

Langley City Council Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2009

Mayor Samuelson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Present were City Council Members Robert Gilman, Rene Neff, Bob Waterman, Jim Recupero and Russell Sparkman. Also present were Director of Public Works, Challis Stringer; Special Assistant to the Mayor, Kathleen Landel; Director of Planning, Larry Cort and Director of Finance/City Clerk, Debbie Mahler. The flag salute was led by Council Member Robert Gilman.

MOTION: To approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Recupero. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Council Meeting Minutes – May 4, 2009
- b. Claims Warrants Nos. 25001-25041 in the amount of \$46,140.29
- c. Payroll Warrants No. 8507 - 8531 (04/15/09) in the amount of \$49,565.06 and Nos. 8536 – 8561 (04/30/09) in the amount of \$49,774.50.
- d. Approval of Agenda

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Samuelson read his Proclamation proclaiming May 28, 2009 as Friendship Force Day in Langley and presented it to Trudy Martin of the local chapter of the Friendship Force. Mayor Samuelson reported that he will be negotiating with the glass blowers and soap company regarding leasing of the fire hall and also working with WOW and the Art Studio to find a place for them to do business in Langley. Russell Sparkman, Rene Neff and the Mayor attended the Main Street conference in Vancouver. Russell reported that there were some very helpful sessions on economic development. Rene also found the sessions very helpful especially concerning sustainability and keeping older buildings and making them more energy efficient and also how to market and raise funds for economic development.

Dane Anderson of the Port reported that they are expecting a full marina for Memorial Day weekend. Harbormaster Rick is working on "Music on the Pier" having live music at the harbor. Port has voted to triple the budget for the development of Phil Simon Park. They are hoping to start construction in June and finish in July. Councilman Sparkman gave a presentation at the Port's last meeting on scuba diving. The port is working on developing a dive site. Bob Waterman reported that May is national historic preservation month. The Langley Historic Preservation Commission is giving a walking historic tour of Langley. Kathleen Landel announced that there is going to be a community open house next Thursday the 28th at St. Hubert's Church given by the Parks and Open Space Commission. Fred Lundahl of the

Chamber announced that a Uniquely Whidbey Trade Fair is going to be held at the Fairgrounds this coming weekend. The also announced that 30 basket hangers on First Street and around downtown have been put up and 10 bikes donated by the city to chamber to have for courtesy check out at Porter Field. Pilots fly in and then have no way to get to downtown Langley.

Dane Anderson added that the Port is hoping to start an internship program at the harbor this summer to help run the facility.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no comments from the audience at this time.

ACTION ITEMS

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance No. 920 Adopting the 2009 Comprehensive Storm-water Management Plan. Motion - Recupero, 2nd - Neff. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance No. 921 Amending LMC 15.01 Construction Standards. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Recupero. Motion passed with all in favor.

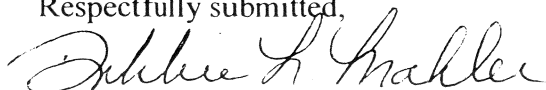
STUDY SESSION TOPICS

Moratorium Status/PAB progress report - Larry Cort gave a very interesting power-point presentation on the Planning Advisory Board's progress towards the land use and zoning changes needed to lift the moratorium.

Storm-water rates, implementation and communication schedule – Council has given direction to raise the storm-water rate to \$13.50 to cover the cost of operation and maintenance of the system. The city also has capital projects that need to be funded. The Utility Committee has put together a five year plan for rates that would implement the needed rate increases over time to cover the cost of future improvements. A first reading of new rates will be at the next meeting. Kathleen Landel is working with the Utility Committee on a communication plan to let residents know about the increases and why they are necessary and what the funds will be used for.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Recupero. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/Clerk