

Langley City Council Meeting Minutes

November 2, 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; Jack Lynch, Temporary Planning Director; Dave Marks, Chief of Police, City Attorney Rosa Frueling Watson, and Debbie Mahler, 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 – Neff, 2nd – Allen. The consent agenda was approved with all in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of council meeting minutes of 10/19/15
- b. Approval of claims warrants in the amount of \$33,841.58
- c. Confirmation of Mayor's appointment of Dan Gulden to DRB
- d. Liquor Licenses – Double Bluff Brewing

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS

Civil Service Commission semi-annual report. Jim Carroll, reported that the last meeting was on October 6th. Joe Wierzbowski was appointed as secretary to the Board. As a new member, this was Jim's first meeting. The meeting was regarding the vacancy in the police department. The opening has been posted. Both openings for lateral and entry level have been posted. Jim explained the process in setting eligibility lists and hiring officers.

Library Report. Vicky Welfare reported that Sno-Isle is asking for public feedback on what people would like to see in their libraries. Programs this month – Friday, Nov. 6 Ted Talks, these meetings are full, but there is going to be online viewing. Nancy Pearl will be giving book recommendations at WICA on Wednesday at 11 AM. Cartooning in the Evergreen State on Saturday, November 7th and Monday Nov. 9 at 10 AM, a class on Personal rebranding for career transitions; Friday the 13th is Kathleen Vanwetter on highly sensitive people. Vicky also stated that there is a parking problem for the book delivery driver who comes every day. Parking has been an issue for him as he cannot always pull up next to the library to make his deliveries. Stan will work with Vicky to find a solution.

Planning Advisory Board – Sue Walsh reported that the PAB took a unanimous vote on the UGA boundaries being shrunk to city limits with the exception of four properties currently in the UGA with sewer lines through them. The Comp plan progress has been slower than expected, although it doesn't need a lot of changes. It has been mostly updating data that is out of date. In the Joint Planning area, the county wants a dedicated growth area. They are also working on better integration of compounding

policies, i.e. shoreline and utility comp plans. There are four elements completed, and seven more elements to update. A public hearing is coming up soon on vision statements, UGA policies and other input.

Main Street. Janet Ploof explained that Main Street is split into 4 committees – an Economic Committee which is working on the golf cart shuttle, talking about food truck locations, new directional signs are being discussed, developing ordinance recommendations regarding vacant buildings, tracking business openings and closings. In 2015 there have been 12 new businesses. The Design Committee – deals with historic plaques, landscape maintenance, and the white lights all over town. The Organization committee that deals with funding and fund raising. The Promotion committee works on the sea ball scramble, advertising, bunny parade, 5k dog run, community feast, spooktacular, the whale bell, tree lighting ceremony and deck the doors. Main Street has also done a new rain garden plan. Current rain garden was designed by engineers with tall plants that have flopped over on the sidewalk. Main Street did a better looking garden plan that has been approved by the engineers. They need about \$1,500 to \$2,000 for new plants.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Moe Jerome with Whidbey Art Gallery thanked Frank Rose, Chairman of the Arts committee for all his hard work on the sculptures in Langley. He stated that they look great.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor McCarthy reported on the last community Bunny meeting. They are trying to find ways to deal with the numbers of rabbits using compassionate means. The City's roll is as a source of information, helping homeowners to find solutions. The School District and Fairgrounds have a different role because the rabbits are causing problems on their properties. Warrens have undermined buildings and created holes and hazards on the athletic fields. The Ethics Board is meeting and working on rewriting the ethics code. The Fairground visioning planning meeting was good. Many ideas were explored including work parties for buildings and grounds that need maintenance and improvement. The Law and Justice Committee meeting is this Friday. Thomas Gill will be taking over leadership when Mayor McCarthy's term ends. The Mayor updated his strategic priority list and distributed it to Council. Many projects are completed or in process. He met with Asplundh regarding the cutting of the plum trees on the Brooks Hill entrance to Langley. A forester came, and they also looked at a tree on Edgecliff that is very tall and on the threatening list.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Budget priorities – Debbie Mahler went through the listed budget priorities and explained how they had been incorporated into the 2016 preliminary budget.

Ad Valorem Tax Ordinance.

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance No. 1024 Setting the amount of Ad Valorem tax to be collected in 2016.

Motion – Gill, 2nd - Sundberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Langley Public Art Master Plan.

MOTION: To approve the Langley Public Art Master Plan. Motion -Allen, 2nd - Black. Motion carried with all in favor. Frank Rose said he received positive feedback from the public.

NEW BUSINESS

Preliminary Budget. Debbie distributed and explained the 2016 Budget.

Fee Schedule Resolution.

MOTION: To bring to a first reading a resolution amending the Municipal Code Fee Schedule regarding utility rates for 2016. Motion - Allen, 2nd – Neff. Motion was unanimously approved.

Recommendation and map of UGA/City limit/JPA boundaries.

MOTION: To reduce the size of the Langley Urban Growth Area (UGA) to the city limits of the city of Langley with the exception of four properties with pre-existing agreements for sewer service identified on the attached map. Any property annexed into the city prior to final acceptance by the island County Commissioners of the revised city of Langley UGA should also be included in the revised Langley UGA. Motion – Neff, 2nd – Black. Motion was passed with Councilman Gill opposed.

Approval of Sandy Point Water Contract.

MOTION: To approve the Contract renewal with Sandy Point Homeowners Association for water services. – Gill, 2nd – Black. Contract was approved with all in favor.

Petition for Annexation. A petition for annexation will be considered at the next meeting on November 16th to discuss a petition for annexation of 10 acres to the city. A public process for information exchange will be held with a Public hearing held by the PAB, and then Council will decide if it moves forward.

MOTION: To approve a contract for interim professional planning services with Jack Lynch. Motion - Allen, 2nd -Black. Motion was unanimously approved.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Rene Neff reported she has a new granddaughter. A volunteer led cemetery clean-up was done, and All Souls Eve was celebrated at the Cemetery with many luminaries. Jim Sundberg reported that Island Transit Board is in the middle of their budget process also. They have financially recovered and are doing better. The budget includes a state grant to continue the tri-county connector route. A possible Everett Connector is being discussed. Councilman Gill expressed that it will be a pleasure to serve as chair of the Island County Substance Abuse committee. Bruce Allen reported that the Homeless Coalition opened a warming center at the Methodist Church for when the temperature is under 35 degrees, dinner, cots for overnight and breakfast in the morning will be served. It will be manned by three people per night.

Council went into executive session at 7:45 PM for approximately one hour to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. The executive session ended at 8:50 PM and the regular meeting was reconvened.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk