

Langley City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2011

Mayor Samuelson called the meeting to order at 3 PM. Present were City Council Members Fran Abel, Rene Neff, Bob Waterman and Hal Seligson. Councilman Doug Allderdice was out of town. Also present was Director of Finance/City Clerk, Debbie Mahler. Also present were Jeff Arango, Community Planner; Acting Police Chief Randy Heston, Public Works Director, Challis Stringer.

Jeff Arango spoke about the way Langley charges for building permit fees. The Planning department is reviewing those fees and how they are assessed. They will have a recommendation on those fees soon.

Acting Chief Heston gave a report on the police department budget and the needs for a fourth officer. Langley has been a four person department for approximately 15 years, but in early 2011, the Chief retired after 32 years and for budget purposes, the department has stayed at three people for the remainder of the year. Randy spoke on why the fourth officer is necessary and how strained the department is and the long hours and overtime shifts the officers are performing. This year's calls for service have increased over last year and Randy does not see them going down in the near future. The 2012 budget with four officers is \$1,000 less than the 2008 police budget and gas and energy prices have gone up since then. Randy mentioned that both of the other officers each had to work 21 days straight to cover vacations. He answered questions from the Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk