

City of Langley
Council Meeting – Study Session Minutes
December 21, 2009

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 Jim Recupero. Present were City Council Members Robert Gilman, Russell Sparkman, Rene Neff, Bob Waterman and Jim Recupero. Also present were Director of Planning, Larry Cort; Planner, Fred Evander; and Director of Finance/City Clerk Debbie Mahler.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Council Meeting Minutes – December 7, 2009
- b. Claims Warrants Nos. 25924-25959 in the amount of \$24,331.11
- c. Payroll Warrants # 25774, 25815-25839 (11/15/09) in the amount of \$52,041.24 and # 25843-25867 (11/30/09) in the amount of \$50,791.19
- d. Approval of Agenda

MAYOR'S REPORT

a. Island County Children's Commission – Caught in the Act Award. Cynthia Shelton of the volunteer Children's Commission which established in Island County in 2007, and its members appointed by the Board of Health. The Commission works to assess and identify the priorities of infants and youth and to connect youth with adults. The "Caught in the Act Award" is a new program which recognizes youth for doing unsolicited good. Principal Rod Merrell of Langley Middle School presented the award to Maverick Christensen, son of Bret Christensen who owns the Celtic Viking Jewelry in Langley.

b. Video display of Langley/South Whidbey – Ron Roesler showed a video he has made of Langley and the South Whidbey area and is sharing with the Chamber and anyone who is interested.

c. Sherry Mays of the Langley Chamber of Commerce reported that she, Paul, and Russell blew glass at the Firehouse Shop and had a lot of fun. January 12th the Experience Langley discussion event will take place at 9 AM at the Clyde Theater. Some future events planned are – April soft test of dive Langley event, April 17th is the Welcome the Whales event, then "paint Langley" art event. The Welcome to Langley

Sign may be placed at Campbell Road off the highway; talks are being set up with the Clinton Chamber, the County, the City, the Port, the State, etc.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no comments at this time.

ACTION ITEMS

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance No. 928 adopting the 2010 Operating Budget in the amount of \$ 4,382,989. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Neff. Motion carried without opposition.

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance No. 930 replacing the existing chapter of the Langley Comp Plan entitled "Parks and Open Space Element" with a new chapter entitled "Parks, Open Space and Trails element." Motion - Gilman, 2nd - Recupero. Motion carried with all in favor after some amendment to the language.

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance No. 931 amending LMC 13.01 regarding the Water System. Motion – Neff, 2nd - Waterman. Motion was unanimously approved.

MOTION: To adopt ordinance No. 932 amending the building permit fee table. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Recupero. The ordinance passed unanimously.

MOTION: To waive the first reading and adopt Ordinance No. 933 amending the open hours at City Hall. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Gilman. Motion carried with all in favor.

MOTION: To waive the first reading and adopt Ordinance No. 934 adding a new chapter 3.58 to the Langley Municipal Code establishing a Storm-water Fund. Motion - Recupero, 2nd - Neff. The ordinance passed unanimously.

MOTION: To waive the first reading and adopt Resolution No. 719 adding interest charges to overdue land use and city fee billings. Motion – Waterman, 2nd – Sparkman. Motion was approved without opposition.

MOTION: To authorize the Mayor to sign a renewal contract with Ryan Goodman, City Engineer. Motion - Gilman, 2nd - Sparkman. Motion carried.

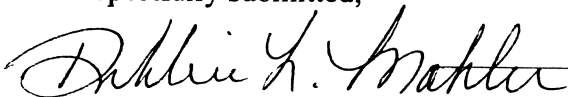
STUDY SESSION ITEMS

Continuation of discussion on zoning code structure. Bob Waterman stated that the reason for establishing the moratorium was to give the city time to rewrite the code regarding land use; and to devote considerable time to looking at all the issues the Planning Advisory Board (PAB) has been working on, how the draft code would apply to specific issues, etc. Jim Sundberg said the PAB was doing as Council instructed them to do and has put a lot of work into what they have accomplished. The PAB is in favor of lifting the moratorium, and would like to see the whole code done, but feel a phased approach is okay. Rene Neff said as the legislator, she does not want to vote on something that she does not fully understand. The PAB works long and hard on something and then brings it to Council in almost finished form and ready for approval. She wants a more intense connection with the material before making a decision.

Russell Sparkman stated that he has confidence in the planning staff that they can protect the integrity of comp plan, lift the moratorium, and go ahead and phase code work as long as we have protections in place against the kind of development that the city doesn't want. Jim Sundberg, Chair of the PAB and Fred Geisler of the PAB who also worked closely on the revisions to the Comp Plan were present. They agreed that phasing would give time to hold multiple public hearings on the revised ordinances, get public comment and complete the revisions. The PAB will try to bring forward the sub-division code for passage and to be able to lift the moratorium and then complete the rest of the work on the code.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:36 PM. Motion Waterman, 2nd - Recuperero. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk