Mayor Fred McCarthy called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Present were Council Members Neff, Allen, Seligson, and Allderdice. Councilman Sundberg was out of town. Also present was Director of Planning, Jeff Arango; Interim Public Works Director, Ryan Goodman; and Director of Finance/City Clerk Debbie Mahler. The flag salute was led by Mayor McCarthy.

**MOTION:** To approve the agenda as amended. A resolution declaring an emergency and authorizing emergency contracts for scientific review and assessment and authorizing emergency contracts for repair and restoration of the bluff was added. The Main Street presentation was moved earlier in the meeting and tree cutting policy discussion was also added. Motion - Allen, 2nd - Seligson. Motion passed unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** To approve the consent agenda.
Motion – Neff, 2nd – Allen. Motion carried.

a. Minutes of 4-1-13
b. Approval of claims warrants Nos. 30376-30421 in the amount of $184,364.85
c. Approval of payroll warrants Nos. 30297-30320 and direct deposit (3/15/13) $54,171.09 and Nos. 30322--30345 & direct deposit (3/31/13) $53,466.88.

*Langley Main Street Centennial Presentation.* Michaela Wheatly, Main Street director was present to report on the progress of the Centennial celebration. A street theater program will be held during the Mother’s Day Weekend in May with a suffragettes march through town and a mother’s Day Tea. Main Street is working closely with the Chamber on outside publications and signs at the entrances to the City. They are also working on a new city hall centennial sign. There will be additional history presentations, and the Saturday of the Fair will be declared as Centennial Day. A Centennial magazine with history and other articles will be published Memorial Day weekend.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Maureen Cooke stated that she met with the Mayor this morning because she has a problem with Ordinance 989 regarding commercial developments adjacent to residential zoning. She asked that the word “amplified” in the ordinance be amended. She said that many instruments need to be plugged into electricity. These are small, quiet bands that play music in her restaurant. She asked that sound be monitored with a Decibel meter or
some other measure. Council will entertain a proposal to amend the ordinance. Local musicians have been showcased in her establishment with no complaints regarding noise.

**STAFF REPORTS**

Jeff Arango reported that he met with the Second Street Consultants today and they dropped off the 90% plans and are on track for completion in July. He has received the second round of preliminary comments from DOE on the Shoreline Master Plan. Jeff will be attending an Island county meeting on 2016 comp plan tomorrow. The first priority is population density and size of urban growth boundaries. Jeff also reported that there is interest from the First Street merchants on changing the parking configuration between First and Anthes. Business owners want the parking changed back to parallel. Jeff suggested an alternative - making mini parks in four parking spaces and keeping the rest angled. Switching to parallel would lose ten spaces. Jeff showed illustrations of his concept. With angled parking, we have 16’ lanes. The lanes become 32’ if parallel, causing cars to travel faster.

Ryan Goodman reported that the area at the bottom of Wharf Street will be cleaned up tomorrow and then the arborist will be doing tree trimming until Friday. He is getting estimates for a pin pile wall to shore up the pavement on the edge near the slide area. The First Street waterline digging is done and the waterline complete. There are more connections to make and water will be shut off in some areas. Sidewalk repairs are to be made this week. Fire hydrants have been replaced and are functional now. Two or three more days until all are on the new 8” line.

Debbie Mahler passed out monthly revenue and expenditure reports, first quarter comparative reports, revenue graphs and other financial information for the first quarter of 2013. Debbie explained that both sales tax and hotel/motel taxes are down slightly from the same time period last year. She will continue to monitor the revenues on a monthly basis and report if there are any problems. General Fund revenues for the first quarter are at 33% of the budgeted amount and expenditures are at 20%. Debbie also reported that she will be attending the Municipal Treasurers’ conference in Chelan from tomorrow afternoon until Friday.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Fred McCarthy reported that Ryan Goodman worked in Peru and South America in the Peace Corp. Was assistant City Public Works Director in Lynnwood, Engineer for the City of Oak Harbor and Coupeville. He has been with Langley since 1993as City Engineer. His name is on the plaque on this building, has secured additional city water rights, designed new booster stations and Fairgrounds road, designed our pump-out station and that design was adopted by the State of Washington. He has contributed to the City in many ways. The Ethics Commission had 17 people in attendance at the first meeting. Mary Boyd is the facilitator or chair of the commission. John McFarland was a speaker. He is a retired administrator and spoke on ethics in municipal government. The first meeting of regular commission is tomorrow night at 7 PM. They are planning to
meet every two weeks, and are presently working on team building, skills, desired outcome and a work plan. Hal Seligson provided nice introductory statement. Debbie gave sample policies, Cheryl catered lunch, and Jeff was tech support and did presentations. Councilman Sundberg had asked that we join Sustainable Whidbey as a paying member. Fred reported that we are joining at the reduced rate of $100 per year and are able to join all three chambers. Fred is working on a delegation of meetings – who attends what – overall plan. He will share the plan with council. Challis was working on city contact list for residents so we can contact people in emergencies and when there is important city news. The Mayor is attending board and commission meetings, EDC meetings and working on an employee recognition plan, doing a longitudinal budget plan. He is working with his mentor mayor, Nancy Conard in Coupeville who is looking at our budget also. Priorities for next couple weeks: Declaration of emergency and the technology plan. Jeff and Bob Snyder are helping with technical issues. He proposed a bluff workshop for May 29, and is working on getting speakers; Elliot Menashe and others. The First Street project was able to move up paving to this week before the Whale parade this weekend. Fred has received input from Jim and Hal on Council member priority setting. He suggested a workshop preceding the next regular meeting. Fred responded to a citizen complaint that the First St. Construction broke sidewalks. The damage actually was caused by the plum trees that had to be removed. Whidbey Tel dug up the road today and women in a wheelchair had an accident there. She is doing fine, but the City will check on her. The soil was compacted and taken care of in that area by the Whidbeytel crew.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Approval of Change Orders No. 1 and 2 to Krieg Construction on the First Street Waterline Project. Change order No. 1 is in the amount of $13,804.90 for additional work that the city requested after some issues showed up during construction and Change Order No. 2 extends the contract by 15 working days to make up for time loss during Mystery Weekend and other issues.

MOTION: To approve Change Orders No. 1 & 2 with Krieg Construction for the First Street Waterline project. Motion - Allen, 2nd - Seligson. Motion was approved with all in favor.

b. Approval of Firehouse Lease for the rear space with Callahan McVay. A new lease to include the entire Firehall has been negotiated with Mr. McVay. Jeff Arango explained the terms of the lease to the Council.

MOTION: To approve the amended lease with Callahan McVay for the front and rear spaces of the old Firehall property. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Allen. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Plan for Bluff Workshop May 29, 2013. Whether or not to include the Fire Chief on the workshop agenda about safety issues and ingress/egress to Wharf St/Sunrise Lane was discussed. Consensus was to invite the Fire Chief and maybe also invite him to attend a council meeting

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before the workshop. Jeff will speak on the Shoreline Master Program update, a Geologist from DOE may speak. There will be an hour or more of talk and a low tide tour of the beach area, than more talk and discussion.

d. Council Priority Setting. A Workshop will be held on May 6th at 3 PM prior to the regular meeting.

e. Ethics Commission workshop report. Bruce Allen thought it was an excellent meeting, very qualified members.

f. Confirmation of the Mayor’s appointment of Ryan Goodman as 3 month interim Public Works Director.

**MOTION:** To confirm the Mayor’s appointment of Ryan Goodman as interim Public Works Director for three months. Motion - Allderdice, 2nd - Allen. Motion was approved with all in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION:** To adopt resolution No. 754 declaring an emergency and authorizing emergency contracts for scientific review and assessment and authorizing emergency contracts for repair and restoration of the bluff was added. Motion - Seligson, 2nd - Allen. Motion passed unanimously.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Rene Neff asked if we are still hiring summer interns. Ryan Goodman stated that we are in the process of advertising for those positions now. Rene also asked about sewer grants. Ryan reported that he has been working on a plan for city wide water, sewer and storm water infrastructure needs that will be funded, part loan, part grant by the USDA. Rene reported that Island Shakespeare Festival is looking for sponsors for the purchase of a tent for the Island Shakespeare Festival. Hal Seligson expressed his gratitude and optimism for the Ethics commission.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

*Tree Cutting.* Rene feels that often merchants or citizens are not notified about events before they happen (such as the removal of plum trees in r-o-w on First Street). People need an explanation of how and why things happen. Value in the esthetics of the City. Fred agreed we need to work on communication with residents. Will make a point in the department head meetings to work on that issue. Pothole

**MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting at 7:36 PM. Motion – Neff, 2nd – Seligson. Motion carried unanimously.
Respectfully submitted,

Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk