

City of Langley
Council Meeting – Business Session Minutes
August 6, 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 Council member Gilman. Present were City Council Members Robert Gilman, Rene Neff, Bob Waterman, Russell Sparkman and Jim Recupero. Also present were Director of Planning, Larry Cort; Director of Public Works, Challis Stringer; Special Assistant to the Mayor, Kathleen Landel; and Records Coordinator Mary Jo McArdle acting on behalf of Director of Finance/City Clerk Debbie Mahler.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Council Meeting Minutes – July 16, 2008
- b. Claims Warrants in the amount of \$252,907.51
- c. Payroll Warrants No. 8008-8029 (6/13/08) in the amount of \$38,798.10 and Nos. 8031-8053 (6/30/08) in the amount of \$40,018.41
- d. Harbormaster Appointment – Accept the resignation of Frank Sullivan and appoint Randy Heston as Harbormaster
- e. Approval of Agenda

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Samuelson introduced two Boy Scouts to the Council. These young men are working on their Communications and Citizenship Merit Badges.

Mayor Samuelson reported that the Fairgrounds Road is completed and will open after the fair this year. Kathleen Landel added that the City needed to complete the road striping. He also reported that the volunteer efforts at the marina are still going strong and the revenues are back to normal

A PSE/PUD Information Forum will be held in Coupeville on August 27th from 5-7 PM. No public comments will be taken at this meeting.

City Hall will host an Open House on August 24th from 1-4 PM.

Council member Neff attended an Affordable Housing Summit and provided Council member's key points that were raised. Approximately 65 people attended and there is a commitment to move forward with Affordable Housing proposals. Discussions have already occurred with several non-profit organizations that have done projects through land trusts.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Don Jewett urged the members of Council to change City policy that subject citizens to an \$11,00.00 hook up fee when they ask to have water shut off because it is not being used then request it be turned back on. Jewett also requested the Council to investigate whether developers are actually paying their 50% fee for the 4300 ft of water main replacement adding that the Isaac Report needs to be carefully looked at. Mr. Jewett addressed a third concern regarding the lack of information provided to customers on their water/sewer bill. He stated the bills need to provide a true and complete itemized list showing where the money is going and; that billing language needs to reflect what it actually is (i.e. “rental of a City owned meter” rather than “base fee”).

Dave Gignac asked Council members to include cooks, dishwashers, store clerks and other elements of Langley’s workforce in the discussion of Affordable Housing.

Sieb Jurriaans asked for economic development that will bring in more business and draw more people who want to work in Langley.

Susan Ishikawa asked how Langley is advertised/how is marketing done.

A citizen suggested that the City merchants and City representatives provide activities and information about Langley to expose and promote Langley to the participants in the Ragnar Relay next year.

ACTION ITEMS

MOTION: To approve Ordinance No.909 amending LMC 2.04 and 2.06 regarding Council Meeting times. Motion - Sparkman, 2nd – Neff. Motion carried.

MOTION: Public Policy Coordination – Assign priority and responsible parties for developing new or amended policies governing subdivisions, parks and open space plan, population projection and heritage tree protection. Motion - Neff, 2nd – Recupero. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

South Whidbey Port representative Ed Field briefed Council on the newest Marina improvement proposal. The levy will be asking for \$.19 per \$1000.00 assessed value for 20 years to fund the \$8.2 million dollar project. At full capacity the marina will have moorage for 100 boats. The existing marina will stay open and functional throughout construction. Timeline for the project includes design 3-4 month, permitting 18 months, bidding 3-4 months, and construction 12 months. Council members asked questions regarding why fueling wasn’t part of the proposal, suggested clarifying language on plan to say “non-motorized” rather than “small boat”, and finally, what preparation has the Port put into place so that they can ‘hit the road running’ when they take over in January stressing that the transition needs to be seamless and that they need to get someone on board and learning before the actual take over.

Planning & Community Director Larry Cort, updated the Council on the Old Fire Hall status. He presented two possible options, either lease or sell the property with preference given to the former. He added the current zoning of P-1 would have to be rezoned to CB for commercial use. The Council directed staff to bring the resolution forward for action at the next meeting.

Historical Preservation Commission member, Bob Waterman presented the Council with a request for authorization to nominate both the City Hall building and the Langley Woodmen Cemetery to the Langley Register of Historic Places

MOTION: Authorize Mayor Samuelson to sign the nomination forms for the Langley City Hall building and the Langley Woodmen Cemetery to the Langley Register of Historic Places. Motion – Waterman, 2nd – Neff. Motion passed.

DEPT REPORTS

Planning – Planning Advisory Board has completed draft for the Fairgrounds Overlay Zone; a third meeting with both waterfront groups is scheduled for this month; a new application has been submitted for expansion of the WICA building. staff has begun an enforcement process improvement project.

Public Works – Camano Ave project should be completed the end of this week; Anthes Ave is moving along, and Public Works employee, Bryan Hamilton is now working at the marina on Tuesday and Saturdays; and the City has gotten grant funding to replace the stairs from the Boy & Dog park to the waterfront.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:26PM. Motion – Waterman, 2nd – Recupero. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo McArdle, Records Coordinator
On Behalf of 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 ____, 2008.