

**City of Langley  
Council Meeting – Business Session Minutes  
June 4, 2008**

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

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

**MOTION:** To approve the consent agenda. Motion –Waterman, 2<sup>nd</sup> –Neff. Action Item 7 was moved up to item 4 after the public hearing. Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Council Meeting Minutes – 5-21-08
- b. Claims Warrants Nos. 24063-24084 in the amount of \$13,768.55
- c. Approval of the agenda
- d. Approval of Agreement for Public Defense

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Samuelson reported that the City has been working on the Neighbor to Neighbor project for the last year. The Langley Community Club generously came up with six grants of \$200 for the various neighborhood projects. Linda Irvine, the City's Resource Conservation Manager and Emergency Management Coordinator, Lynn Sterbenz are working to make the community more resilient. They have been working with Kathleen Landel on plans to make neighborhoods stronger. This grant program is a part of those efforts. Each grant had to have an initiator and at least nine people working on the projects. Linda and Mayor Samuelson presented the grants. The grantees were: Cedar Circle Rhododendron Berm beautification project; Langley Middle School Worm bins and garden benches; Beautification of Woodside Lane Entrance; Alley Babbit Neighbors; Northview Beautification Project; and Wheel Estates Neighborhood beautification project.

Mayor Samuelson read his Proclamation honoring our own Public Works Director Challis Stringer and three other South Whidbey residents who are representing the USA in the 2008 World Triathlon Championships in Vancouver, BC on Saturday June 7, 2008.

Fairgrounds Road is now being paved. It has been a very long process and the city is looking forward to having the project complete by the first of July. Larry Cort and Mayor Pro-Tem Gilman reported on the progress made in the First Street and Wharf Street waterfront meetings. All but one owner in each area were able to attend the meetings. Ron Kaspersin is donating his time to facilitate the meetings for the City. We received thirteen applications for the open Boards and Commission spots. Interviews will begin this week for those positions. Mayor Samuelson expressed his appreciation for the many volunteers in this community willing to give

their time to the City. A celebration for Neil Colburn in appreciation for his many years of service to the City will be held on Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Clover Patch Café.

## **PUBLIC HEARING – DEVELOPMENT MORATORIUM**

Mayor Samuelson opened the public hearing at 6:53 PM. Larry Cort explained that this is a required hearing to terminate, extend or introduce a development moratorium. Public testimony is welcome. The existing moratorium was put in place last June, and a work plan was adopted to put the pieces in place that would allow the issues protected by the moratorium to be developed and put in place. The Comp Plan was passed right on time, but the code changes needed to implement the plan are not yet complete. A moratorium can be extended in six month increments. Staff is proposing a six month extension to complete the implementation of development regulations consistent with the Comp Plan. The City's land use attorney advised that no exemptions should be added to the moratorium that creates a new lot that could be built on. Larry Cort answered questions from the council members. Gail Fleming asked if the subarea planning could be complete within six months. Robert Gilman explained that the ground rules could be in place, but perhaps not all the subarea planning complete. Bruce Kortebein commented that he is in favor of continuing the moratorium. Mira Steinbrecher asked about which zones are affected by the moratorium. The hearing was closed at 7:22 PM.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**MOTION:** To waive the first reading and adopt Ordinance No. 907 adopting an extension of six months to the Moratorium adopted under ordinance No. 893 on the acceptance of applications to divide land for residential use in the RS-7200 and RS-15,000 zoning districts as shown on the official zoning map, until the City completes implementation of the December 2007 Comprehensive Plan amendments through code review and amendments relating to the division of land for residential use in the RS-7200 and RS-15,000 zoning districts, defining the applications subject to the moratorium, approving the list of exempt actions, and declaring an emergency necessitating immediate adoption of the moratorium extension. Motion - Gilman, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Waterman. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** To authorize the Mayor to apply for Certified Local Government Designation (CLG). This would allow the City to partner with State and Federal agencies to foster historic preservation activities within the city. This would allow the city to take advantage of grants and training and other expertise. Councilman Waterman explained what is involved in the application and answered questions from the community. Motion - Waterman, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Recupero. Motion passed with all in favor.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Robert Gilman reported that he, Larry Cort and Fred Evander have been working on the new planning tools and feels the process is going well. Rene Neff reported that Cary Peterson has come to the City's Cemetery Board meeting as a representative of the Friends of the Cemetery.

The Board would like to raise the rates for grave plots from \$600 to \$725 to help pay for mowing and maintenance at the Cemetery. The Board is working on a plan for a dedication ceremony at the Ash Garden. Bob Waterman reported that thanks to Simon Fraser, the ceiling mounted projector and screen have been installed. Also, City Hall interior painting is almost complete. This Saturday the painting volunteers will complete painting and historical photos are now being printed and then will be framed and placed in the Council Chambers and hallways.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Larry Cort reported that the PAB has taken up the issue of the Fair Overlay Zoning. They are going through the uses submitted by the Fair Board and looking at each one to see if it is an appropriate use for that area and ideas that maybe the Fair Board has not thought about.

Debbie Mahler reported that the City has just completed the annual financial reports to the State and now are working on a mid-year budget review.

Challis Stringer thanked all the volunteers who have been working inside and outside of city hall. She also thanked all for their patience with the road projects in town. Cascade will be done before the Fair and Anthes will be done by Choochokum. Public Works hired a new crew person named Bryan.

**MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting at 8:17 PM. Motion - Sparkman. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Neff.  
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Langley and Approved by the Mayor this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.