

Langley City Council Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2015

Mayor McCarthy called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Present were City Council Members Thomas Gill, Jim Sundberg, Robin Black, Bruce Allen and Rene Neff. Also present were Stan Berryman, Public Works Director; Michael Davolio, Planning Director; Dave Marks, Chief of Police and Debbie Mahler, Director of Finance/Clerk. Mayor McCarthy led the flag salute.

MOTION: To approve the agenda. Add Andrea Linton winner of water saver challenge award. Add budget priority discussion. Motion - Allen, 2nd - Black. Motion passed.

MOTION: To approve the consent agenda. Motion – Allen, 2nd – Black. The consent agenda was approved with all in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of council meeting minutes of 9/21/15
- b. Approval of claims warrants Nos. 33744-33765, EFT 9/3 & 9/17 & 9/28 in the amount of \$26,147.29

RECOGNITION

Mayor McCarthy announced the winner of the 2015 water saver challenge award, Andrea Linton. She was also awarded a city pin.

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS

Library Report – Vicky Welfare, Librarian reported that TEDX talks are scheduled at the Edmonds Center for the Arts on November 6th. The event will be simulcast to libraries at Camano Island, Coupeville, Darrington, Edmonds, Freeland, Granite Falls, Lynnwood, Marysville, Monroe, and Snohomish. Anyone interested in attending a library viewing group should register online at sno-isle.org/tedx/attend. People can also go to that Web page to get on the waitlist for Edmonds Center for the Arts seats. The day-long event, “Creating New Futures,” will feature speakers from the region and beyond who have “ideas worth spreading.” 750 seats in Edmonds are all reserved, but there is a waiting list.

Tomorrow night will be a mushroom discussion at the Methodist Church from 6:30-8:30 PM. The Library will taking part in the “Great Washington Shakeout” on Oct. 15, a statewide opportunity to practice how to be safe during big earthquakes. It is part of “the world’s largest earthquake drill.” On that morning, customers visiting will be invited to take part in a “Drop, Cover and Hold On!” drill. Disaster book displays, posters, and emergency preparation literature are available in the libraries. A special program, “Whidbey Island Earthquakes: What to Expect, How to Prepare,” will be presented at 6:30 p.m. It will feature a documentary produced by Whidbey Island’s 4-H video club for the Islands Chapter of the American Red Cross, followed by a question and answer session. On the 29th of October at 6:30 PM, Bob Hale will give a talk on starting your own business. November 4th Nancy Pearl will be back with book recommendations at WICA.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Tiny Tillman asked if there was going to be a discussion of the UGA boundaries. The Planning Advisory Board is meeting Wednesday at 3 PM and 6 PM for a citizen meeting. The boundaries will be discussed again at that meeting and the council meeting of October 19th.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McCarthy reported that tomorrow evening there is a meeting at the Fairgrounds at 6:30 PM regarding the bunny population in Langley. Two featured speakers and officials from the City, school District, and Fairgrounds will be there. They will have open comment and table input and idea sharing. Mayor McCarthy will be chairing the meeting. This is the beginning community conversation. The Economic development workshop was very successful. It had over 20 attendees. Grow Washington made a presentation and later toured real estate in Langley. There is still one opening for an alternate position on the Ethics Board. Tomorrow at 10 AM the Mayor will attend a Visioning Committee meeting of the proposed Island County Foundation. We are the only county in the state that doesn't have a county foundation. The foundation would provide training to nonprofits and a place for people to contribute money to improve the quality of life in the community. A strategic priority update was distributed to Council Members. Robin Black has submitted a letter stating that if Tim Callison (her husband) is elected mayor, she will resign her Council seat effective January 1, 2016.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor McCarthy distributed a list of Council budget requests which shows those that have been included in the first draft of the 2016 budget. The Council members will select and prioritize the items not included in the budget and see if they can get consensus on any that should be included in next year's budget. The first draft of the preliminary budget was distributed.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: To confirm the Mayor's appointment of Merilee Seligson to the Ethics Board. Motion - Gill, 2nd - Neff. Motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION: To confirm the Mayor's appointment of Ron Kasprisin to the PAB. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Allen. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: To confirm the Mayor's appointment of Jim Carroll to the Civil Service Board. Motion - Allen, 2nd - Black. Motion carried without opposition.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Rene Neff attended the Cemetery Board meeting last week. The person who currently does opening and closing of graves tends to mangle other areas with his backhoe. The Board talked about hiring someone else to do that and talked about adding a parking area on the side of the interior roads in the cemetery. Robin Black has a port meeting and a Chamber meeting next week. She gave her resignation pending the election of her husband as Mayor. Jim Sundberg reported that Island Transit will hold a public meeting on their budget tomorrow night. The Board is considering the possibility of fares on the bus system. Jim does not feel that fares are necessary. Island Transit finances have recovered. There will be a budget workshop on the 12th of October at 9:30 AM. Council received today a letter of intent to petition for annexation for property on Sandy Point Road.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/Clerk