

Langley City Council Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2012

Mayor Kwarsick called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Present were City Council Members Hal Seligson, Rene Neff, Doug Allderdice, Jim Sundberg and Bruce Allen. Also present was Director of Finance/City Clerk, Debbie Mahler, Planner Jeff Arango and Director of Public Works, Challis Stringer. The flag salute was led by Mayor Kwarsick.

MOTION: To approve the Consent Agenda. Motion - Allderdice, 2nd - Sundberg. Motion carried unanimously after Councilmember Seligson asked several questions about the vouchers and Doug Allderdice added an item under new business to discuss a meeting on medical marijuana on February 15th.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Council Meeting Minutes – January 3, 2012.
- b. Claims Warrants Nos. 28705-28732 in the amount of \$32,078.76
- c. Approval of the agenda.
- d. Proclamation – Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mayor Kwarsick informed Susan Ishikawa in response to her previous inquiry about getting public restrooms on First Street, that he is making contact with the owners of the Doghouse to see if they would be interested in joint use public restrooms on the ground floor level. Susan Ishikawa stated that the sidewalks were bad during the snow storm, and asked if there is an area that can be designated to place shoveled snow. Challis said shop owners are responsible for clearing walkways in front of their shops and the snow can be pushed into the road.

STAFF REPORTS

Jeff Arango reported that the PAB will hold a public hearing on February 13th at 3 PM on downtown parking requirements. They are looking at eliminating on site parking requirements below a certain threshold, off site parking agreements, etc. More information is on the Design Langley Blog.

Debbie Mahler passed out year end financial reports. The year ended with healthy balances in all funds.

PUBLIC HEARING – Electric Golf Cart regulation

Mayor Kwarsick opened the public hearing at 5:50 PM. Jeff Arango presented the proposed ordinance and went over the provisions. Speeds are limited to no more than 20 miles per hour and can be used on roads designated 25 mph or under. The draft ordinance requires mirrors, signals, seat belts, lights and brake lights and a safety flag. Golf cart vehicles are generally 2 person vehicles, but can be retrofitted to carry four or more passengers. Bob Thurmond asked what a golf cart zone is. Jeff explained that they are the streets where golf cart vehicles are allowed which will have signage showing that they are shared use streets. Susan Cyr asked where this proposal came from and are there already citizens that have electric golf carts? Mayor Kwarsick said it came from a state initiative to allow alternative methods of transportation and energy reduction. Rene Neff added that many people have asked about this kind of transportation from the marina up to downtown, especially for the disabled. Sue Frause asked if this is a notch above a scooter. Larry said yes, those are allowed on sidewalks, golf carts are not. Sue stated that she is worried about safety with other bigger vehicles on the road. Victoria Locke Carty stated that in summer more pedestrians will be out and she is concerned about pedestrian safety. The public hearing was closed at 6:05 PM.

MOTION: To bring to a first reading, an ordinance relating to the operation of golf carts; amending the city code to establish a golf cart zone; adopting regulations related to the use of golf carts within the golf cart zone. Motion - Sundberg, 2nd - Allen.

MOTION: To include in the final ordinance that headlights be on at all times when driven. Motion – Seligson, Allderdice 2nd . Motion was approved. The main motion was then approved unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTION: To approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a four year lease with the Chamber of Commerce for the Visitor Information Center building. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Sundberg. Motion carried with all in favor.

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance No. 965 relating to zoning and the maximum height of ADUs within residential and mixed residential zones. Motion - Allen, 2nd - Sundberg. Ordinance 965 was unanimously adopted.

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance No. 966 relating to building and construction; amending LMC 15.01 and adding Tree Protection during construction. Motion -

Sundberg, 2nd - Neff. Motion passed without opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

Tim Leonard gave a presentation on his metal works business he would like to run from the back bay of the old firehouse. Tim started his metal works business five or six years ago and has worked out of his home. He stated that the firehouse's back bay would be a perfect facility for his business. He would also like to give classes if possible.

MOTION: To waive the first reading and adopt resolution 738 amending the Municipal Code Fee Schedule. Motion - Allderdice, 2nd - Neff. Motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION: To confirm the Mayor's appointment of Thomas Gill as Planning Advisory Board (PAB) Chair; Craig Carty as a member of PAB; and Dominique Emerson as PAB alternate member. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Seligson. Motion was approved without opposition.

MOTION: To bring to a first reading a Resolution in Support of Marriage Equality for all Persons in the State of Washington. Motion – Allen, 2nd - Sundberg.

Mayor Kwarsick thanked Councilman Seligson for bringing this issue forward and stated that he is in full support of it. Craig Cyr said he feels it is very important for the City to make this statement and support this. John Norby stated that he has never been prouder of his city council in 40 years of attending meetings.

MOTION: To amend the motion waive the two reading requirement and adopt Resolution 739 in Support of Marriage Equality. Motion - Allen, 2nd - Seligson. Motion was unanimously passed.

MOTION: To waive the first reading, and adopt Ordinance 967 relating to zoning and amending LMC 18.01.040 to add definitions related to electric charging stations and adding a new LMC section 18.22.115 – Electric vehicle charging stations. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Allen. Motion carried with all in favor.

MOTION: To schedule a public meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 3 PM to have a public discussion of establishing medical marijuana

legislation in the city. Motion – Allderdice, 2nd – Allen. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Contract for Landscape maintenance at Langley Park. Bids were solicited and only two were received. A draft contract for the Council to review was distributed. This will come back to Council for approval once all terms have been worked out between the Cottage Garden and Langley.

Funicular Presentation. Jeff Arango provided a short power-point presentation on the proposed funicular. The City has been approved for a grant to widen Wharf Street that the city would like to redirect to a funicular that would move people from Wharf Street to Cascade. The marina has six parking spaces for boat trailers. If boat trailers could park uptown the funicular would give them quick access between the boat launch and parking at the CMA lot.

MOTION: To approve the staff presentation to the Council Of Governments to amend the existing grant for Wharf Street Widening to construction of a funicular. Motion - Allen, 2nd - Sundberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Hal Seligson reported that four council members and the Mayor all attended a training session for elected officials put on by the Association of Washington Cities and Municipal Research Services. This was very beneficial and helpful.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. Motion – Allderdice , 2nd – Sundberg. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk