

Langley City Council Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2011

Mayor Samuelson called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Present were City Council Members Robert Gilman, Fran Abel, Rene Neff, Bob Waterman and Hal Seligson. Also present was Director of Finance/City Clerk, Debbie Mahler and approximately one dozen citizens. The flag salute was led by Council Member Seligson.

MOTION: To approve the Consent Agenda. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Neff. Motion carried unanimously after several questions were asked and answered concerning the claims warrants and legal bills.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Council Meeting Minutes – February 7, 2011
- b. Claims Warrants Nos. 27547-27573 in the amount of \$19,474.34
- c. Payroll Warrants # 27395-27421 (1/15/11) in the amount of \$57,992.55 and # 27464-27488 (2/01/11) in the amount of \$44,706.76
- d. Approval of Agenda.

MAYOR'S REPORT

a. *Langley Library.* Vicky Welfare, Librarian reported that 138,234 items were checked out last year – slightly down from the year before by about a thousand. The number of visits to the library increased by about 4,000 over the previous year to 93,565. Vicky also reported that the new library software should be installed and up and running in the next week and a new program will be presented this week on singers and songwriters of the 1960's.

b. *Langley Chamber.* Sherry Mays reported that a film crew was coming to town for Mystery Weekend as part of the online promotional push for Chevy's new car, the Cruze. Mike Barish, the "Travel Cruze-erati" will be here to take part as one of the Mystery Weekend characters, and videos of Barish's journeys across the land are part of the promotional push for the new car. Mays said they had planned to film a Sasquatch-themed bit on the mainland, but were now going to bring the "Sasquatch guy" (Barish) to Langley.

c. *Port of South Whidbey.* Commissioner Chris Jerome reported that permits are coming in for the harbor improvement project and permits were being sought for the harbor floats. He noted the Possession Park land sale was continuing to draw much attention and the Port has one offer for the property and that there are one or two more pending. The port board would meet Wednesday to talk about the offers.

d. *Primrose Planting Project.* Kay Lagerquist and Cathy Waymire-Rooks reported on the community project that took place last Saturday in Langley. All the planting beds and pots were cleaned up and replanted with primroses. Many people volunteered and worked very hard. Mary Elizabeth of Mike's place provided hot chocolate, coffee and cookies to the workers. The City looks great now.

e. *Debbie Mahler – 2010 year end financial report.* Debbie passed out financial reports for December 2010 and explained the year ending/beginning balances in all funds. Debbie also did a report on 2010 sales tax and hotel/motel tax.

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance No. 955 relating to law enforcement and adding a new Chapter 2.18 to LMC providing a general description of the duties and functions of the police department and the appointment and duties of the position of police chief. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Seligson. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution No. 729 amending the Municipal Code Fee Schedule relative to Cemetery prices. Motion – Waterman, 2nd – Abel. Motion carried without opposition.

MOTION: To create an ad hoc Finance and Personnel Committee of the City Council per the memo regarding same of Councilmember Seligson. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Seligson. Tiny Tillman asked if the committees would be citizens of Langley only, people from the UGA, property owners, business owners, or the South Whidbey community at large. Ursula Scurlock stated her feeling that Council needs to use a standard format for ad hoc committees. Kathleen Waters agreed that the structure needs to be standard. She feels this should be more of a standing committee. Chris Jerome feels that what has been presented is flexible enough to go ahead. Abel wanted to have a council workshop to develop priorities before establishing this committee. Motion passed with revisions as amended by Council. A workshop will be scheduled to establish priorities for this committee.

MOTION: To create an ad hoc Committee for Sustaining the Character of Langley per the memo of

Councilman Waterman. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Gilman.
Motion carried with name changed to Committee for
Sustaining the Character of Downtown Langley.

Consultant hiring policy discussion. Discussion of Councilman Seligson's proposal brought forth at the last meeting continued. Code v policy.... Will decide.

NEW BUSINESS

Council appointments and assignments. Intergovernmental assignments were finalized. Robert Gilman will remain as a board member of Island Transit. Fran Abel will join the Island County Joint Tourism Committee, Hal Seligson will serve on the Island County Economic Development Board and Mayor Samuelson will continue to serve on the Sustainable Whidbey Coalition.

MOTION: To confirm the Mayor's appointment of John Lawson to the Parks and Open Space Commission. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Abel. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: To confirm the Mayor's appointment of Carol Ryan to a term on the Library Board. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Neff. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: To confirm the Mayor's appointment of Officer Randy Heston as Acting Police Chief for six months, replacing the retiring Police Chief Bob Herzberg. Heston will be sworn in Monday. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Seligson. Motion carried with all in favor.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Neff. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk