

City of Langley
Council Meeting – Business Session Minutes
May 7, 2008

City Hall Meeting Room 6:30 PM
Council Workshop 4:00 PM

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

MOTION: To approve the consent agenda as amended.
(add 1st reading – Ordinance amending LMC 18.20
Planning Agency). Motion - Recupero, 2nd - Waterman.
Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Council Meeting Minutes – April 16, 2008
- b. Claims Warrants Nos. 23969-24001 in the amount of \$67,210.14
- c. Payroll Warrants Nos. 7908-7929 (4/15/08) in the amount of \$36,725.79 and Nos. 6195, 7931-7953 (4/30/08) in the amount of \$38,878.23
- d. Approval of Agenda

COUNCIL REPORTS

Rene Neff reported that the Cemetery Board met with Debbie and went over financial and historical information regarding the Cemetery. The Board also met with the Friends of the Cemetery and had a walk thru at the Cemetery with them. They are working on prioritizing capital improvements and how to finance them. They are also working on ideas for generating new revenues.

Jim Recupero reported that he attended the Port meeting last week. The Port is staying with their original plan for improvements and are looking at a tax levy lift for additional revenue.

Bob Waterman had a Historical preservation board meeting last week and they are working towards obtaining a Certified Local Government designation. The commission is also educating themselves about the history of Langley and gathering information on local buildings.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Don Jewitt reported that Mayor Samuelson has been very good about meeting with him. Councilman Gilman also helped him get involved in the Langley Community Forum website.

ACTION ITEMS

Proclamation – Building Safety Week in Langley. City Building Official, Bob Snyder read the Mayor’s proclamation declaring May 6 – 9, 2008 as Building Safety Week in Langley.

- MOTION: To bring to a first reading, a Resolution adopting an Attractive Asset Policy. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Waterman. Motion carried with all in favor.
- MOTION: To bring to a first reading an Ordinance adopting a Uniform Policy for Boards and Commissions. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Recupero. Motion passed with no opposition.
- MOTION: To bring to a first reading an Ordinance amending LMC 2.36 re Library Board. Motion - Recupero, 2nd - Neff. Motion was approved.
- MOTION: To bring to a first reading, an Ordinance amending LMC 2.52 re Cemetery Board. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Recupero. Motion carried unanimously.
- MOTION: To bring to a first reading, an Ordinance amending LMC 18.34 & adding Chapter 2.40 regarding Design Review. Motion - Sparkman, 2nd - Recupero. Motion was approved with all in favor.
- MOTION: To bring to a first reading, an Ordinance amending LMC 2.57 re Parks & Rec Board. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Recupero. Motion carried without opposition.
- MOTION: To bring to a first reading, an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 895 and LMC 15.10 and creating a new Chapter 2.42 entitled Historic Preservation Commission. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Neff. Motion passed unanimously.
- MOTION: To bring to a first reading, an Ordinance amending LMC Chapter 18.20 Planning Agency. Motion - Sparkman, 2nd - Waterman. Motion carried with some changes(deleting 18.20.040) suggested by Councilman Gilman.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution No. 706 adopting the City Cell Phone Policy. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Waterman. Resolution 706 passed with all in favor.

MOTION: To approve Policy Process prioritization assignments PPC 08-001, PPC 08-002, PPC 08-003, PPC 08-004. Motion – Waterman, 2nd – Recupero. Motion was unanimously approved.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Director of Planning, Larry Cort reported that meetings have been scheduled and invitations mailed to property owners in Wharf Street and on First Street. Next study session Council will be reviewing the status of the development moratorium, whether to let it expire or expand the moratorium. If the decision is to consider extending – a public hearing will be held.

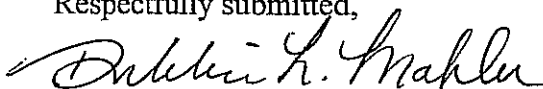
Finance Director/City Clerk Debbie Mahler reported that she and Deputy Clerk Marlyne Ray will be attending the launch of the City's new financial software in Burlington on Tuesday. It should be installed here within the next few weeks. Her office is also working on completing the annual reports for the State Auditor which are due at the end of the month. Mary Jo, the new Records Coordinator is doing a great job of organizing building files and plans and creating indexes for the files.

Director of Public Works, Challis Stringer reported that the Camano Walkway project will start May 12th. The Anthes Walkway project is scheduled to begin in June. There will be no disruption to Choochokum. She has interviewed several candidates for the open public works spot and has narrowed the field down to two from 15 applicants. They will be re-interviewed with the Mayor and Bob Snyder soon.

Kathleen Landel reported that the Street clean-up party on First and 2nd Street was very successful. Lots of people volunteered, weather was great and she and Linda Irvine passed out information and grant applications for the Neighbor to Neighbor program. The Langley Community Club received 9 new members.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:14 PM. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Sparkman . Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Debbie L. Mahler, Clerk-Treasurer

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Langley and Approved by the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2008.