

City of Langley
Council Meeting – Business Session Minutes
April 2, 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 Gilman. Present were City Council Members Robert Gilman, Rene Neff and Russell Sparkman. Jim Recuperero and Bob Waterman were absent. 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. Motion – Sparkman, 2nd – Neff. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Council Meeting Minutes – 3-19-08
- b. Claims Warrants Nos. 23880-23902 in the amount of \$16,791.40
- c. Approval of the agenda

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor read a proclamation honoring Michael Nutt and setting April 6-12 as Michael Nutt week in Langley. Mayor Samuelson, members of the Council and others shared some of their memories of Michael. Mayor Samuelson shared the process that the administration went through in hiring a Director of Public Works. Paul Samuelson also reported that a joint and mediated meeting was held between the City Council and the Port Commissioners regarding the boat harbor. The meeting went very well. It was a great first step in starting a good working relationship with the Port Commission. Mayor Samuelson and other staff members attended a meeting this morning with Bill Oakes and Phil Baake from the County, Dan Ollis and Sandy Brandon from the Fair Association regarding Fairgrounds Road. They were able to address many concerns and work through some issues.

Kathleen Landel has been working with Linda Irvine, Resource Conservation Manager and Lynn Sterbenz, Emergency Coordinator on community preparedness. They are planning to rejuvenate the Neighbor to Neighbor Langley program. It is designed to empower the community. Langley Community Club will sponsor mini grants for neighborhoods to do projects for their neighborhood. The kick-off event will be at Langley Clean-up day Saturday, April 26th. There will be a very easy application process for neighborhoods who want to do projects. They are hoping that energy will carry through in the Fall to do neighborhood emergency planning and preparation.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Rene Neff reported that the Cemetery Board has a new brochure ready to go. Rene thanked Jean Knapp of the Cemetery Board who took the photos in the brochure. Jean has also donated the cost of the first printing. Cemetery board has asked that a \$200 fee be added for to the City's fee resolution for engraving two memorial lines on the granite columns. The Clerk will bring a fee resolution to the Council at the next meeting. A future columbarium was also discussed for the Cemetery. Shirley Jantz has resigned from the Cemetery Board. Board has been talking to the Land Trust regarding green burials and they have a possible site for in mind on Land Trust property for those.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Don Jewett of Maple Cove Road announced that he just got home after a month away and wanted to greet the new Director of Public Works.

ACTION ITEMS

MOTION: To confirm the Mayor's appointment of Challis Stringer as Director of Public Works – Motion - Gilman, 2nd – Neff. Motion carried with all in favor.

MOTION: To bring to a first reading, an Ordinance amending LMC 2.06.220, regarding Ordinances and Resolutions. Motion – Gilman, 2nd – Sparkman. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: To bring to a first reading, a Resolution adopting a City vehicle use policy – Motion – Gilman, 2nd – Neff. Motion carried.

MOTION: To bring to a first reading, a Resolution adopting a City credit card policy Motion – Neff, 2nd – Sparkman. Motion was unanimously approved.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

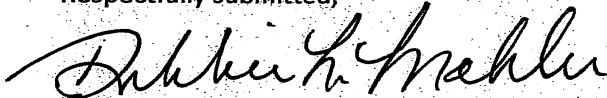
Planning Department – Larry Cort reported that tomorrow night, a public meeting will be held on storm water in an open house, workshop format to collect information from the public. The former members of the bluffs and watershed committee have been asked to give information to the consultants at that meeting also. Staff recommendations for short term waterfront regulations will be presented at the next meeting. The staff is sending letters to waterfront property and business owners inviting them to the meeting on the 16th for their comment. The Moratorium is still in place, must decide if it is to be continued or let it expire. That process will start in May.

Finance & Administration Department – Debbie Mahler reported that interviews were conducted for the Records Management Coordinator position and she is checking references on the outstanding candidate and hopes to offer the position later this week. Debbie also announced that she will be attending the Washington Municipal Treasurer's Conference in Lake Chelan next week.

Challis Stringer expressed her gratitude for her appointment and her excitement to run the Public Works Department.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM. Motion – Gilman, 2nd – Sparkman.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Debbie L. Mahler

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Langley and Approved by the Mayor this ___ day of April, 2008.