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**City of Langley
Council Meeting – Study Session Minutes
September 15, 2008**

Workshop meeting – 4:00 PM
City Hall Meeting Room 6:30 PM

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Council Meeting Minutes – September 2, 2008
- b. Claims Warrants Nos. 24231-24233, 24266-24267, 24313-24319, 24342-34382 in the amount of \$82,668.88.
- c. Payroll Warrants Nos. 6242, 8101 - 8123 (8/15/08) in the amount of \$42,423.79 and 8125-8146 (08/29/08) in the amount of \$40,754.35
- d. Approval of Agenda

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Samuelson reported that Fairgrounds Road is now open for travel, Anthes is complete and opened and Camano is also finished with the exception of the landscaping which is in progress and should be complete in 4 – 6 weeks. Rene Neff gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Port's proposed harbor project and how their proposed tax levy would help the South end of the Island and the City. Mayor Samuelson also reported that the Langley Clinic is closing October 31st. The Mayor formed a task force and began talking with Whidbey General Hospital and the hospital has agreed to lease the facility and purchase the equipment and records to keep the clinic open. Ann Lower, who presently practices there, will remain and the hospital is working to get other doctors in there full time. The Waterfront property owners meetings have been taking place for four months now and will be bringing some of their discussions and ideas to the Council meetings in October. The City is holding a porch light campaign. In conjunction with the Neighbor2Neighbor project, volunteers will be delivering a free fluorescent light bulb to every household in Langley on Saturday September 27th. PSE is giving the Star Store a discount on the bulbs so additional bulbs can be purchased at a discounted price. A "Lovely Langley Lavender" work party is scheduled for Wednesday the 24th. Cary Peterson is leading a volunteer group to weed and trim the lavender along the City's walkways.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Wayne Boody asked if the city could squeeze tree trimming on the bluffs into next year's budget to preserve the views. Wayne also asked the status of the prayer wheel at Langley Park. The Mayor reported that it has been removed for some alteration and repair and will be back before long. Susan Ishikawa asked if an additional cross walk would be possible on 2nd Street as it is getting very busy and is getting harder for pedestrians to cross. The Mayor will check with Public Works on this issue. Susan also reported that a plant in a planter on the walkway on First Street has branches that are a hazard and a friend was poked in the head by it. She also reported that the trash bins on First Street are not very attractive and there is no bike rack on First Street. She asked if there would be a way to do something about it. The City will look into all these issues.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2008 BUDGET AMENDMENT

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:15 pm. Debbie Mahler explained the proposed changes to the 2008 budget and answered questions from the Council and audience. Council members explained their reasoning in increasing the Mayor's salary. The hearing was closed at 7:45 PM.

ACTION ITEMS

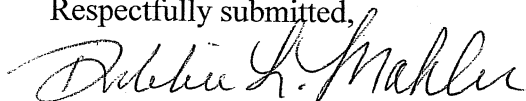
MOTION: To bring to a first reading, an Ordinance amending the 2008 Budget. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Sparkman. Motion carried unanimously.

STUDY SESSION TOPICS

- a. 2009 Preliminary Budget Discussion. Debbie Mahler presented the budget schedule for 2009. The Mayor's preliminary budget will be presented to the City Council by the first meeting in October. Essential elements of the budget process were discussed. Debbie also distributed the City's Budget Mission Statement with financial goals and policies the Council worked out earlier this year.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:57 PM. Motion - Gilman, 2nd - Sparkman. Motion passed.

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 ____, 2008.