Mayor Kwarsick called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Present were City Council Members Hal Seligson, Doug Allderdice, Rene Neff, Jim Sundberg and Bruce Allen. Also present was Director of Finance/City Clerk, Debbie Mahler, and Planner Jeff Arango. The flag salute was led by Mayor Kwarsick. The consent agenda was approved after questions on several vouchers by Council members Neff and Seligson.

CONSENT AGENDA


b. Claims Warrants Nos. 29039, -29097-29098 & e-file 4/25, 29122-29159 in the amount of $44,855.38

c. Agreement with TMI Land Surveying for Seawall Park.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Fred Luhndal reported that Second Street Market begins on the 1st of June. 14 different community groups met to discuss Langley’s centennial. Fred also thanked Mayor Kwarsick, the Council and staff for the discretion they have shown concerning the whistleblower claim. Mainstreet is hoping to hear on its application to the state for the Excise tax program soon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTION: To approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Police Officers Guild concerning out of classification pay. Motion - Allen, 2nd - Seligson. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: To approve the Local Agency Standard Consultant Agreement with KPG for consulting services on the Second Street Project in the amount of $249,997.50. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Sundberg. Motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION: To waive the first reading, and adopt Ordinance No. 972 establishing a new chapter 18.13 of the Langley Municipal Code entitled “Central Business District Public Overlay Zone” and amending the official zoning map. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Seligson. Motion was unanimously approved.

MOTION: To bring to a first reading, an Ordinance regarding Parking Requirements in the Central Business Zone and Amending
LMC 18.22.130 Parking Requirements and amending 18.22.140 Design and Construction Requirements – Parking. Motion – Sundberg, 2nd - Allen. Motion carried with all in favor.

Water Comp Plan and Rates. A public hearing is scheduled for May 21st on this subject. Motion – Allderdice, 2nd – Allen. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** To approve the amendment to the professional services contract with ESA for the Shoreline Comp Plan and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement in the amount of $12,000. Motion – Seligson, 2nd – Allen. Motion was approved without opposition.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Kwarsick reported that we have been working with the School District and the Port on a MOU for parking. The School district is having their attorney review the agreement. Larry and Jeff have offered to attend the school board meeting when it is presented. Larry will be updating the Council of Governments on the funicular grant project this month. Jeff has been working with the Whidbey Watershed to secure some kind of ownership of the Noble property. The technical advisory committee has viewed the property with Jeff and hopefully will make a recommendation for funding. Larry also reported that he and Debbie have decided to start the budget process in July this year. The Mayor does not want to have a finance committee, but wants to make all budget decisions in open public session in the council chambers. Larry reported that the City’s resolution on medical cannabis was sent to our congressional delegation and also reported that banks are now freezing the accounts and assets of medical cannabis cooperatives.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Jim Sundberg attended the monthly meeting of the County-wide Tourism Committee. The committee has a website -WhidbeyCamanOIsland.com. The website is very good; Jim reported and has lots of promotion such as agricultural tour promotion. Each month the committee receives a two page report of all promotions.

Councilman Seligson reported that an article appeared in the Seattle Times in the Sunday paper featuring the Island and had pictures of Langley. Rene Neff reported that the Second Street Market is trying to make Langley the place to be on Friday nights. Music, dance and kids activities are going to be included on First Street this year. The Merchants will be recording zip codes and times of days for purchases to try and chart the economic impacts of the market. MainStreet has visited all businesses on First Street to explain what the market is trying to do for the entire downtown. The cemetery is having a work party this Saturday from 9 to noon. All volunteers are welcome.
Mayor Larry Kwarsick also reported that he has a meeting scheduled next Wednesday to work with the Fair regarding the opportunities for an improved RV park at the Fairgrounds. County Tourism funds and Economic Development funds could be a source of funding for it. The Port is still working on Marina funding.

Bruce Allen reported that the HUB is having a treasure hunt next week. They have also held two cooking classes for the kids which were quite a success.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Request for Proposals – back bay of old Firehouse. Larry distributed a resolution passed in 2008 dealing with lease or purchase provisions for the old firehouse. Staff will work on an RFP for the back bay at the old firehall and will bring it to the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk