

Langley City Council Meeting  
April 6, 2009

Mayor Samuelson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Present were City Council Members Jim Recupero, Robert Gilman, Rene Neff, Bob Waterman and Russell Sparkman. Also present were PW Utility Supervisor Randi Perry, Community Planner Fred Evander and Director of Finance/City Clerk Debbie Mahler. The flag salute was led by Jim Recupero.

**MOTION:** To approve the consent agenda. Motion -  
Waterman, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Gilman. Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Council Meeting Minutes – March 2, 2009 & March 16, 2009
- b. Claims Warrants #24882-24914 in the amount of \$26,547.60
- c. Liquor Licenses – (New State requirements)
- d. Approval of Agenda

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- a. Historic Preservation Commission appointment- Cathy Blackburn who has a history and background of museum design was introduced. She has been appointed as the newest member of the Historical Preservation Commission.
- b. Langley Community Club – Tucker Stevens, President of the Club was present and reported that their St. Patrick's Day Potluck was a big success. They have raised dues from \$5 a year to \$10 and were able to give Good Cheer \$500. They are now planning to have a Jacob Anthes Award to be given to some deserving member of the community. (\$500) The annual cleaning of First, Second Street and part of Third Street (around Brookhaven) will be held the weekend after Easter.
- c. Port Report – Dane Anderson reported that there was a group of 20 boats at the harbor last weekend, 18 of which were over 40 feet. Dane reported on other current goings on at the harbor. The Port Commission will be voting on new regulations and new fee schedule at their next meeting. They are still looking for funding sources for marina expansion. The Port will also be looking at design proposals for Phil Simon Park in their April and May meetings.
- d. N2N Action Grant Kick-off – Linda Irvine invited all to a kickoff potluck hosted by the City at the old fire hall during the "Welcome the Whales" celebration on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. The neighborhood grants this year should have an emphasis on emergency preparedness or resource conservation.
- e. Joint Committee/Pharmacy update- The Group is meeting every quarter now. They are continuing to work on getting a pharmacy in Langley, and working on healthcare as an economic driver for Langley.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Robert Gilman, Mayor Pro-Tem reported that he is more actively involved with the Planning Advisory Board now. He is working to help implement the revised comp plan. Jim Recuperio reported the utility committee is still working on the storm water plan, asking for public input. Rene Neff reported the Friends of the Cemetery organized a cleanup last weekend and they mowed and cleaned up the cemetery. The Cemetery Board will meet in two weeks to further discuss columbaria and green burials. Bob Waterman reported that there is an active nomination for the original Wiley Birthing House on Edgecliff on the historic register. The Commission is discussing plaques for homes on the register, and is applying for a grant for a thorough survey/inventory of historic buildings. He also reported that the Library Board has four paintings by Margaret Cafferman, niece of Helen Coe, who lived in an artist's colony off Saratoga Road. The paintings just appraised at \$13,000.

Russell Sparkman reported that making Langley harbor a regional dive destination site will draw visitors from many regions for overnight stays. He is planning a Langley Dive appreciation day to be advertised at dive shops, etc. The Port is going to have to remove the old tire reef, and the Scuba association will help to raise funds to replace the tire reef with environmentally safe materials. Russell has started organizing a Prius rally to be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> in Langley.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Fred Evander reported that Planning is working with the Planning Advisory Board on the zoning code, working with the Design Review Board on monthly applications, and working with Parks and Open Space group to get out a survey to the public on their feelings on park needs. He is also working on development projects, and will be attending a low impact development group in Coupeville, that will have a tour on April 17<sup>th</sup>, with rain gardens, green roofs, etc. Fred also started a wellness program at the city and has some fun activities coming up for staff.

Randi the City's Utility Supervisor reported that citizens can call the treatment plant with questions and complaints on water quality. The 3<sup>rd</sup> St sewer project is done. There are just a few punch list items left to be complete. The crew is planning to create a few new parking spots before the Prius rally. We have a new temp seasonal employee in public works. On April 21-23<sup>rd</sup> the city will be taking down chlorine tanks at treatment plant for maintenance, and are asking citizens to conserve water during that time.

Debbie Mahler reported that the staff is learning the new financial software and working on annual reports to the State. Mary Jo, our records coordinator is raising three baby lambs from the Fosseck Farm that were rejected by their mothers. She will raise them for six weeks and return them to the farm. Since they were given to her without warning, and they needed to be bottle feed every two hours, they spent the first week here at City Hall in Mary Jo's office. The floor was covered with plastic and then paper and a miniature coral set up. They were delightful and fun for staff and residents. Since that time, she has set up a fenced area at her home and they stay there now.

Fred Luhndal from the Chamber of Commerce reported that the kiosk at Ken's corner opened last weekend and was heavily used. Dedication of the whale bell will take

place on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> during the Welcome the Whales celebration. Chamber is asking for sponsors for flower baskets for the downtown streets and the Chamber is talking with the Hat Island Association, who has new ferry and wants to start service from the Everett marina to Langley. They will come over after their board meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss the possibility.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS \***

There were no comments at this time.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

**MOTION:** To confirm the Mayor's appointment of Cathy Blackburn to the Historic Preservation Commission and Cary Peterson to the Cemetery Board. Motion – Rene Neff, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Waterman. Motion passed unanimously.

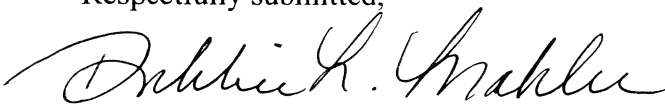
**MOTION:** To authorize the Mayor to submit Preservation Grant Applications. Motion - Waterman, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Recupero. Motion carried with all in favor.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

*Mayor's Council on Economic Health – Top priorities.* Russell Sparkman, Grant Anderson, Lynn Williford reported on the top 10 priorities the group has established for economic health and a list of potential actions to achieve those priorities.

**MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM. Motion – Rene Neff, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Bob Waterman. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk