Mayor Kwarsick called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Present were Council Members Seligson, Neff, Allen and Allderdice. Councilmember Sundberg arrived at 5:34 PM. 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. The consent agenda was approved after one correction to the minutes by Councilman Seligson. A grant opportunity for electric vehicle charging stations was added under new business.

CONSENT AGENDA

b. Claims Warrants Nos. 29601-29635 in the amount of $19,186.95
c. Payroll warrants Nos. 29474-29496 & direct deposit (8/15/12) $49,349.17 and Nos. 29536-29557 (8/31/12) $49,349.17.
d. Liquor Licenses – Chamber of Commerce – Special Occasion license at Useless Bay Coffee.
e. Langley Library repairs

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no comments at this time.

THANK YOU JOHN ALSIP

Rene Neff gave a PowerPoint presentation on all of John Alsip’s artwork in Langley and his contributions to the city. All his work is free, he reuses, recycles and repurposes. Several of John’s friends and admirers spoke about him and his artwork and expressed their thanks for all he has done to liven up the city.

PUBLIC HEARING – INTERIM ZONING ORDINANCE

Mayor Kwarsick opened the public hearing at 5:46 PM. Mayor Kwarsick explained that the public hearing is on an interim ordinance that has been adopted by the Council. The ordinance is temporary until the Planning Advisory Board has considered and recommended final zoning ordinances to the City Council. Jeff Arango, Planner, noted that under the interim regulations some existing businesses might become legal nonconforming uses (grandfathered uses). The interim regulation is not intended to affect their ability to continue the use and operate their business. Any business that has become a legal non-conforming business as a result of the interim ordinance may continue to operate.

Maureen Cooke and Bob Trenchard who own Mo’s Pub were present and spoke regarding the interim ordinance. They feel that the ordinance was directed solely at their business and feel that it harms their business. Twenty-five other citizens commented on
the ordinance. The majority of the speakers testified on behalf of Mo’s Pub and a few neighbors who have been impacted by the Pub also spoke.

The public hearing was closed at 7:15 PM.

STAFF REPORTS

Chief Heston reported that he served a potentially dangerous dog citation earlier that day.

Jeff Arango reported that some of the council members were contacted this weekend over no parking signs on 2nd Street. A sub-consultant on the 2nd Street project came into town to do some work and put up the signs without informing the city. KPG, the firm working on the Second Street design, will hold a public meeting on Friday 12-7. The Doghouse building will be open and in use by the Chamber of Commerce during the weekend for the Django Fest. A beer garden will be held there and musical jam sessions. The building can only hold 49 people at a time. Shoreline Master Program cumulative analysis is in process and then it will be sent off to DOE for approval.

Debbie Mahler reported that Code Publishing should have a draft of the Langley Municipal Code to the City by September 28th. Debbie also reported that she and Marlyne are working with the financial consultants to gather all the information needed to do the new indirect cost allocation formula. Former Police Chief, Bob Herzberg has been volunteering at the front desk. He has come in several times and trained with Cheryl and will be filling in a couple days in October when both Cheryl and Marlyne will be gone at the same time. Debbie stated that out of 287 cities in the state, Langley ranks 36th in retail sales per capita ($16,235).

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Kwarsick reported that Mike’s place is now under contract. Challis will arrange a meeting with the buyers to discuss their intentions. The new parking ordinance which did away with the parking fee in lieu helped the offer. A proposed innovative residential development on the end of Al Anderson Road is in the works and they will hold an informative meeting October 2nd @ 7 PM in Talking Circle.

Mayor Kwarsick met with Dan Ollis of the Fair Board regarding design of the RV Park at the Fairgrounds. Dan will be meeting with the Fair Board this week to discuss it. It is a difficult site; triangular in shape. Challis is working on a rural mobility grant for Sunday shuttle service between Langley and the Ferry. The Port is interested in acquiring a possible parking facility in Mukilteo. Larry also reported that the preliminary budget will be submitted to the Council on October 1st in a simplified format. The Mayor and Challis met with representatives from Whidbey Telecom regarding a franchise agreement, and also spoke with them about directing their state excise tax to the main street program.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTION: To waive the two reading requirement and adopt Resolution No. 749 establishing a consolidated set of updated financial and budget policies. Motion - Allen, 2nd - Neff. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: To approve the interlocal agreement with Island County regarding solid waste and authorize the Mayor to sign it. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Allen. Motion was unanimously approved.

MOTION: To approve a grant application to the EV Project (indirectly from the US Dept of Energy) for electric vehicle charging stations. M- Neff, 2nd – Seligson. Motion passed with all in favor.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Rene Neff reported that the Main Street program has hired Michaela Marx-Wheatly as the program manager. They have rented office space above the Ploof Dental clinic. Hal Seligson thanked the Public Works department for clearing the areas around signs, etc. and helping the street visuals. Jim Sundberg reported that there will be a slow foods, sustainable Whidbey conference on October 25th at Pacific Rim Institute. He also reported that the Port of South Whidbey is starting their budget cycle at the end of September.

Bruce Allen thanked public works for the tree trimming on 1st that greatly enhanced visibility of the water. The HUB program received a grant that is allowing them to be open and feed kids all week. Doug Allderdice reported that Island Transit is moving forward with construction of their maintenance facility. Some problems with the community are being dealt with.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk