

Langley City Council Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2015

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

MOTION: To approve the agenda as amended. Motion - Allen, 2nd - Black. Motion passed. Appointment of Robin Black to the ILIO Committee was removed and approval of Tourism contract funding was added.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of council meeting minutes of 4/16/15
- b. Approval of claims warrants Nos. 33140, EFT 4/1/15 & 4/23/15, 33165-33191 in the amount of \$67,905.36
- c. Confirmation of the Mayor's appointment of Dr. Fred Herzon to the Ethics Board
- d. Confirmation of the Mayor's appointment of Councilmember Robin Black to service of the Island County Housing Board

RECOGNITION/APPRECIATION

Mayor McCarthy presented Cathy Waymire-Rooks with a Mayor's Excellence Award and City pin for her work on the Second Street Gardens and other horticultural services to the City.

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS

Janet Ploof gave a semi-annual report of Main Street activities. This is the end of the organization's third year. The organization works with public works and planning, the Chamber, Whale center, etc. Lorinda Kay is the program manager, who is doing an excellent job. Thursday is a conference in Bellingham and our Main Street has won awards the last two years and this year they have won two awards for the Second Street project and the Monsters on Machines event. Businesses contribute to Main Street and in return get a 75% credit on their B&O taxes, once approved by the State. They have placed banner poles throughout the city that feature main events happening in the City. They do all the landscaping and maintenance at City Hall, 2nd Street and all the hanging baskets in the City. They also maintain the golf cart shuttle, the Halloween celebrations and Christmas decorating, Sea Float Scramble, and the Frick Lane project history walk. The 2nd Street Market starts May 15, PAWs Dog & human race will be this Saturday. Main Street has moved their offices into the Piper building.

Vicky Welfare gave a Langley Library report. The open hours have changed, so evenings they closed at 5 PM are now closing at 6 PM. The new HVAC system is now operational and the old oil heat system is no more. The Library has a new staff member, Katy Costello, working full time. This Saturday's program is Frances Wood on Whidbey, practical Fung Shui program on May 14th from 6:30 to 8 PM. Tues May 19th

at Methodist Church author John Graham of the Giraffe project will speak and a class of Nature Photography will be presented at the Library on the 21st at 6:30.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no comments at this time.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McCarthy reported that the Plan for 6-30-15 second Quarterly Economic Development Workshop is to have an Arts Focus. The speaker is the Washington Arts Communication Manager who will lead the morning session. Status on Council Chambers Remodel – waiting on tables which should be ready in a few weeks and a technology relocation consultant. The Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition met in Coupeville on April 22nd. Four community meetings have been held on the south end since the coalition was begun. Property crime has gone down in response. The Mayor attended the SRTPO meeting in Oak Harbor on 4-23-15. Skagit County is still interested in breaking off from Island County for their own SRTPO. Trying to convince them to stay with Island County. He also had Infusion Soft Meetings for Marketing City Events on April 29 with Chamber of Commerce people and Main Street and on April 30 with Russell Sparkman. Two members have now been appointed to the Ethics Board; three other applicants are in some form of process and there has been one other inquiry. Six appointees are desired with a balance of three men and three women.

Mayor McCarthy attended the Leadership Snohomish and Island County graduation ceremony for Robin Black at the Tulalip Inn. Mayor met with former Fire Chief Andy O'Keefe regarding moving the old Langley Fire Station Sign to the new fire station.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTION: To approve the application of “The Big Wierzbowski” mobile food vendor. The food truck would be operated on First Street south of Hladkey Park from 10am to 4 pm Thursdays through Sundays from May 22nd through Labor Day weekend and removed during Choochokum. The fee for the space shall be \$1,000. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Gill. Motion was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: To accept and approve the Island County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Volumes 1 and 2 – 2015 update and FEMA Flood Plain Materials for Langley. The plan has had a 30+ day public display and comment period. Motion - Black, 2nd - Allen. Motion carried with all in favor.

MOTION: To accept and approve award of the low bid from SRV Construction in the amount of \$122,286.41 for construction of the Park Avenue water

extension project. Motion - Allen, 2nd - Gill. Motion was unanimously approved.

MOTION: To award a Tourism contract in the amount of \$5,000 to Island Shakespeare Festival for marketing and operations as recommended by Councilman Allen and Finance Director Mahler. Motion - Allen, 2nd - Black. Motion passed with Rene Neff recused. Four yes votes, one abstention.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Jim Sundberg reported that he will be missing the Island Transit Board meetings this month so Mayor McCarthy will fill in for Jim at those meetings. Mayor may have a commitment on the Friday the 22nd. Bruce Allen agreed to fill in on that day. Attended Main Street fundraising work sessions. A small group of volunteers were able to get commitments for matching funds to the city.

MOTION: To appoint Bruce Allen as backup to the Island Transit Board. Motion – Gill, 2nd – Neff. Motion carried with Allen abstaining.

Robin Black reported that she is now on the Chamber Board and the Island County Housing Board. Rene Neff reported that she is meeting with Stan Berryman and Randi Perry of the public works department to look at the water lines and connections at the Cemetery. The cemetery can tie into the new water line that is being put in by the Upper Langley Development to increase the water flow at the back of the Cemetery. Revising Cemetery brochure to include more information about green burials. Rene is attending the “Revitalize Washington Conference” as a member of Main Street.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie L. Mahler, Finance Director/Clerk