Langley City Council Meeting Minutes  
September 23, 2013

Mayor Fred McCarthy called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Present were Council Members Seligson, Allen and Sundberg. Doug Allderdice and Rene Neff were out of town. 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 Mayor McCarthy.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

a. Approval of claims warrants Nos. 30972-31006 in the amount of $26,150.72
b. Approval of payroll warrants Nos. 30861-30923 (8/15/13) $74,980.67 and Nos. 30925-30946 & direct deposit (8/31/13) $51,250.72.
c. First Street Waterline Replacement Pay Request #4 in the amount of $10,043.51.
d. Confirmation of the Mayor’s appointment of Jeff Taraday of the Lighthouse Law Firm as City Attorney. Mr. Taraday was present and introduced to the Council.

RECOGNITION/APPRECIATION

Langley Wastewater Treatment Plant was once again, recognized as an outstanding sewer treatment plant in the State of Washington by the Department of Ecology.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no comments from members of the audience at this time.

STAFF REPORTS

Community Planning. Jeff Arango gave an update on the Second Street project. Notices to property owners on the Second Street corridor were mailed out; construction is to begin in January. Jeff had a meeting with the Design Review Board last Tuesday and they approved the project. He met with KPG on Friday and several members of the DRB, to answer questions about colors of pavers, etc. On October 10th an ad will publish for bids. The Noble Creek appraisals are in. They came back a little bit higher than predicted and have been sent to Island County. The Website RFP resulted in eleven proposals. Council members interested in serving on the committee to choose the web designer were invited. Bruce Allen and Hal Seligson consented to serve. Island County has opened up applications for development projects. The City will submit
an additional application for further funding for the funicular, which now is proposed to be an elevator and bridge in a private/public partnership proposed by Paul Schell.

**MOTION:** To support an additional application for further funding from Island County.
Motion – Allen, 2\textsuperscript{nd} – Seligson. Motion carried.

*Public Works.* Maria Cablao reported the plants have been ordered to shore up the bluff where the slide occurred earlier this year. Maria meet with KPG last Friday, will continue the storm lines and complete channelization and curbing to control the stormwater runoff. The walkway will be moved inland a little more so the plants can anchor the bank. The City will not mow the two feet before the bluff, so that the plants can get established. The Langley Community club painted the temporary fencing on Cascade for the City. Maria met with the Upper Langley Development group today and got a good explanation of the proposed project. The Port will be extending the waterline about 200 feet. It was not part of their original bid documents. The City has given conditional approval. We are trying not to stall their construction, but our standards must be met.

*Police.* Acting Chief Marks reported that there are rumors of 200 people being in Mo’s Pub at one time, which is not true. There have been six noise complaints, four of which have come from the same person, and which were declared to be unfounded. One complaint came from owner when a large crowd got out of control. Dave Marks has given several parking warnings on 2\textsuperscript{nd} Street, but none of the offenders were at Mo’s. A large scale emergency disaster drill will take place in Oak Harbor in October. Victoria Locke stated as a neighbor that wedding buses and parties at Mo’s are the noise problem, not the music at Mo’s.

*Finance.* Debbie Mahler reported that she has been meeting with department heads to put together a draft budget for next year. A draft of the budget will be ready for the first meeting in October. The preliminary budget will be ready November 1\textsuperscript{st} and then the property tax hearing and budget hearings will be scheduled.

**MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor McCarthy reported that the sidewalk on First Street has been repaired, some minor adjustments are still being done. Many Board and Commission interviews were conducted in the last month. Mayor McCarthy and Maria met with the City Engineer to clarify his role with our new Public Works Director. The Engineer’s contract will be up in December, and the City will publish a request for proposals for engineers then. The Legal counsel selection committee did great work and had good applicants. Mayor McCarthy is meeting with a group of people concerned about shrimping activity in Langley and the loss of whale food. They are combining energies and efforts and will contact state sources to see if they can prevent the loss of the ghost shrimp that the whales feed off of. The shrimpers come in with a vacuum device and take away the food source of the whales which are a large tourist attraction here. The Mayor has been advocating for the City’s one doctor to get approved to treat Medicare patients. Patty Murray’s
A demolition permit for the house that burned down has been issued. It is being cleaned up now. 78 people attended the forum on economic development. The next forum is scheduled for October 8th with another in November. The Mayor made a presentation to Chamber that was well received. He was able to attend the dedication of a new sign at Whale Bell Park by the Girl Scout troops. The Ethic’s Commission workshop is set for Friday, October 4th from 9 AM to 12 PM.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*Feed the Children program report.* Miriam Coates reported that this was her third year doing the program. Between 50-60% of the Children in Langley qualify for the program which provided lunches to children during the summer. 689 kids were served over the summer.

**MOTION:** To approve a contract for Construction Management with KPG for the Second Street project in the amount of $231,706. Motion - Seligson, 2nd - Allen. Motion carried without opposition.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION:** To confirm the Mayor’s appointments of Karen Looram, Pat McWha and Joanne Hamick Quintana to terms on the Library Board. Motion - Sundberg, 2nd - Allen. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** To confirm the Mayor’s appointment of Marty Butt Beert as an alternate board member on the Library Board. Motion - Sundberg, 2nd - Seligson. Motion carried with all in favor.

**MOTION:** To confirm the Mayor’s appointment of Marianne Edain to the Parks and Open Space Commission. Motion - Allen, 2nd - Sundberg. Motion passed without opposition.

**MOTION:** To bring to a first reading an Ordinance rezoning the Edgecliff area. Motion - Seligson, 2nd - Sundberg. Motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

Maria Cablao, Director of Public works explained that Randi Perry, Utility Supervisor is due to go on maternity leave within the next two weeks. Maria would like to hire a temporary public works laborer to help out during her absence.
MOTION: To award a contract to Craig Dill Painting in the amount of $13,700 for painting of the City Library Building. Motion - Sundberg, 2nd - Allen. Motion was unanimously approved.

MOTION: To confirm the Mayor’s appointment of Rich Frishman and Bob Thurmond to the Historic Preservation Commission. Motion - Sundberg, 2nd - Allen. Motion carried with all in favor.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Bruce Allen reported that the HUB sent out a fund raising letter and that Nancy Nordoff will match the amount raised. So far, they have raised $7,000. Jim Sundberg reported Sustainable Whidbey is supporting the Buy Local campaign. The Port is in the middle of their strategic planning efforts and will have a draft soon.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:16 PM. Motion - Allen, 2nd - Seligson. Motion carried unopposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk