Mayor Pro Tem Hal Seligson called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Present were Council Members Neff, Seligson, and Sundberg. Bruce Allen was absent and Doug Allderdice was out of town. Mayor Fred McCarthy was unable to attend. Also present were Director of Planning, Jeff Arango; Public Works Director, Maria Cablao; and Director of Finance/City Clerk Debbie Mahler. The flag salute was led by Hal Seligson.

MOTION: To approve the agenda as amended. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Sundberg. Motion was unanimously approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the consent agenda after questions on vouchers were asked and answered. Motion – Neff, 2nd – Sundberg. Motion carried.

a. Council Minutes of 6-17-13
b. Approval of claims warrants Nos. 30883-30916 in the amount of $18,196.83
c. Approval of payroll warrants Nos. 30779-30803 and direct deposit (7/15/13) $50,898.48 and Nos. 30804--30826 & direct deposit (7/31/13) $50,384.39.
d. Liquor License renewals – 2nd Street Wine, Langley Liquor and special occasion license for Langley Chamber of Commerce.
e. Confirmation of the Mayor’s appointment of Maria Cablao to the Island County Solid Waste Advisory Committee.
f. Confirmation of appointment of David Marks, as Acting Chief of Police for up to six months.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Tucker Stevens, President of the Langley Community Club announced that the Soap Box Derby will be held once again on September 28th. Tucker and his wife passed out popsicles during the Fair parade on behalf of the Community Club.

COMMUNITY REPORTS

Melody Kuschneveit, Sustainable Whidbey Coalition on the Community Energy Challenge. Melody explained that this is a program started in Bellingham. It was originally intended for low income families, but was very popular and has grown since. The dollar value of contracts to date is $10 million. If people are interested in having a home energy audit, the can sign up for an energy audit and then are offered financing options and contractor coordination to help make their homes more energy efficient. Melody gave a short presentation on the program and left information and flyers for those interested.

Parks and Open Space Commission. Nancy Rowan and Tucker Stevens of the Parks and Open Space Commission reported that their priorities are to advise and make recommendations regarding park and open space needs within the City. The commission is developing a
comprehensive park and open space plan and advises on the development, design and use of park, playfield, open space and trail facilities. Nancy gave a brief presentation of the Commissions activities this year. The Commission has been working on a parks and trail map. A Bluff seminar was held in May, getting info out about bluffs, wetlands, etc. They have worked on the conservation easement on the Noble Creek property. One of the projects they are working on is linking the Highlands through “middle earth” down to 6th Street. Tucker reported that the Community Club developed Generation Park at Second and De Bryun. The club is working to fund replacement of the playground equipment in the future. Rene Neff wondered if City could get a grant to get an Americorp crew to work on our trail system and parks next year. Jeff Arango will look into the issue.

STAFF REPORTS

Acting Chief Marks reported that he is going through training records to make sure that all officers have the hours of training required by law. He is also working with Oak Harbor who has offered to give our department several thousand dollars worth of free training.

Planning Director Jeff Arango reported that the Second Street project is moving along nicely. He is still negotiating the fee for construction management through KPG. The City will be going out for bid on October 5th. Jeff is working with Debbie on the bond issue for the City’s portion of the project. The Planning Advisory board is hold a special meeting on Wednesday to look at the amplified music ordinance, getting comments from neighbors and others. Island County has selected a population projection for the 2016 comp plan updates. PAB will be discussing this next week.

Public Works Director Maria Cablao reported that she has contacted an arborist to get a timeline and estimate for the plantings on the bluff/slide area. She is also working with the county on the overlay program for Anthes and Camano and working with the Port District also. The capsized equipment at the harbor was assessed by the Department of Ecology last week. There has been mitigation of the spill, plugged leaks, and detangled cables so divers can work. They can’t float the crane because of its weight. They will have to bring in a larger crane on a barge and pull the sunken crane up with that.

Finance Director/Clerk Debbie Mahler passed out financial reports for the month of July. Debbie reported that the audit field work is done, but there are a few issues still being worked on. The audit should be complete soon and an exit conference scheduled.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Pro-tem Seligson welcomed the new department heads and expressed his and the Mayor’s appreciation of the work of the Ethic’s Commission.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ethics Commission presentation of outcomes and recommendations. Mary Boyd, Chair of the Commission thanked the members of the Commission for all their work. She explained that the
commission was a very dedicated and hard working body. Many hours were put into this work. The commission sought input from the community and with high school leadership. They received documentation from other cities, businesses and many other resources. They developed several documents. A legal code, and a conversational guide and a one page statement that can be placed on a wall. The commission did a power-point presentation of the draft documents. The Commission would like to hold a workshop with the Council to discuss in depth the entire proposed code.

Approval of consulting contract with BHC for building department services. Bob Snyder’s last day with the city was last Wednesday. BHC provides building code services all over the Puget Sound area. The contract can be structured two ways. Straight hourly rate on an as needed basis. We will start with about 10 hours per week. They also bill on a fixed fee service. Plan review, building permit approval, etc. can be paid as a percentage of permit fees.

**MOTION:** To approve the consulting contract with BHC for building department services subject to final approval by the City Attorney. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Sundberg. Motion was approved.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Rene Neff reported asked that the council consider funding one member each year for training at the Snohomish County Leadership Council. She has asked Debbie to check with the Auditor’s office on the legality of that.

**MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting at 7:09 PM. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Sundberg. Motion carried unopposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk