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

MOTION: To approve the agenda. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Black. Motion passed.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Claims Warrants # 32513, EFT 11/5/14, 32602-32616 in the amount of $20,115.91.

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Brian Woloshin read a prepared statement regarding the proposed marina lift. He feels the lift from the marina is a bad idea that is not needed. He believes the project should not go forward without a vote of the residents. Nell Anders feels the project has not been vetted by the public and should not be in the budget. She thinks the tram is unwanted and unneeded. She also read a prepared statement. Council members shared that there will be plenty of time for public input. No design has been set, no contracts let. Mr. Woloshin and Ms. Anders felt the issue should be put to a vote. Council thought it premature to put the issue up to a vote before there is a defined plan. Charlie Pancerzewski, a property owner in Langley, felt the project should be removed from the budget until a design plan was chosen and all maintenance costs were known. Mayor McCarthy explained that the grant funds have been awarded to us and that it is in the budget so that we can begin the project in 2015 if things work out right. Because it is in the budget, it does not have to be spent, if the city decides not to go ahead with the project.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor McCarthy reported that the Monthly Economic Development Sector Emphasis for December 2014 is on Transportation and Recreation. The monthly Job Sector Holiday Networking Luncheon will be on December 16, 2014, 12:00 noon to 1:00pm. The Mayor attended an Island County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition meeting on November 19th. The coalition has now had six months of meetings. The Masonic Lodge donated $200 through Thomas Gill so to the coalition. Info on the proposed funicular is now available for the public to look at here at City Hall. The Kleiner’s, who own the Doghouse, have found an appraiser to assess the properties that they want to exchange with the City.

A schedule for 2015 Board and Commission reports to the Council was distributed. A committee has been appointed to vet the applications and interview applicants for Community Planner. There were
seventeen applications to go through. December 17 and 18th are the dates set for interviews for the four finalists.

The City had no process in place for orientation for new employees. Mayor McCarthy has developed a new checklist for orientation. He has also developed a checklist of new required annual trainings for employees.

Mayor McCarthy met with Jack Lynch, former City Planner for 22 years today. Jack is going to serve as the interim planner until we have the new planner in place, hopefully by January 5th. Ed Halloren, Port Commissioner is working on a request Rene made. The Mayor will be giving out some special recognition awards to Council and Staff at the December 15th meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Doghouse. Mayor McCarthy opened the public hearing at 5:45 PM. The Kliener’s were not in attendance tonight. They are working on getting an appraisal of the properties that they are wanting to swap with the City. The preliminary plans were on display. There were no comments and the hearing was closed at 5:49 PM.

The 2015 Operating Budget. The hearing was opened at 5:50 PM. Debbie Mahler explained that the only changes that have been made to the budget are in the Street Fund. There were some changes in expenditures which do not affect the fund balance or budget totals. Council reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan that will be adopted with the budget. Some changes to the CIP were suggested, but none that affect the 2015 budget. Charles Panzereski, a Mukilteo resident who owns property here in Langley was concerned about the Langley lift/funicular in the budget and how much it would cost for planning, engineering, etc. and where the parking would be for people using it, etc. Eric Levine of Fourth Street stated that many people he has talked to are in favor of the funicular and feels it would be an asset to the city. He feels the funicular itself would be an attraction for tourists and residents.

The hearing was closed at 6:58 PM.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTION: To bring to a first reading, Ordinance No. 1007 adopting the 2015 Budget in the amount of $5,530,599. Motion – Gill, 2nd – Neff. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

New employee Orientation Checklist and Annual Required Trainings Checklist. Mayor McCarthy, with the help of our legal counsel, developed these checklists.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Thomas Gill reported that the quarterly Library Board meeting will be held tomorrow at City Hall at 4 PM. Robin Black reported that the Island/Snohomish Leadership Council has changed Robin’s project to be more local. She will have a partner from Oak Harbor. They will be creating a flyer to be distributed to Chambers of Commerce, Ferries, etc. advertising excursions and experience Langley type events and other Island places. Jim Sundberg reported that Island Transit has reestablished a good cash flow and
the reserves are rebuilding. Rene Neff reported that she missed the Cemetery Board meeting this month.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie L. Mahler, Clerk/Finance Director