

City of Langley

Council Meeting December 7, 2009

Mayor Samuelson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Present were City Council Members Robert Gilman, Jim Recupero, Rene Neff, Bob Waterman and Russell Sparkman. Also present was Larry Cort, Director of Planning; Fred Evander, Community Planner; Challis Stringer, Director of Public Works; Bob Snyder, Building Official; and Debbie Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk. The flag salute was lead by Rene Neff.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Council Meeting Minutes – November 16, 2009
- b. Claims Warrants in the amount of \$30,548.41
- c. Approval of Agenda

MAYOR'S REPORT

Sherry Mays, Chamber Director reported that the Christmas lighting and the parade went very well this Saturday. Several hundred people participated. Bob Waterman was grand marshal of the parade and had lots of fun. The B & B tour also went very well. January 12th will be the “Langley Experience”. It will be a gathering of business owners and others with a moderated panel discussing their experiences in and with businesses in Langley.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Rene Neff reported that Cemetery Board is ready to make a decision on green burials, where they will be, what they will cost, etc. Bob Waterman reported that the historical preservation commission is going to be hiring an expert to survey up to 60 buildings in Langley and write model proposals. Russell Sparkman reported that there will be a glass blowing event at the Fire hall at noon tomorrow; He, Mayor Samuelson and Sherry Mays of the Chamber will be there blowing glass. The Brew/Tasting station will most likely open January 1 in the back of the fire hall.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Larry Cort issued a notice of complete application on the Port's application for expansion of the marina. This will be an appearance of fairness issue for Council as they will be the

arbitrators of any appeal that should be taken from the application, so Larry advised the Council not to discuss any matters in the application.

Debbie Mahler reported that she will bring a draft budget amendment to Council in January for the 2009 budget.

CITIZEN COMMENTS *

There were no comments from the public at this time.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – A. 2010 BUDGET (continued from 11/16/09)

Mayor Samuelson opened the hearing at 6:47 PM. Finance Director Debbie Mahler reported that there have been no changes since the last meeting and answered questions about current revenue trends. There were no comments from the audience. The hearing was closed at 6:52 PM.

MOTION: To bring to a first reading, an Ordinance adopting the 2010 Operating Budget in the amount of \$4,382,989. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Gilman. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

MOTION: To authorize the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Langley and Island County authorizing they payment of \$6,000 in matching funds for the FY10 Historic Preservation Grant. Motion – Recupero, 2nd – Waterman. Motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION: To confirm the Mayor’s reappointment of Rene Neff to the Cemetery Board. Motion - Gilman, 2nd - Recupero. Motion was approved without opposition.

MOTION: To bring to a first reading, an ordinance amending LMC 13.01 & Ordinance Nos. 744, & 917 regarding the Water System. Motion - Neff, 2nd – Waterman. Motion carried with all in favor.

MOTION: To bring to a first reading, an ordinance amending the Building Permit Fee Table. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Recupero. Motion was unanimously approved.

MOTION: To bring to a first reading, an Ordinance 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 - Neff. Motion carried unanimously. This was a seventeen month process with twenty meetings to finalize this element. Planner Fred Evander explained how it was developed, what it does, and answered questions from the Council.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The “Unified Whole Langley Code.” Larry Cort gave a power-point presentation on the neighborhood zone approach to land use planning, followed by a presentation by Council member Gilman on neighborhood planning. Discussion of the two forms of land use planning ensued for some time with both Council and the audience.

PUBLIC HEARING - MORATORIUM EXTENSION

Mayor Samuelson opened the public hearing at 10:40 PM. Planning Director Larry Cort explained the process the Planning Advisory Board has used and the work they have completed on the subdivision ordinances and zoning code. He feels that the work can be complete in four months and the moratorium can be lifted. Larry answered questions from the Council Members and the public. The hearing was closed at 10:44 PM.

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 929 adopting an extension of four months to the Moratorium adopted under Ordinance No. 893, and extended for an additional year in six month increments by Ordinance nos. 902, 915 and 922, on the acceptance of certain applications to divide land for residential use in the RS-7200 and RS-15,000 zoning districts, until the City completes implementation of the Comp Plan amendments; and declaring an emergency necessitating immediate adoption of the extension. Motion – Waterman, 2nd – Sparkman. Motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 10:45 PM. Motion – Waterman, 2nd – Recupero. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/Clerk