

**Langley City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**March 3, 2014**

Mayor Fred McCarthy called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Present were City Council Members Jim Sundberg, Thomas Gill, Rene Neff, Margot Jerome and Bruce Allen. Also present were Finance/Clerk, Cheryl Knighton; and Public Works Director, Stan Berryman. The flag salute was led by Mayor McCarthy. The Consent agenda was approved after several questions from Council members.

**MOTION:** To approve the agenda as amended.  
Motion – Allen, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Gill. Motion was passed  
without opposition.

Jim would like to add under new business to move the next council meeting to March 18th.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of council meeting minutes of 2/18/14.
- b. Approval of claims warrants in the amount of \$50,503.30.

**MOTION:** To approve the Consent agenda.  
Motion, - Neff 2<sup>nd</sup> Allen. Motion carried  
unanimously.

**COMMISSION, BOARD, SPECIAL REPORTS**

**Historical Preservation Committee**

Bob Waterman reported on the history of the commission. He passed out background information and explained what HPC does and what the activities are that are planned for 2014. There will be two positions open on the committee.

Melissa McSwain reported on the Habitat for Humanity Project in Langley. Invited all of the council to come and see what they are doing. They presented the council with a slide show. Melissa shared statistics on affordable rentals in Island County. She explained the section 8 housing program, the mission and history of Habitat. It was founded in 1976 and in 1998 it came to Island County. She explained how the program works for those who apply and are accepted. They build simple decent and affordable housing. They are having an upcoming event to a groundbreaking on Mar. 15 and Collegiate Challenge. Mar. 24-28. Habitat invited everyone to attend the ground breaking. Mary Jo McCardle is a volunteer who commutes from Lopez just to stay involved.

Sarah Diers, George Henny, and Tara Long, from Snohomish County Leadership gave a brief slide show and spoke on George gave a brief history on how the program got started. Relationship with Is Co. and Snohomish Co. in Leadership for a new generation.

They have trained hundreds of professionals in the current best practices and principle of leadership. The benefits builds capacity and entrepreneurial ideas. Makes the city a better place for people to live, work and thrive. Goal is to being people here and creating new networks with other professionals. Improve communications skills within business and throughout community. Bridge island ideas with mainland connections. Current project will be working on creating an impact on Clinton Identity. Making local food the focus. April 26 at Clinton community hall. Applications need to be in by the end of May. This Thursday March 6 they will be in Langley.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Angie from Port of So Whidbey reported that Friday, April 25 noon to 2 ribbon cutting for the harbor expansion.

Fred Lundahl reported on the Whale center. Had about 350 people who attended the soft opening. The whale boat will be in town tomorrow. One whale has shown up this week. He gave the city a plaque and a t-shirt to post in the city for visitors to see.

Colin Campbell commented on LMS. The association submitted an application to refurbish Seawall Park. Totem pole refurbishing, handrail, caps on the posts, add more picnic benches. Jeff explained the process to move forward to DRB.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor McCarthy reported on the Sand Shrimping Committee. He reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> economic luncheon was a success 35 people were in attendance. In March he plans on visiting Food and Beverage Service owners. He reported on the Island Events Center. The Arts Commission responses have been seven applications at this time. Rene would like to be on the interview committee, Marot, Bruce also. It has now been posted to the public. Chief Marks attended the February 20, 2014 Coupeville Recreation Center at 6pm there was a meeting regarding the burglaries that have been in Island County. Fred reported on the street overlays and the Island View chip seal. The first economic training will take place on March 4, and the second on April 1 on FB and LinkedIn. Tourism contracts...Children's theater...met with them. The contracts go until 2015.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**MOTION:** To adopt a Resolution setting a date for Public Hearing to consider a street vacation. Motion, Neff 2<sup>nd</sup> Bruce, Motion passed without opposition. Owners of the Doghouse have requested a vacation for a portion of the building on the west side that is on city property. Sets public hearing for April 7, 2014.

**Discussion:** Margot spoke has some concerns she has. Wants to ask MRSC their opinion on the ordinance. She has concerns as to moving too fast, and wants to make

sure we get as much advice as possible. AdHOC committee is a big concern. Protection o retaliation, some examples.....What has other towns done. Thomas also feels it makes sense to as MRSC for more clarification. Fred feels this could be tabled, or it could be passed and amended later. Feels a standing ethics board is not the way to go. Jeff did some research on MRSC he found most larger cities have boards, but there are other options. Ethics officer, hearing examiner, are some examples. Most everyone feels that we don't need a committee, but someone to call in case something were to come up in the future. Some of the members of the committee have said they would be available.

**MOTION:** To bring a second reading, an Ordinance Amending the Ethics Code. Motion - Neff, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Allen -. Motion: Margot to be tabled and sent to MRSC for input as best practice 2<sup>nd</sup> none. Motion passed. Carried with 4 yes, 1 no.

**MOTION:** To accept the contract terms of the city's partnership with the Orca Network and provide for the city's payment of \$10,000 to the Orca Network upon execution of the contract. Motion -Allen, 2<sup>nd</sup> –Neff Motion passed without opposition.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Resolution No. 759 Authorizing Investment of the City of Langley Monies in the Local Government Investment Pool.

**MOTION:** To waive the first reading and adopt Resolution 759 authorizing investment of the City of Langley Monies in the Local Government Investment pool. Motion - Gill, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Allen. Motion passed without opposition.

- b. Second street construction change order# 01-14. Jeff gave a brief explanation to inform the council of the changes. Thomas asked about the funding of the project and if there will be enough to cover all of the change orders. He explained the budget includes \$50K for minor changes and \$10K for utility conflicts that are not anticipated for a total of \$60K.

**MOTION:** To accept the change order #01-14. Motion – Allen, 2<sup>nd</sup> –

Sundberg. Motion passed without opposition.

- c. Council meeting date change from March 17 to March 18. Jim Sundberg would like to change the meeting date. After some discussion we will keep date as is.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Rene has questions regarding the ground covering the waterline at Bell Park. Can grass seed be planted by public works? The area needs some attention. Also in front of the whale center at Anthes and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Can that area be cleaned up? Stan will take a look. Margot went to the Mainstreet Economic Development meeting and Jeff is working on business license applications that will be issued to the market vendors. Month of May Island transit celebration. Margot will attend the meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Last meeting council in May will be Margot's last. Thomas will be attending the library board meeting on March 4.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Knighton, Deputy Clerk