

**Langley City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**April 21, 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 (by skype) and Bruce Allen. Also present were Finance Director/Clerk, Debbie Mahler; Public Works Director, Stan Berryman; and Chief of Police Marks. The flag salute was led by Mayor McCarthy. The Consent agenda was approved after several questions from Council members.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of council meeting minutes of 4/07/14.
- b. Approval of claims warrants Nos. 31741-31775 in the amount of \$554,154.94
- c. Approval of payroll warrants Nos. 31632-31655 & direct deposit (3-15-14) in the amount of \$46,578.01 and Nos. 31656-31678 & direct deposit (3-31-14) in the amount of \$48,965.75
- d. Resolution No. 760 Adopting the Island County Comprehensive Solid Waste and Moderate Risk Waste Management Plan.

**MOTION:** To approve consent agenda. Motion – Neff, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Allen. Approved without opposition.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Monica Guzman said that she has received a few calls from neighbors and friends regarding the tree at the US Bank parking lot. She feels the city should not be involved in the decision whether to keep the tree or cut it down. She believes it is the bank's tree and the city should not be paying for an arborist or making a decision. Jeff Arango explained that a couple community members came to the city and stated that the tree had health problems and should probably come down. The bank's landscapers thought it was alright. The City's arborist looked at the tree and felt it was treatable. The city is leaving it up to the bank to make a decision. Cynthia Tilken asked if the Francisco development is on the agenda tonight. The Mayor explained that the issue of whether to have a workshop regarding the development is on the agenda. She also mentioned that she feels the city needs to get articles in the paper showing where parking is available. She has talked to several people in Freeland who will not come into the city until the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street project is done.

## STAFF REPORTS

- a. Jeff Arango- Community Planning. Jeff reported that the Second Street project is progressing on schedule and very well. One change order has been added. No real major issues. Website design project is moving along. On the third design concept, should be working on content soon. He is working on the Arts Commission establishment and interviewing applicants. There will be 7 on the board. There are 12 applicants. The PAB is working on code amendments, landscaping standards and the tree ordinance and will have a public hearing on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May.
- b. Public Works. Stan Berryman reported that we have experienced major maintenance repairs at the sewer treatment plant lately and have cost quite a bit. New automatic locks on the public restrooms have been installed. They are programmable so that opening and closing times can be changed as needed. He has contacted several relators about the real estate signs on city right-of-way, and they are complying with regulations. Street overlay project is on schedule for September. Island View Lane will be chip sealed. Seawall Park stairs have been reinforced and strengthened.
- c. Police. Acting Chief Marks reported that the Welcome the Whale parade was very successful this Saturday. Entry level police position has been narrowed down to three candidates. Police Department has almost concluded their required training requirements for the year. Has been marking tires for parking violations. Merchants have been helpful in getting their employees to move their cars off of First Street during the day.
- d. Finance. Debbie Mahler passed out revenue graphs and monthly reports. She introduced a new chart on property

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McCarthy requested the Council set a workshop meeting with the Planning Advisory Board to present a preliminary development idea from Mr. Richard Francisco. The Mayor suggested May 13 from 10am to 12pm. The Council prefers 5:30 to 7:30 pm. He also reported that the Sand Shrimping Committee sent their responses to the State DNR on 4-14. May 6<sup>th</sup> is the business seminar at the Library entitled "Amazing Sno-Isle Library Resources." This seminar will take place at City hall from 8am to 10am. Mayor suggested a sub-committee of the Law & Justice committee that would be the Island County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition Concept. We have a real problem with heroin and meth here on the island. Prosecutor and Sheriff are in favor of the idea. He will be making a presentation to the Law & Justice Committee on Wednesday. The Council held an Emergency Preparation meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup> was very informative and

helpful. Mayor appreciated the Council's attendance at the meeting. The Red Cross, Island County Emergency Management and PSE attended. There was an Ethics Committee workshop held with the Council on April 9<sup>th</sup> and went well. The dialog was good, the ordinance has been rewritten and is being forwarded to the city attorney for legal review. The Civil Service Board is conducting interviews for the Police Chief position on May 6<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm. There are four applicants. This Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 12 – 2 is a program for dedicating the Port project. 3:45-4:30 Congressman Larson and his representative would like to take a tour of Second Street and the mayor asked that a couple council members along with Jeff Arango and Stan Berryman accompany him.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*Paint color recommendations for the public restrooms and Chamber buildings.* The building has been yellow since it was built in 1997 and the Chamber wants to keep the same color. City staff has suggested a light green. Monica Guzman suggested a very bright color to be easily identified. Cynthia Tilken, an interior designer feels it should stay yellow and that green would blend it into the foliage around it. A brighter yellow with an added large sign that says “public restroom” was suggested with white trim. There was consensus on the brighter yellow with white.

*Miriam Coates – Feed the Children Summer Program Request – Langley Park.* Miriam ran the program last year in the park to give out summer lunches. Many children who receive free and reduced price lunches during the school year, go hungry during the summer. Served 846 meals last year. This is sponsored by Good Cheer and a grant they receive.

**MOTION:** To approve the summer meals program in Langley Park. Motion – Neff, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jerome. Motion passed unanimously.

*Resolution amending the Municipal Code Fee Schedule.*

**MOTION:** To waive the first reading and adopt a Resolution amending the Municipal Code Fee Schedule with regards to parking violations. Motion - Neff, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Allen. Motion was approved with Jerome abstaining. Debbie will send information to the Record to give the public this information.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Jim Sundberg reported that the opening celebration for the new Island transit maintenance center will be in May. Margot Jerome reported that she is attending a

conference on economic development this Wednesday. She recommended the book "The Abundant Community". Thomas Gill reported that the Library Board meeting is June 3<sup>rd</sup> at City Hall. Rene Neff reported nine actors are coming from out of town to participate in the Shakespeare Festival and are in need of housing.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debbie L. Mahler". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk