Langley City Council Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2011

Mayor Samuelson called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Present were City Council Members Rene Neff, Bob Waterman, Hal Seligson, Doug Allderdice and Jim Sundberg. Also present was Director of Finance/City Clerk, Debbie Mahler, Planner Jeff Arango, Police Chief Randy Heston and Public Works Director Challis Stringer and approximately 20 citizens. The flag salute was led by Council Member Neff.

MOTION: To approve the Consent Agenda as amended. New Business Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Allderdice. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

b. Claims Warrants in the amount of $51,237.01.
c. Payroll Warrants # 28485-28505 & direct deposit (11/16/11) in the amount of $40,195.70 and # 28547-28568 & direct deposit (11/30/11) in the amount of $40,467.10.
d. Liquor Licenses – Langley Liquor Store
e. Approval of Agenda

MAYOR’S REPORT

Langley Library. Vicky Welfare reported that on December 29th @6:30 the library will hold a movie event – “Not in my Town”. January 19th at 5:30 the library will hold a class on downloading e-books. Dec 22nd is crafts for kid’s day. Vicky thanked the city for its support for the annexation. Mayor Samuelson thanked Vicky for her reports and contributions to the city.

Historic Preservation Commission annual report. Bob Waterman, Chair of the Commission explained that the group meets once per month. He reported on their activities in 2011. They nominated and place several sites on the historic register and provided historic photos for the Library open house entitled: “Who’s on First” (the story of the development of First Street). Mayor Samuelson thanked Bob for his leadership and the wonderful work he has put into the important history of Langley.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Kathleen Waters commented that she wanted to thank all that participated and helped with the No to Prop 1 committee and all those who voted and all candidates who attended and spoke at the candidate’s forum. She stated that the Clerk-Treasurer’s job description
is quite expansive as are the other department heads and that they do very important work for the city. She urged council to get to know those job descriptions and also mentioned that Municipal Research Services Center has great training and information, and is a fantastic resource that is free to the city.

Sherry Jennings thanked Paul for his years of service and all the positive things that happened during his term. She appreciated all he has done. Susan Ishikawa noticed the Brookhaven sign has been restored and is great. The Welcome to Langley sign on 3rd Street rotted and fell, Sherry with Challis and the Parks and Open Space Commission has been working on creating new entrance signs.

Steve Buff treasurer of the Langley Community Garden thanked the Mayor for signing the Memorandum of Understanding that started the garden. He stated that the City is not pulling plug, as reported in the paper, and the garden is up and running and doing well. The City will just not be providing the financial oversight any longer. Dorothy Anderson thanked Paul for having faith in her and doing the project. Mayor Samuelson stated that the community farm is of historic value to the community. Fred McCarthy resident for 5 ½ years, former superintendent of SW Schools read a statement regarding Mayor Samuelson. He said they met weekly and attended many of same meetings. He found Paul to be a creative and enlightened leader and expressed his appreciation to Paul and his wife Karen. George Henny said it had been a joy and pleasure to work with Paul. He will miss his leadership. Fran Abel stated she had the pleasure of working with Bob Waterman and Paul and expressed her appreciation to both.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION:** To waive the first reading and adopt a Resolution in regards to participating in the AWC Center for Quality Communities Scholarship Program. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Seligson. Motion carried with all in favor. Kathleen Landel stated that the AWC has a new non-profit that is offering scholarships to students in the state. They must be given to students in the cities that are members of the AWC. The City’s Library Board will take on the responsibility of working with this program to help graduating seniors to fund their education.

**MOTION:** To waive the first reading and adopt a Resolution supporting the creation, protection and long-term sustainability of community gardens. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Neff. Motion carried unanimously.
Langley Community Garden partnership with the City was a pilot program and the City wants to sustain the enthusiasm and support for future community gardens.

Mayor Samuelson stated that he went to Kathleen Landel, his assistant, when he decided to run for office and asked her to become his campaign manager. She became his assistant once he was in office and that she loves this city and has been a compliment to his style. He stated that he is forever in her debt and thanked her for being there for him and his family. Bob Waterman also thanked Kathleen and praised her ability to organize and take care of details and all the things that she has done. Rene Neff also thanked Kathleen.

**MOTION:** To confirm the Mayor’s appointment of Jim Pensiero as the Langley representative to the Countywide Tourism Board. Motion - Waterman, 2nd - Neff. Jim Pensiero is the owner of Saratoga Inn. Motion was approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**MOTION:** To waive the first reading and adopt Resolution No. 737 setting compensation steps for persons employed by the City of Langley. Motion – Waterman, 2nd – Seligson. Motion was passed with all in favor.

**MOTION:** To waive the first reading and adopt Ordinance No. 962 adopting the City Budget for 2012 in the amount of $5,553,854. Motion – Waterman, 2nd – Seligson. Motion was unanimously approved.

**MOTION:** To adopt Ordinance No. 963 amending LMC 18.01 of the Zoning Code and section 18.16.075 of the Zoning Code regarding height modifications in the Wharf Street Overlay. Motion – Waterman, 2nd – Neff. Motion carried without opposition.

**MOTION:** To adopt ordinance No. 964 adding a new Chapter 3.62 to the LMC establishing a PW vehicle and equipment reserve fund. Motion – Waterman, 2nd – Neff. Motion approved.
MOTION: To authorize the Mayor to proceed with the Request for Proposal for legal services. Motion – Waterman, 2nd – Neff. Motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION: To authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement for tourism promotion services with WICA. Motion – Waterman, 2nd – Neff. Challis explained the changes in the agreement. Motion carried.

MOTION: To authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement for tourism promotion services with the Chamber of Commerce. Motion – Waterman, 2nd – Seligson. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Municipal Code Services. Jeff Arango stated that the City staff has been looking at Code publishing services that would update our municipal code and keep the updates on line. These services would update and manage the code and amendments would be up on the website 3-5 days after passage of an ordinance. It would cost about $1,500 per year for the service. Would also do code review service if wanted where they review the entire code for compliance with state law, etc. The staff is getting additional quotes.

School Zone Safety Equipment grant request. Police Chief Randy Heston reported that he and Challis have been working on a grant to purchase two solar speed signs that count cars and provide the speed of each passing car. The signs are quite expensive. The grant would allow us to purchase two signs to be used in school zones and at other areas in the city.

Bob Waterman stated that he was grateful to have worked with Mayor Samuelson and that he has enjoyed working with the council. Jim Sundberg did a short video thank you/farewell presentation for Mayor Samuelson. Mayor Samuelson expressed his gratitude to the Council, staff and community for the last four years he has served as Mayor. He stated that he has restructured three of four departments and thanked his staff for all their hard work. He wished Larry Kwarsick the best in his term as Mayor. Paul introduced the members of his family who were present and apologized for his absences during his Mayoral term, and thanked them for all their support.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:36 PM. Motion - Waterman, 2nd – Neff. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk

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