

Langley City Council Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2011

Mayor Samuelson called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Present were City Council Members Fran Abel, Rene Neff, Bob Waterman, Hal Seligson and Doug Allderdice. Also present was Director of Finance/City Clerk, Debbie Mahler, Planners Larry Cort and Jeff Arango. The flag salute was led by Council Member Allderdice.

MOTION: To approve the Consent Agenda. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Neff. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Council Meeting Minutes – November 7, 2011
- b. Claims Warrants Nos. 28506-28545 in the amount of \$40,127.98
- c. Payroll Warrants # 28395-28417 (10/15/11) in the amount of \$39,213.43 and # 28418-28439 (10/31/11) & direct deposit run 10-31-11 in the amount of \$41,414.92
- d. Liquor License renewals (Café Langley, Prima Bistro, Village Pizza, and Useless Bay Coffee)
- e. Approval of Agenda.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Langley Library. Vicky Welfare reported that on December 29, the movie “Not in Our Town - Light in the Darkness” will be shown at the Library. This documentary tells the story of residents of a Long Island village taking action after a series of anti-immigrant attacks by local teenagers ended with the hate crime killing of local immigrant Marcelo Lucero. The film provides a blueprint for people who want to do something before intolerance turns to violence. A class on downloading e-books will take place on January 19th and a winter craft day for children 5-10 years old will be held on December 22nd and a build-it class with legos, blocks, etc. on December 28th at 1 PM.

Planning Advisory Board Annual Report. Craig Carty, Thomas Gill, Jim Sundberg and Gail Fleming of the PAB were present. Jeff Arango presented the Board's annual report. A sub-committee drafted a tree ordinance which is being reviewed by planning, but a section on tree protection is being sent to Council for consideration. The Council remanded the *Whole Langley Code* proposal back to the PAB. They will draft a rewrite of the development code, but will first focus on performing a build out analysis and amending the urban growth boundaries. This year the PAB has worked on 6 proposed ordinances addressing Affordable Housing, Innovative Mixed-Use Development, Accessory Dwelling Unit Standards, Electric Vehicle Charging Stations, Wharf Street Overlay Height Modification and Tree Protection during Construction.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Rene Neff wants to have a system in place to honor elected officials when they leave service. She feels there should be some kind of recognition and appreciation in place. Vance Tillman asked if anyone knows how long it takes to recharge an electric vehicle and if we put in electrical charging stations, will the time it takes be longer than the length of time that parking is allowed. Jeff explained that the proposed ordinance would be discussed in depth at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Recommendations from the Planning Advisory Board to adopt additions and amendments to the City's development regulations. Jeff gave a brief review of some of these items. Two of them are pilot programs. Council members will contact Jeff with any questions and the ordinances will have a first reading at the next meeting.

MOTION: To confirm the Mayor's appointment of Randy Heston to Police Chief. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Waterman. Motion carried with all in favor.

MOTION: To bring to a first reading, a Resolution establishing a small works roster process to award public works contracts and a consulting services roster for architectural, engineering and other professional services. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Neff. Motion carried without opposition.

MOTION: To bring to a first reading, an Ordinance amending LMC 15.04 re Building Permit Fees. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Abel. Motion carried with all in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2012 REVENUES AND BUDGET

Mayor Samuelson opened the public hearing at 6:27 PM. Debbie Mahler explained the major revenues in the general fund budget. Those are property taxes, sales taxes and utility taxes. Debbie also explained that by state law, each fund in the budget is a separate accounting entity. Funds may only use money from another fund in payment for services. She explained that the budget includes an overview of each fund, where it gets its revenues from and how they are spent. Debbie answered questions from the City Council and pointed out the changes made in the preliminary budget.

MOTION: To bring to a first reading, an Ordinance adopting the 2012 budget in the amount of \$5,553,854. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Neff. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance No. 958 fixing the amount of Ad Valorem Taxes to be levied by the City of Langley for collection in 2012. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Neff. Motion carried without opposition.

MOTION: To bring to a first reading, a Resolution establishing a compensation grid for persons employed by the City of Langley. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Waterman. Motion was approved with all in favor.

MOTION: To bring to a first reading, an Ordinance amending LMC 2.60.015 regarding salary and benefits for the Mayor. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Seligson. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Tourism Contracts Status. Larry Kwarsick explained that he and the Director of Public Works and Finance Director met and went over the contracts and leases and discussed the changes needed. The contracts have been revised and set for four year terms. The agreements are with the entities for their approval and will come back to Council for their approval soon.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. Motion - Waterman, 2nd – Seligson. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk