Mayor Kwarsick called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM. Present were Council Members Seligson, Neff, Allen and Allderdice. Council member Sundberg was absent. Also present was City Planner Jeff Arango, Director of Public Works Challis Stringer, Police Chief Randy Heston and Director of Finance/City Clerk, Debbie Mahler. Mayor Kwarsick led the flag salute. The consent agenda was approved after several questions on warrants from Councilman Seligson. Council excused the absence of Councilmember Sundberg who was out of town.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of council meeting minutes of 6/4 & 6/18/12
b. Claims Warrants Nos. 29351-29387 in the amount of $58,874.19
c. Payroll warrants Nos. 29251-29270 & direct deposit (6/15/12) $44,848.06 and Nos. 29311-29331 (6/30/12) $45,342.71.
d. Liquor Licenses – Useless Bay Wines – domestic winery & The Braeburn-rest beer/wine
e. Flowering Plum tree trimming on 1st & 3rd St. award

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Leo Baldwin, a resident of and President of the Creekside Terrace Condo Association, read a letter he wrote to the Mayor and Council regarding a pedestrian walkway through Glenhaven, Luhn & 5th Street and through Brookhaven property. The Housing Authority has closed the path and boarded it. Creekside Terrace residents and many other residents of the area use the path on a regular basis to get to the downtown area. Leo claims that the action taken by the Housing Authority violates public easements, implied easements, and creates a trespass upon an easement. He requested it be removed, or the city order it removed. Mayor Kwarsick has asked staff to contact the housing authority and work toward an easement if it does not exist; he would like to add wheelchair access to the pathway. Cary Clark stated that he was told the easement was a feature of the condos when he purchased his. Tallie Marcus stated that she is the caregiver of a resident of Glenhaven. She stated that she would have to drive instead of walking if the pathway is not reopened.

Wayne Body of 4th Street asked that resources be allocated to clearing the ivy on the stairs to the beach at the Boy and Dog Park.

SECOND STREET PROJECT PRESENTATION – KPG

Paul Fuesel of KPG Municipal Designers reported that the project design started in May. They have had design charrettes, held three meetings with the advisory committee, have been meeting one on one with merchants, and received many written comments from the public. Paul gave a power point presentation on the project and showed different design
concepts. He then took questions and comments from the city council. He hopes to have the final conceptual design by the end of August or soon thereafter. Paul also took comments from the audience. Paul Schell suggested lighting the trees along the street instead of overhead lighting and was in favor of a lookout point on Cascade. Rene Neff liked the idea of angled parking on one side of the street and parallel parking on the other. She stated that it opens the street visually. There are options for different paving materials, wider sidewalks and different forms of parking, removing center striping and improving access to alleyways.

STAFF REPORTS

Randy Heston reported that he has not heard anything from the County about the speed study on Coles Road and our request to lower speed limit. He will check back and see where it is in the process.

Debbie Mahler passed out revenue & expenditure reports and graphs of sales tax and hotel motel taxes. Debbie reported that in the first half of the year, the city is on budget and revenues are coming in well. Debbie also reported that Code Publishing is very close to having our municipal code updated.

Challis Stringer reported that the State Transportation Committee is seeking citizen input. CMA Parking lot phase 1 is almost complete. Phase 2 will start soon. Paving will take place in early September for …. ADA updates on Anthes, Screening at Sewer Treatment Plant. The City sent out a Request for Qualifications for repairing three water hydrants and received no applicants. Challis is working with contractor to get a proposal. Seawall Park also needs electrical upgrades and repairs to the steps. Coupeville and Langley have gone to the local advisory committee of the Regional Transportation Board to ask that funds be set aside to maintain existing streets, not just paving and new infrastructure. There is a good chance of this request being granted.

Jeff Arango reported that the grant application for the funicular was submitted in early July. We will have presentations on that project in the next few weeks. The Shoreline Master program should be done by the end of July. The Planning Advisory Board will be considering amendments to commercial and residential buffers.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Kwarsick reported that the Fair Board is in support of designing a year round RV park. The Board of County Commissioner’s approved it today. The Mayor is completing a conceptual design and feasibility study with a consultant now. We have timed parking in the city: 4 hour and 15 minute in certain areas. He wants to have a future discussion about whether that should be continued or not, and if it has an impact on the parking problems.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
MOTION: To waive the first reading and adopt Ordinance No. 975 establishing a residential parking permit program. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Allen. Motion failed with Councilman Allderdice and Seligson opposed.

MOTION: To bring Ordinance 975 to a first reading Motion – Allderdice, 2nd – Neff. Motion failed.

MOTION: To reconsider and adopt Ordinance No. 975. Motion – Neff, 2nd Allen. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

2013 Preliminary Water Budget. Challis Stringer gave a presentation on a very preliminary budget for the water fund in 2013. She explained how the operations and maintenance of the water department and the needed capital improvements are funded.

MOTION: To bring to a first reading, an Ordinance Amending LMC 5.04 re: business licenses. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Seligson. Motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION: To waive the two reading requirement, and adopt Ordinance No. 976 repealing a section 8.08.090 LMC re: mandatory litter bags. Motion - Allen, 2nd - Neff. Motion was approved without opposition.

MOTION: To confirm the Mayor’s appointment of Tucker Stevens to the Historic Preservation Commission. Motion - Allen, 2nd - Neff. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Seligson asked that the Council consider having the PAB research the creation of a low impact light industrial zone in the city. Council was in consensus that this should be looked into.

Councilwoman Neff reported that she has been talking with Stacy of WICA about a grant from the State Art Commission that is economic development oriented. Projects must highlight arts and bring economic stability to the city with art as the driver. Stacy has been invited to apply by the State.
DISCUSSION ITEMS

*Law and Justice Tax Measure*. Island County Law and Justice Council have proposed to the County Commissioners that they put a ballot before the voters to increase the sales tax by 3/10 % for law and justice purposes. The County is also considering a vote for a property tax increase. That would be for the county only. The Sales tax increase would benefit the entire county including Langley, Coupeville and Oak Harbor. It could mean an approximate $40,000 or so revenue to Langley to support our police department.

**MOTION**: To express Council support for the measure to the County Commissioners. Motion – Neff, 2nd – Allen. Motion passed with all in favor.

*Temporary parking solution for the north shoulder of 2nd Street*. The north shoulder of Second Street is zoned commercial and is gravel. There is also a storm drainage problem in that area. There have been complaints from the neighboring residents about cars parked there pulling out and spraying gravel all over. To help with both the storm water and parking problems there, the public works department has suggested planting the area in grass. This would be a temporary solution until the Second Street project is complete. Council was in agreement that sodding the area should proceed.

Randy Heston stated that he had looked at doing away with the prohibition on skateboarding in the downtown area. The AWC has suggested that the City would be a great risk to allow skateboarding in the business district. Staff will be looking into this farther.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk