Mayor Fred McCarthy called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Present were City Council Members Rene Neff, Bruce Allen, Thomas Gill and Margot Jerome. Jim Sundberg appeared over skype. Also present were Jeff Arango, Director of Planning; Stan Berryman, Public Works Director; Debbie Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk; and Dave Marks, Acting Police Chief. The flag salute was led by Mayor McCarthy.

MOTION: To approve the agenda as amended. Motion - Allen, 2nd - Neff. Motion carried. The Island Event Center presentation was added.

MOTION: To approve the consent agenda after questions concerning vouchers were asked and answered. Motion - Gill, 2nd - Neff. The consent agenda was approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes of 1-6-14
b. Approval of claims warrants Nos. 31407-31443 in the amount of $83,030.91
c. Approval of payroll warrants Nos. 31266-31286 & direct deposit (12/15/13) in the amount of $45,881.89 and Nos. 31332-31352 & direct deposit (12/31/13) in the amount of $45,561.77

PRESENTATION – Island Events Center

Dan Ollis, president of the Fair Board and Norm Landerman Moore, a consultant that has helped county fairs all over the country to reinvent themselves were present to discuss the event center proposal. Mr. Moore gave a short history of the Island County Fair and then explained that a steering committee staffed by Ron Nelson of the EDC; Mayor McCarthy; Curt Gordon, Port Commissioner; Karen Bishop of the conservation district; and several others have been meeting to work out the current proposed Event Center plans for the fairgrounds, that would alter the existing buildings and allow events that bring in revenue year round instead of just the 4-5 days the fair takes place. Feb 18th will be the public rollout, and on March 12th a presentation to the County Commissioners for adoption of the plan is scheduled. Mr. Moore and Mr. Ollis answered questions from the Council.

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS


CITIZEN COMMENTS

Victoria Locke 2nd Street neighbor to Mo’s Pub reported that she was responding to Mo’s request for additional amplified music. Victoria read a letter she wrote to her fellow neighbors regarding this request which she is against. Socorro Rodriguez, a neighbor on Third Street behind Mo’s stated that the neighborhood lives in constant anxiety because changes keep being asked for after the neighbors think the matter is settled. Craig Carty was inclined to go with a trial period of more amplified music, but has changed his opinion. Kay Lagerquist lives next door to the Pub. She is concerned that this continues to
be a problem, is very traumatic to her. When there are amplified music events, she leaves the house because of the noise and vibration. She stated that all neighbors are stressed from the noise problems, people yelling and singing as they leave the pub. People are still parking in areas of Second Street where they are not allowed. She has serious concern about property values which she believes have declined because of the pub and the noise in a residential neighborhood. She said that the neighbors feel they have no peace of mind, because these requests for change keep happening and feel like they constantly have to be worrying about fighting this issue over and over.

Collin Campbell of Langley spoke representing Main Street. He stated that they want to spend money and energy to revitalize Seawall Park. They want to install small dome lights 2 – 3 feet off ground pointed towards the water, about 75 watts each. They also want to redo the totem poles, add all weather picnic tables and benches with covers, and add railing down the slope to the park from Anthes. Parks & Open Space committee is behind the plan. This would involve local artists (redoing totems). This matter will also go before the Design Review Board for approval.

STAFF REPORTS

Community Planning. Jeff Arango reported that the Second Street project began today. Much of the pavement and sidewalks have already been demolished. Janet Ploof has been going around to businesses explaining the project, giving artist renderings and explaining some of the promotions going on for shopping during the construction. A Construction meeting will be this Friday at City Hall. We are three months into the building services contract. It has saved the city about $1,300 per month over the previous building department system. Jeff has advertised for a planning intern and will be interviewing in the next few weeks. Jeff has revised all application forms for planning permits.

Public Works. Stan Berryman reported that the contractor seems to be a very good contractor should give a good product. Engineering RFQ is out now and we should have an engineer selected by March. Stan is meeting with Coupeville’s engineer regarding Island County details for the overlays and paving.

Police Department. Chief Marks reported that there is a civil service meeting in the morning to get the job description set for the fourth officer.

Finance. Debbie Mahler reported that sales tax and hotel/motel taxes for 2013 are up. Debbie also reported that a graph of real estate excise taxes and the year-end financial reports will be ready soon.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor McCarthy reported that he attended the legislative meeting in Oak Harbor with the League of Women voters and legislators. The focus was on retention of Capron funds and Public Works Trust Fund financing. He received an answer from DNR about the ghost shrimping inquiry. DNR wants their staff to have the research the shrimping committee has gathered. The marketing meeting that was scheduled for Thursday is cancelled and moved to February 6th. Sherrie Wyatt has asked the city to support a legislative bill regarding the tourism industry. The Mayor will contact legislators. The City’s first economic development luncheon is next Tuesday the 28th at noon. Mayor has meet with many knowledge workers already. Training plans for economic development – The Mayor is meeting with Ron Nelson of the EDC and Russell Sparkman to make a plan for media training for merchants. Mayor McCarthy met with a representative from the Police Guild regarding the ethics ordinance. There are
some problems with the new ordinance and he will be bringing back those issues to the city council for possible amendment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Whale Center funding request. **MOTION:** To have the administration and City Attorney prepare a contract to memorialize the 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 - Gill, 2nd - Neff. Motion carried unanimously.

b. **Council Priorities from annual workshop.** Mayor McCarthy distributed a list of the priorities established by the Council at their annual priority workshop.

c. **Revised schedule of Council representatives to groups.**

d. **Arts Commission Formation.** Planner, Jeff Arango presented a draft proposal for the formation of an Arts Commission and a One Percent for the Arts Program. Jeff met with many people in the arts community who were very excited about the program. Jeff will put the draft into ordinance form and bring it back at the next meeting for action.

b. **Adoption of Shoreline Master Program.** The Council previously adopted the Shoreline Master Program pending approval by the State Department of Ecology. The DOE has approved the plan without changes. **MOTION:** To waive the two reading requirement and pass Ordinance No. 996 adopting the Langley Shoreline Master Program. Motion - Allen, 2nd - Neff. Ordinance 996 was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

a. **Kids to Parks Day Proclamation – May 2014**

b. **Port request to help with contaminated soils removal costs.** The Port encountered contaminated soils on city property while extending the waterline. They also discovered large log debris on that property owned by the city and had to pay to have it removed. They are asking for financial assistance from the city for the costs of the contaminated soil cleanup. Those costs total $14,712.52. **MOTION:** To approve payment of $14,712.52 to the Port from Langley Water Reserve Funds to pay for disposition of contaminated soils on city property in the construction of a new waterline that is a part of the city’s water system. Motion – Neff, 2nd – Jerome. Motion passed with all in favor.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Bruce Allen reported that the HUB salmon dinner is this Friday. **MOTION:** To go into Executive Session at 7:55 PM for approximately 40 minutes to evaluate complaints or
charges brought against a public employee. Motion - , 2nd - . Motion carried with all in favor.

The executive session adjourned at 8:35 PM and the regular meeting was reconvened. No action was taken. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk