

Langley City Council Meeting Minutes
May 17, 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. Also present were Director of Planning, Larry Cort; Director of Public Works, Challis Stringer; Director of Finance/City Clerk, Debbie Mahler and Planning Advisory Board members Jim Sundberg and Fred Geisler. The flag salute was led by Council Member Gilman.

INTERVIEWS OF COUNCIL CANDIDATES- Each Council Member and the Mayor asked one question each of the two Council candidates. Both the Council Members and Mayor Samuelson offered their thanks to both candidates for their interest and willingness to serve the community.

- a. Thomas Gill
- b. Fran Abel

MOTION: To go into Executive session at 6:48 PM for approximately 20 minutes to discuss the qualifications of Council candidates. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Sparkman. Motion carried. The executive session ended at 7:08 PM and the regular session was reconvened at 7:08 PM.

MOTION: To appoint Fran Able to fill the unexpired term of Jim Recuperero on City Council. Motion - Sparkman, 2nd – Neff. The motion passed unanimously.

SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBER – Mayor Samuelson swore in Fran who took her oath of office and her seat at the Council table.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Council Meeting Minutes – April 5, 2010
- b. Claims Warrants No. 26498-26525 in the amount of \$24,572.00
- c. Payroll Warrants No. 26342-26369 (4/15/10) in the amount of \$52,979.35 and Nos. 26407-26439 – 26104 (4/30/10) in the amount of \$58,756.96.
- d. Approval of Agenda

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Samuelson read a Resolution Thanking Jim Recuperero for his dedication and service to the City of Langley for the last eight years.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution No. Thanking Jim Recupero for his service to the City. Motion – Gilman, 2nd – Waterman. Motion carried unanimously.

Whidbey Camano Land Trust Endorsement – Tom Cahill, President of the Board of the Land Trust was present. He explained that they are working to save the Trillium Forest, a 641 acre piece. The Trust has until June 10th to collect four million dollars to purchase and protect this space.

Chamber Report – Sherry Jennings reported that the spring lodging tour was held last weekend. Coastal Living Magazine was here last weekend also for a story that will come out in the magazine this fall. 48 North, a sailing publication also came to Langley and did a story recently. In July, Langley will be KPLU’s city of the month. Uniquely Whidbey Trade Fair is coming up at the Fairgrounds. This Wednesday evening is the Chamber Business walkabout where different businesses are toured. The flower baskets should be installed around the city within the next week. Choochokum plans are moving forward, there are 87 juried artists. A Ferry Advisory Board meeting is coming up soon – rates may be changing based on car length. There is also an EDC meeting on Wednesday this week. Draft sign narrative will be presented to State on the 26th. Sherry introduced Carolyn Jensen of Jensen Floor coverings who opened a new business in Langley Village. She has been in business in Everett for 40 years and opened a showroom here in Langley.

Fred McCarthy, South Whidbey School District – Fred McCarthy reported that the Highland Games are going to be held at the Langley Middle School property this August. The School board has been struggling with the future, downsizing and planning. A bond issue is going on the ballot in November in the general election. They have lost 280 students in the last two years and have been cutting about 10-11% of their budget each year. The Middle School is closing and students will be moved on to the high school. The ballot issue will call for passage of a \$25,000,000 bond to make seismic, repairs and upgrades to all schools in the district. The rate per \$1,000 of assessed value will go down because a 1990 bond issue is paying off this year.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no comments from the audience at this time.

ACTION ITEMS

MOTION: To authorize Mayor Samuelson to sign a Statement of endorsement for the Save the Forest Now project. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Neff. Motion was approved without opposition.

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance No. 941 Amending Portions of Ordinance 768 Codified In The Langley Municipal Code Sections 3.16.030 F And 3.16.130 Relating To Utility Tax Laws Relating To Water Business Conducted Within Or Outside The City; Providing For Severability And Effective Date. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Sparkman. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: To bring to a first reading, an Ordinance Amending LMC 2.52.050 and portions of Ords Nos. 523, 738, 792, 855, 888, 898, and 936 regarding certain funds for the Langley Woodman Cemetery. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Waterman. Motion carried with all in favor.

STUDY SESSION TOPICS

SPECIAL JOINT STUDY SESSION WITH PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD

Zoning and Sub-division code/open space provisions amendments. Land Use Budgeting. – Councilman Gilman gave a power-point presentation on land-use budgeting, what it is and if basic definitions and procedures for land-use budgeting should be codified in phase 1 so it can be used as a tool in phase 2. Robert then answered questions of the Council and Planning Board members. The Council then answered questions from the public.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 10:20 PM. Motion - Sparkman, 2nd - Waterman. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk