Haugen and Representative Norma Smith and Martha Rose of Island Transit attended. She reported that there are lots of

possibilities for grants for trails and pathways. Bob Waterman reported that the Historic Preservation Commission has been meeting weekly. Langley is in the process of becoming a certified local government. The commission is now working on developing the criteria for nominating and placing properties on the historic register. City Hall and the Cemetery will be nominated for the register along with the historical museum. The Commission is working together very well and making a lot of progress. Bob framed about ten historical photos of Langley and mounted them in the Council Chambers. More pictures will be framed and placed upstairs also and the pictures will rotate on a regular basis.

Robert Gilman reported that ridership on Island Transit is up and demand is increasing. The maintenance facility handles two buses and they now have over 100 buses. A new facility is badly needed. Martha Rose has been working very hard on a financing plan for that.

#### CITIZEN COMMENTS

Christina Drake asked if the city has a harbormaster for the marina. Challis reported that both of our harbor attendants have left the city and we have some volunteers helping out on weekends. We are advertising for a harbor host that would live aboard their boat and greet boaters, give out information and see that boaters pay their fees. The Police Department is helping to collect fees and monitor boats.

**PUBLIC HEARING** – Mayor Samuelson opened the public hearing on the Six Year 2009-2014 Transportation Improvement Plan at 7:16 PM. Director of Public Works, Challis Stringer explained the projects on the plan and estimated costs of each. The plan only lists projects with Federal funding. Harrison Goodall stated that he was concerned that the improvement plan would change the character of the City. Wayne Body commended the City Council on their efforts and leadership and the Anthes and Camano walkway projects and the improvements at the new fire station and park and ride. Ron Swenson from Edgecliff asked if there is federal funding for things like an electric car charging station. Several people commented that widening Wharf Street would change its character. Christina Drake stated that large trucks and boats do come down Wharf Street often and it is dangerous because there is very little room. She feels that widening Wharf Street is very important. The hearing was closed at 8:16 PM.

**MOTION:** To bring to a first reading, a Resolution adopting the 2009-2014 Transportation Improvement Plan. Motion - Neff, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Waterman. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** To confirm the Mayor's appointment of Michael Cramer, Nancy Rowan, David Schmidt, Leah Green and Cary Peterson to the Parks and Open Space Commission. Motion - Waterman, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sparkman. Motion passed with all in favor.

#### REPORTS

Debbie Mahler reported that the new financial software is now almost done testing at a few cities and will be installed here within the next few weeks. Challis Stringer thanked her crew, Frank and Bryan for the work that they did on the street striping. Challis encouraged alternative forms of transportation to Choochokum to cut down on the cars that need to park.

**MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting at 8:29 PM. Motion - Waterman, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sparkman. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Debbie L. Mahler, Clerk-Treasurer

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Langley and Approved by the Mayor this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2008.