

## Langley City Council Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2010

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

**MOTION:** To approve the Consent Agenda. Motion - Waterman, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sparkman. Motion carried.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Council Meeting Minutes – February 1, 2010
- b. Claims Warrants No. 26124-26147 in the amount of \$33,492.06
- c. Payroll Warrants No. 26011-26036 (1/14/10) in the amount of \$51,736.57 and Nos. 26079 – 26104 (1/31/10) in the amount of \$50,262.10.
- d. Approval of Agenda

### MAYOR'S REPORT

*Port of South Whidbey.* Chris Jerome, Commissioner, reported that the Port had a meeting last week where they discussed locating a cell tower at the Port's property. The Port is holding a workshop February 23 with their engineers on the harbor design. They are also looking for a new port office to rent, and the staff is gathering feasibility info on operating a shuttle bus from the harbor. The Port will also hold a workshop on economic development March 4<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM. Mr. Jerome looked into the day use fee at the harbor and reported that they have had no problems with it or complaints and feel it leads to more visitors. Port meetings will be changed to the second Tuesday of each month instead of Monday in the health department building on Maxwellton Road. The next meeting will be to discuss financing options for the harbor.

*Langley Chamber.* Sherry Mays, Executive Director reported that there have been over 80 people at the kiosk on the last two weekends since it opened. Mystery weekend is the 26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> of this month. Volunteers are needed to man the kiosk. Red wine and Chocolate was a draw for tourists last weekend. Everett Herald is doing an article on Langley later this month. Chamber will have a retreat at the Whidbey Institute next weekend. Choochokam is now under the Chamber umbrella. The Island County Tourism Committee coordinator resigned, and they are working on a new job description, etc. A request for proposals will go out mid March for a new director. A King 5 reporter was in town earlier today and filmed Councilman Sparkman and others on the social media story about the Dog House. There are over 600 members on the Dog House Facebook site now hoping to help save an important community icon.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Kim Tiller asked if the Finance Committee had made progress in looking at how tourism funds are spent. Mayor Samuelson explained that he would have more to report after the Finance Committee meets later this week.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**MOTION:** To confirm Mayor Samuelson's re-appointment of Roger Gage, and G. Raymond McCullough to the Planning Advisory Board. Motion - Waterman, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sparkman. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** To adopt Ordinance No. 936 amending Langley Municipal Code Chapter 2.52 and portions of Ordinance Nos. 523, 716, 802, and 898 regarding the City Cemetery. Motion - Neff, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Waterman. Motion was granted with all in favor.

**MOTION:** To adopt Resolution 721 amending the Municipal Code Fee Schedule regarding grave plots. Motion - Neff, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Waterman. Motion passed without opposition.

**MOTION:** To waive the first reading and adopt Ordinance 937 amending Ord. 912 to clarify the work hours required to be performed by the Mayor and establish a record keeping requirement therefore of reporting in a written form on a semi-monthly basis. Motion - Waterman, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Neff. Motion carried with all in favor.

**MOTION:** To waive the first reading and adopt Ordinance 938 amending LMC 5.04 and Ord. 745 regarding business licenses. Motion - Waterman, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sparkman. Motion was upheld unanimously.

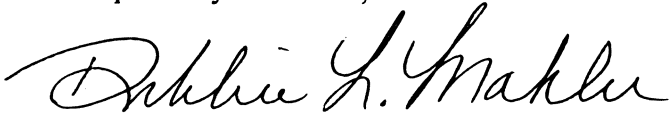
## **STUDY SESSION TOPICS**

*Zoning and Sub-division code/open space provisions amendments.* Robert Gilman did a PowerPoint presentation on strategies for preserving open space. The Parks and Open Space Commission have been working on this for quite some time. The Planning Advisory Board additionally has been working on dealing with open space in the subdivision ordinance. Larry Cort reported on the different methods used to protect

desired conservation areas. Fred Evander also discussed conservation zones and the work of the Parks, Open Space and Trail Commission and how it relates to the Comp Plan. Larry, Fred and Robert answered questions from the Council and the audience. Discussion ensued for quite some time.

**MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM. Motion - Waterman, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Gilman. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debbie L. Mahler".

Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk