

Langley City Council Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2010

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

MOTION: To approve the Consent Agenda. Motion - Sparkman, 2nd - Waterman. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Council Meeting Minutes – July 19, 2010
- b. Claims Warrants No. 26697-26698, 26726, 26755-26757, 26786-26806, 26834-26867 in the amount of \$83,308.63
- c. Payroll Warrants No. 26699-26725 (7/13/10) in the amount of \$53,454.69 and Nos. 26758-26785 (7/30/10) in the amount of \$52,552.02.
- d. Approval of Agenda
- e. Liquor Licenses – 2nd St Wine Shop – Beer/Wine Specialty sales

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Samuelson presented and read a Proclamation honoring the Friendship Force who is hosting a delegation from Vietnam this month and will be planting a tree in honor of their visit in the “Trees of Friendship” grove.

Mayor Samuelson presented a Proclamation thanking AmeriCorps Worker Glenn Leever for his service to the City. Glenn has worked on many city projects including the Community Garden project and Neighbor to Neighbor programs. Glenn’s AmeriCorps service time is ending and he is moving to the Seattle area.

Vicky Welfare, Langley Librarian reported that the library received some mobile display carts that are much easier to get materials from. The summer reading program had 214 kids sign up this year and is about to wrap up. The teen summer reading program had 99 book reviews so far and other special summer programs have been very successful.

Chris Jerome, Port Commissioner reported that permit applications were submitted in 2009 for expansion of the harbor and is currently in SEPA review. The Port has a contract with Reid Middleton to precede with 90% design for Phase I of the new marina. They are also working on a contract to design and permit new floats for boat ramp. The Port has also submitted two grant requests for funding. Phil Simon Park has been

relocated and landscaped and a sign dedicating the park to Phil Simon has been installed. Aug 29th there is going to be a music program on the dock.

Cheryn Weiser, Executive Director of Island County Senior Services reported that she is working with public officials, churches and service organizations to open up a dialogue regarding aging and senior services. She explained what ICSS does, their programs and how they are funded.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Kathleen Waters Riehl who lives on Wharf Street and has an espresso stand on Wharf Street urged council to get more training and to rewrite the council policies and procedures. She stated that she thinks the Council feels incumbent to protect and defend the Mayor no matter what when they should be independent and represent the citizens they represent. Hal Seligson agreed there must be a degree of independence by the Council and not a “go with the majority” attitude.

PUBLIC HEARING – Water Conservation Goals

Mayor Samuelson opened the public hearing at 7:39. Challis Stringer, Public Works Director, reported that the state legislature passed a bill in 2003 known as the Municipal Water Law. It established that all municipal water suppliers must use water more efficiently in exchange for water right certainty and flexibility to help meet future demands. The state department of health was required to adopt an enforceable Water Use Efficiency (WUE) program that became effective in January of 2007. The City has been required by the Department of Health to come up with its own WUE. We must collect data, forecast demand, evaluate WUE measures, calculate distribution system leakage and implement a WUE program to meet our goals. Challis stated the water department’s goal, supported by the Utility Committee to reduce residential water use by 1% in the summer months of July and August by September 1, 2016. 1% is 3 gallons per day per connection. The City’s usage has already dropped substantially in the last year.

Rene asked to add an educational component and get suppliers to volunteer to teach individuals how to install and use drip watering systems and what they will need to do that. Challis stated that an educational component should include drought tolerant plantings, etc. Robert Gilman thinks this is a great program, but thinks this is a policy issue and needs to work its way through the Council. He is not comfortable approving a goal that he doesn’t know how was set or arrived at and feels this also needs community engagement. Challis detailed the leak prevention program which works in conjunction with the reduction in use. Craig Carty commended Challis for her efforts and thinks the goal should be approved. James Anderson agreed and thinks the current leak detection program is very good and the goal excellent. MaryJo McArdle asked if conservation thru

rates had been looked at. Challis said that city is looking at that issue. The hearing was closed at 8:00 PM.

MOTION: To bring to a first reading a Resolution Setting 6 Year Water Conservation Goals. Motion – Sparkman, 2nd - Abel. Motion carried with Councilman Gilman opposed.

ACTION ITEMS

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance No. 948 repealing Ordinances 912 & 937 and setting compensation & benefits for the Mayor. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Neff. Mayor Pro-Tem Gilman read the proposed ordinance. Mayor Samuelson recused himself from the discussion. Rene Neff gave a history of why the Mayor's salary had been increased. Ursula Scurlock feels that the ordinance should remove any reference to full or part-time. Craig Carty stated that Municipal Research Services Center (MRSC) guidelines say that an ordinance should not be created for a one time event and that the City's attorney reviews as to form, but needs to review as to substance. Jim Anderson quoted Pat Mason from MRSC letter distributed at the July 6 Council meeting: item 5 stated that the definition of the Mayor's role has continuity and permanency and must endure over time. This ordinance does not meet this test. The ordinance should not to for Paul only, but should be the same for any mayor.

Leanne Finley doesn't feel the Council can't base pay on the person, but must be on the position. She stated that it is not right to set the salary for Paul and make it different for the next mayor. Rolf Seitle said a city manager serves at the pleasure of the council and has hours, duties, etc.; an elected official serves at the pleasure of the electors and should receive a standard compensation – not a salary. Bruce Kortebein stated a mayor is not part time or full time, it is an elected position. Compensation should be set as a standard. Council had some further questions regarding the ordinance; certain language terms (salary v. compensation) retirement provisions, etc.

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MOTION: To table Ordinance 948 Motion – Waterman, 2nd – Abel. Motion carried with Rene Neff opposed.

MOTION: To confirm the Mayor’s appointment of Craig Carty to a term on the Planning Advisory Board. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Waterman. Motion was unanimously approved.

MOTION: To confirm the Mayor’s re-appointment of Cary Peterson to the Parks and Open Space Commission. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Neff. Motion passed with no opposition.

MOTION: To authorize the Mayor to sign the STP Regional grant application in the amount of \$216,250 for the design, engineering and permitting for Second Street reconstruction. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Waterman. Motion was unanimously approved.

MOTION: To authorize staff to solicit residents of the City of Langley to represent the pro and con positions with regard to the ballot measure requesting annexation to the Sno-Isle Library District. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Neff. Motion was approved with all in favor.

MOTION: To authorize the city attorney to draft the Explanatory Statement and Ballot Title for the Sno-Isle Library District Annexation ballot. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Neff. Motion passed without opposition.

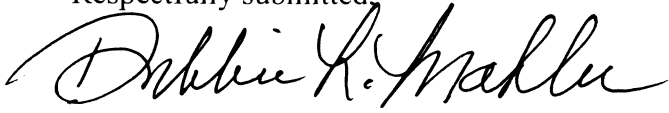
STUDY SESSION ITEMS

2011 Budget Process and Timeline. Mayor Samuelson read his memo to Council regarding the budget process and fiscal changes that have already been made. Kathleen Landel went over the 2011 budget calendar. Debbie Mahler asked the Council to go over the Budget Mission Statement and Fiscal Goals and to prioritize their budget issues, make any changes, additions or deletions to the goals. Debbie stated that with a budget as tight as we have, the city needs to identify the core, essential services that must be provided and fund those first.

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MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 10:08 PM.
Motion – Waterman, 2nd – Sparkman. Motion carried
unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debbie L. Mahler". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk