

Langley City Council Meeting Minutes

September 8, 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 Cheryl Knighton, Deputy Clerk. Mayor McCarthy led the flag salute.

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of council meeting minutes of 8/17/15
- b. Approval of council workshop meeting minutes of 8/18/15
- c. Approval of claims warrants in the amount of \$60,307.96

RECOGNITION/APPRECIATION

- a. Callahan McVay – Business Owner Recognition. Mayor McCarthy presented Callahan with an award for excellent business practices, facility and ground enhancement, support of the Langley Second Street Plaza.
- b. Officer Charlie Liggitt – Exceptional Performance Appreciation. Officer Liggitt was awarded an exceptional performance award because he responded to a commercial fire at Sundance Bakery, he discharged a fire extinguisher through a window and it stopped the fires growth which saved the fire from expanding throughout the building.
- c. City Interns – James Myers, Jeremiah Pace – Appreciation. Mayor McCarthy recognized the two part-time public works interns who worked over the summer; and Emily Martin, Grace Swanson who work for Langley Mainstreet Association for the work they do on our gardens.
- d. Plaque for Wastewater treatment Plant Outstanding Performance 2014. The City's treatment plant has won numerous awards from the State, for their treatment and testing of water/waste water. The plant once again achieved full compliance with state regulations with no violations. The plant also received this award in 2013 and the last 3 years in a row from the Department of Ecology.

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS

- a. Historic Preservation Commission – Semi Annual Report. Bob Waterman reported that all the plaques have been placed on the historic registered sites. Began a survey to look for maintenance problems. City Hall, Historic museum, pole building at the fair grounds. All need to be looked at. Bruce Allen and Bob have been working with the owners of the Main Stay building for the historic register nomination. They are working on “building biographies” in lieu of getting nominations. The Commission still has two vacancies. He requests of the council to have a city contact to join the commission. He would like the City Planner to be the liaison. Request a line item of \$1000 in the 2016 budget.

- b. Design Review Board – Semi Annual Report. Ron Kasperson reported that most of the issues that come across are sign reviews and painting. They would like to recommend to the council an expanded role in the design in the city. Want to help develop and recommend more guidelines for design policy making. Want to work with the PAB, community and planner more often. Rene would like some examples of how other cities Design Review Boards work with council and or other boards. Council would like the DRB to put together some ideas to the council and to meet with them.
- c. Homeless Coalition – Judy Thorslund and Faith Wilder reported that their first meeting in Jan 2014, first board meeting was in July 1014. They had received a grant from the county to operate some sort of a shelter, and training for outreach for the community. Judy reported they opened the end of May the House of Hope. One thousand hours of work from volunteers helped get the house up and ready. She gave statistics of the number of people they are housing and how many referrals they receive on a daily basis. There are more people to house then they have room for. 58 people have been turned away. Looking for landlords who would be willing to lease their properties that will work with the Coalition to offer homes. A central village type of a setting is something they would like to implement. Requests a workshop about homelessness. Regarding the UGA, any property taken out will not be available for multifamily housing. They would like the Comp Plan to address problems on homelessness. Rene invited Faith to come to the PAB meeting on the 17th at 6:00 to discuss the UGA.

PRESENTATIONS

- a. Doug Cox re Formation of Island Transportation Planning Organization. Doug Cox gave a presentation on forming the organization. He provides staff support for RTPO of Island County. The State provides funding for the volunteer organization. They need to create a local TPO in hope to get funding from the state. Encourages the council to write Congressman Rick Larson to support RCW 47.80

PUBLIC HEARING – Partial Street Vacation Request – Anthes Avenue.

Mayor McCarthy opened the public hearing at 6:42 PM. Planner Michael Davolio explained the history and read the rules regarding a Street Vacation in this situation. He gave his recommendations and conditions.

MOTION: To allow comments from Janice and Charlie Kleiner. Motion – Neff, 2nd - Allen. Motion carried. Janice Kleiner – said that they have been told that the building is in bad shape and should be demolished. If the city wants the Dog House to be remodel, then they need to change the conditions. Charlie Kleiner would like some clarification on the use of the land they are hoping to acquire. He gave some history of what the structural engineer had found, and some history on some advice from Bob Snyder, and Larry Kwarsick. He referred to emails back and forth from Michael and themselves. Also emails from Jeff Arango. Rene explained the legality of “giving” land to anyone. Tiller commented that she is happy that this has come to a solution.

Comments: Michael has always supported the proposal. He explained why he put the conditions in the ordinance. Council wants to strike the both conditions. The public hearing was closed at 7:02 pm.

MOTION: To strike Conditions 3 & 4, from Ordinance Vacating a portion of Anthes Avenue Motion Neff- , 2nd - Allen. Motion carried with all in favor

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Melena Thompson from the fair grounds announced they will be having meetings in the near future for public input on what people would like to see at the fairgrounds.

Curtis Leonard spoke on a Constructive Notice Campaign.

John Norby asked Thomas Gill why does he feel it necessary to carry a pistol in the streets of Langley? Gill said he does not carry unless it is necessary. Norby feels uncomfortable with him carrying a gun. Gill also explained why he has concealed weapons permit.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McCarthy reported that we have had a response from the Postal Service regarding the issues with the access to Third Street. He has invited our legal council to the next executive session. Conducted a Supervisor training last week on workplace violence. Supervisors will be conducting the training with their staffs.

The next quarterly economic development workshop will be held on September 29th. Carolyn Eslick and Tiffany McVeety from Grow Washington will be the presenters. Thomas Gill is working on meeting recordings and he passed out his proposal. The Ethics Board still has openings and one application is in progress. The Mayor updated the Council strategic priorities plan.

Mayor McCarthy attended an Emergency Preparedness meeting today and he reminded council to get their budget priorities in soon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Ordinance 1021vacating a portion of Anthes Avenue

MOTION: To bring to a first reading, an Ordinance Vacating a portion of Anthes Avenue with removal of the conditions. Motion Neff- , 2nd - Allen. Motion carried with all in favor.

Comments:

Kleiners would like a copy of the ordinance before the meeting, council approved.

- b. Ordinance No. 1020 amending the Noise Ordinance, LMC 8.10

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance No. 1020 amending the Noise Ordinance, LMC 8.10.

Motion - Gill, 2nd - Allen. Ordinance 1020 was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approval of ITPO Articles of Association

MOTION: To approve the Article of Association of the Island Transportation Planning Organization. Motion - Allen, 2nd - Sundberg. Motion carried without opposition.

- b. Approval of ITPO Bylaws

MOTION: To approve the Bylaws of the Island Transportation Planning Organization. Motion - Allen, 2nd - Sundberg. Motion was unanimously approved.

- c. Ordinance amending LMC 18.01.040 re occupancy of hospitality rooms

MOTION: To waive the two reading requirement and adopt Ordinance amending LMC 18.01.040 regarding Hospitality Rooms. Motion -Neff, 2nd - Sundberg. Gill abstained. Motion was approved with four members in favor.

- c. Ordinance amending Chapter 18 Langley Zoning Code

MOTION: To waive the two reading requirement and adopt Ordinance amending LMC 18, the Zoning Code. Motion - Allen, 2nd - Gill . Motion was approved.

Comments:

Shannon Arndt explained the need of having a wellness center. She thanked the board for passing the zoning ordinance.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Robin requests a meeting with the School District, Port and the City about the rabbits. Fred said Steve Lamén, a raptor expert worked with the San Juan Island in cleaning up their rabbit population. The Chamber is getting 22,000 hits a month on their website. Comments coming in are regarding accommodations and events. She gave dates of upcoming events.

Sunberg reported on Island Transit. He helped the transit board with their 6 year transportation plan. There will be a workshop on possible adding fares.

Gill attended the Substance Abuse Coalition meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Knighton, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer