Mayor Pro-Tem Rene Neff called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Present were City Council Members Thomas Gill, Robin Black and Jim Sundberg. Also present were Jeff Arango, Director of Planning; Stan Berryman, Public Works Director; and Debbie Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk. Mayor McCarthy and Councilman Allen were attending a mediation conference. The flag salute was led by Rene Neff.

**MOTION:** To approve the agenda. Motion - Gill, 2nd – Black. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** To approve the consent agenda. Motion - Gill, 2nd - Black. The consent agenda was approved.

### CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of council meeting minutes of 10/20/14.


### RECOGNITION/APPRECIATION

Mayor Pro-Tem Neff thanked Jeff Arango for his service to the City. Jeff helped get Main Street going, get the Second Street Market going, managed the Second Street project and was an ambassador from the City in Argentina. Councilmembers also expressed their appreciation for Jeff’s work here. Janet Ploof and Fred Lundahl of Main Street also thanked Jeff for his work with Main Street and the City.

### COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS

*Cemetery Board Semi-annual report* – Debbie Mahler read Chair Cary Peterson’s report as she was unable to be at the meeting. The Board thanked Marilyn Strong for her service as board chair the past seven years. The Board now has six members and a councilmember liaison. The Board has been focusing on procedures and communications for green burials. The annual All Soul’s Eve was celebrated at the Cemetery on Saturday November 1st with a luminary ceremony.

### CITIZEN COMMENTS

Rene Neff stated that as a board member, council member and citizen that she would like to personally let Jim Sundberg know that she fully supports him on the Island Transit Board and stands behind him.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*Update on Mo’s Pub Study Process – Ideas ...*

### NEW BUSINESS

*Preliminary 2015 Budget* – Debbie Mahler presented the Preliminary Budget in the amount of $5,530,599. Debbie presented Council with an additional budget request from the Parks and Open Space Commission for their consideration. A public hearing will be held at the next meeting on the budget and revenue for the coming year which will include a presentation on tax revenues.
MOTION: To bring to a first reading, an Ordinance setting an Ad Valorem tax for collection in 2015. Motion- Sundberg, 2nd - Black. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: To waive the two reading requirement and pass Resolution No. 768 regarding membership in the AWC RMSA. Motion - Gill, 2nd - Black. Motion passed with all in favor.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Jim Sundberg summarized some of the recent accomplishments of Island Transit’s Board. They have adopted a six year plan, and will have set aside $500,000 by the end of this year to begin to build back their reserves. Jim said that questions have been raised about the agreements signed with the leaving Executive Director, and he wanted to state for the record, that the agreements did not include monies not owed. She had been in the position for almost 25 years and had a large accumulation of sick leave being paid out at about 80% of accumulation. Sick leave and vacation payouts are part of the personnel policies of Island Transit. The new Budget is encouraging, and they are hoping to reestablish some of the cut services by September of next year. The Board is also looking at whether it is a help to charge fares and are looking for additional revenue sources.

Robin Black went on a drive along with Chief Marks and with Officer Liggett. She was very impressed by the work that they do and their dedication to our community. Robin will be attending Leadership Snohomish County this week and will be assigned her project. Thomas Gill reported that he missed the last law and justice committee meeting, but will be attending the next. The Library Board will meet the first Tuesday of December. They are working together with the Friends of the Library on several issues.

Rene Neff stated there is a meeting tomorrow put on by the City at the Commons on drawing customers to the City of Langley to shop.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie L. Mahler, Clerk/Finance Director