Langley City Council Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2012

Deputy Mayor Seligson called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM. Present were City Council Members Hal Seligson, Rene Neff, Doug Allderdice, Jim Sundberg and Bruce Allen. Also present was Director of Finance/City Clerk, Debbie Mahler, Planner Jeff Arango and five citizens. Mayor Kwarsick was out of town. The flag salute was led by Doug Allderdice.

**MOTION:** To approve the Consent Agenda with the addition of the Library Report under the Mayor’s report. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Allen. Motion carried unanimously after Councilmembers asked several questions about the vouchers.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

b. Claims Warrants Nos. 28845-28885 in the amount of $27,358.50
c. Payroll Warrants Nos. 28733-28759 (1/15/12) $43,376.55 and Nos. 28764-28786 (1/31/12) in the amount of $46,934.51.
d. Contract for landscaping and maintenance of Langley Park.
e. Approval of the agenda.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Fred Luhndahl representing the Chamber and the MainStreet Program reported that the Langley sign on the highway has been installed after a two year process. Design for the sign was done by Bill Kast of Nymbol’s Secret Garden, with metal work done by Tim Leonard. The sign has room for banners and announcements.

**STAFF REPORTS**

Jeff Arango, Planner reported that the Shoreline Advisory Committee has been meeting since August and has now concluded. They are making recommendations for amendments to the Shoreline Comp Plan. The PAB will have formal public hearings on the plan at a later date. He has met with Whidbey Tel regarding moving the old Whidbey Tel building and possibly making it into a telephone museum. Several people are helping to give estimates of cost, etc. to do that. He will meet with Whidbey Tel again to see if they are interested in going forward with it. Jeff will be resubmitting the city’s grant proposal to the COG tomorrow for the funicular and he will also be applying for an RCO grant for that project. The Planning Advisory Board had a recent hearing on parking requirements, public zone amendments, fee in lieu parking, etc. On March 22nd there will be a public hearing on marina expansion and a geoduck harvesting application at 6:30 PM. The Design Review Board is meeting on Thursday to do an initial review of the Wharf Street Landing (which would be the funicular landing), and paint colors for Music for the Eyes.

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Debbie Mahler, Director of Finance gave a report on revenues and expenditures for the month of January. Debbie also reported on the city’s investments and the new bonds which the City has purchased.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**MOTION:** To adopt Ordinance No. 969 Adding New Chapter 18.03 to the Langley Municipal Code Establishing a demonstration project for mixed use housing and 18.04 establishing a demonstration project for innovative permanently affordable residential units. Motion - Sundberg, 2nd - Allen. Ordinance 969 was adopted unanimously.

*Second Street Project update.* Jeff Arango reported that several interviews have been conducted with engineering firms for architectural/engineering design of the 2nd Street project. The firm selected was KPG. The interview committee was very impressed with how they functioned as a team, their energy, etc. They have a great community involvement plan which will include design meetings, community ideas, inventory of design resources, etc. Jeff is working with them to define a scope of work and budget. An advisory committee will be started to help advise on this project.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION:** To authorize the Mayor to sign a purchase agreement with Aqualitic for the purchase of the Spiraltec in Tank Unit for the Septage Receiving station; and the Bar Screen and Washer Compactor for the Headworks at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of $168,083. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Sundberg. Motion passed with all in favor.

**MOTION:** To confirm the Mayor’s appointments of Janet Ploof and Ron Kasprisin to the Design Review Board. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Allen. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** To approve an application to the Conservation Futures Program for purchase of the Noble Creek property. Motion - Neff, 2nd - Sundberg. Motion was approved without opposition.

*Setting of workshop on water rates.* Challis Stringer, Director of Public Works wanted to schedule a workshop meeting with the Council to discuss the results of the water rate study and different methods of setting rates. This would be a discussion workshop prior to setting a public hearing on the rate structure. Several dates were suggested. The workshop was set for 3PM on March 5th prior to the regular Council meeting.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

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Vicky Welfare, Langley Librarian reported that they have a new staff member, Keith Bauers, who will work at all branches on the Island. The Library has money left from a capital bequest from a patron. They are looking at new seating, window screens, etc. There are some fun programs coming up soon. A class on downloading E-books will take place on Thursday at 5:30. March 3rd is Right Brain Aerobics, and Sno-Isle travel research.

Hal Seligson reported that at the March 5th meeting, Commissioner Helen Price Johnson and additional staff members from the county will be here to discuss water quality and working with the city.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Rene attended the MainStreet meeting, recently. They are working on getting Tier II status from the State which will allow them to get diverted B&O tax revenue. She reported that there is good exciting energy coming from that group. Jim Sundberg went to the last Port Board meeting. Part of the agenda was the possible alternatives for the ferry terminal in Mukilteo. There is a meeting in Clinton this Thursday at the Community Hall @ 5 PM regarding the ferry terminal. The Port is looking at applying for another grant for marina expansion.

Doug Allderdice reported that Island Transit is moving forward with construction of their maintenance facility with their $18,000,000 grant. Hal is attending the Council Of Governments meeting tomorrow in Mayor Kwarsick’s place and also attending the RTPO meeting in Coupeville in the Commissioner’s office.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

National Flood Insurance program. Jeff Arango explained that the National Wildlife Federation sued FEMA because they offer flood insurance to developments in the floodplain and won the lawsuit. There is a new lawsuit alleging that FEMA is not complying and is in violation of the national wildlife act. This will impact the ability to develop shorelines. Many cities are banding together to fight the suit and splitting costs equally. Would not work for Langley as we cannot pay what Seattle and Everett can. Jeff will report on the progress of this issue.

Remote attendance ordinance. Jim Sundberg, and Hal Seligson with the help of Thomas Gill, will meet to work on the proposed ordinance and make recommendations.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 6:55 PM. Motion - Allen, 2nd – Neff. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk

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