

Langley City Council Meeting Minutes

January 19, 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 Sparkman.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Council Meeting Minutes – January 4, 2010
- b. Claims Warrants No. 20665, 26009-26010, 26037-26075 in the amount of \$65,146.39
- c. Payroll Warrants No. 25897-25922 (12/15/09) in the amount of \$58,235.15 and Nos. 25962 – 25987 (12/31/09) in the amount of \$55,328.48.
- d. Liquor Licenses – The Star Store; grocery beer/wine
- e. Approval of Agenda

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Samuelson read the “Big Brothers/Big Sisters Mentoring Appreciation Day” Proclamation and presented it to Michalea Marx Wheatly, Executive Director of Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Walt Blackford, Board Member was also present.

Chamber – Sherry Mays reported on a successful Langley Experience meeting last week. New ideas have come out of that workshop and more will be coming in the future. Mystery Weekend will be happening February 27 and 28th and is getting lots of publicity. Sign Committee meeting will be this week or early next week. Sherry also reported on the last meeting on getting the sign on 525 and Campbell Road directing traffic to Langley.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Kim Tiller of Whidbey Island Soap Company asked for the city’s support for the sign, Kim also complained about the increase in business license fees and thinks they are too high. She doesn’t like how Langley budgets it hotel/motel tax funds. She asked Council to support timely installation of the sign on Highway 525 and Campbell Road, to return license fees to 2009 levels, spend more funds to promote tourism, and assemble a committee of 5 business members to decide how to spend funds. Other city merchants added their views on the increased license fee and the importance of the highway sign. Sherry Mays stated that a banner will be placed at the kiosk on the highway and that there will be extended hours during the Olympics at the kiosk. Mayor Samuelson reported on the eight month process working on the sign and the state and

county laws regarding the sign and its location. Michele La Rue explained that she has been in business in Langley for 37 years, and urged the City Council to get the sign up, and spend tourism dollars on more promotion. Monica Guesman asked how the Council arrived at the increased license fee. It was explained that the Council reviewed all fees over a three month period. This was discussed at the meetings, in the minutes, on the City's website and in several articles in the Whidbey Record.

Lynn Hayes was on a trip to North Island in New Zealand went to small town that had a colorful tiled, funky public restroom that attracts tourists. She stated that Langley used to be so colorful and fun and needs something like the New Zealand town with their colorful tiles to attract visitors. Sandy Brandon from Island County Fair asked Lynn to head an effort – great ideas need someone to lead them. David Tiller asked Council to free funds for advertising and promotion. Council will respond to questions raised tonight at the next meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

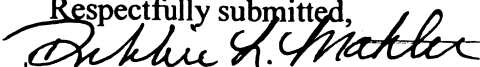
- MOTION:** To authorize Mayor Samuelson to sign a Contract for Services with FiberCloud for hosted exchange email, sync mobile messaging and hosted SharePoint for a cost of \$0. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Neff. Motion carried unanimously.
- MOTION:** To adopt Resolution No. 720 approving the Interlocal Agreement with the AWC RMSA. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Waterman. Motion was approved with all in favor.
- MOTION:** To waive the first reading and adopt Ordinance 916 amending the 2009 Operating Budget. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Neff. Motion carried without opposition.

STUDY SESSION TOPICS

Zoning Code amendments. Larry Cort reported that at the request of the City Council, he has sent the proposed draft subdivision code amendments to 7 builder/developers for their comments on the. He also sent the code to several architects for their feedback. The staff is working on a community outreach/education program to explain changes to citizens.

- MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Neff. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/Clerk