

**April 20, 2015**  
**Langley City Council Minutes**

Mayor McCarthy called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Present were Council Members Thomas Gill, Rene Neff, Robin Black, Jim Sundberg and Bruce Allen. Also present were Director of Public Works, Stan Berryman; Chief of Police, Dave Marks; Finance Director/Clerk, Debbie Mahler. The flag salute was led by Mayor McCarthy.

**MOTION:** To approve the agenda. Motion – Allen, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Neff. Motion carried

**MOTION:** To approve the consent agenda. Motion - Gill, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Black. The consent agenda was approved with all in favor.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of council meeting minutes of 4/6/15
- b. Approval of claims warrants Nos. 33100-33139 in the amount of \$21,511.77
- c. Confirmation of appointment of Bob Frause to the Ethics Board
- d. Confirmation of the Mayor's re-appointment of Ron Kasparsin, Cathy Waymire-Rooks, and Janet Ploof to the Design Review Board
- e. Liquor License – Kalakala Co. Mercantile

**RECOGNITION/APPRECIATION**

A Mayor's Excellence Award was presented to Bernita Sanstead for taking such good care of the Langley City Hall Edible Garden and for her many hours of dedicated gardening and generous volunteer efforts in the City.

Lorinda Kay was also presented with an Excellence Award for providing high quality leadership as the Program Manager of the award winning Langley Main Street Association and for coordinating many dedicated volunteers and quality programs in the City of Langley.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Eric Levine showed a short and informative video regarding a funicular for Langley. Sharon Emerson stated that if the video is shown to small groups, she would appreciate alternative views being aired at the same time. Will Collins stated that he went to the charrette with an open mind, but he was not too excited about a funicular. After the meeting he felt the funicular could be a real attraction and thought if the Port District got involved, it could be very helpful.

**STAFF REPORTS**

Public Works – Stan Berryman reported that a diver inspected and cleaned the water tank. It will have to be drained and sandblasted on the inside of the tank within a few years. A Public Health inspector also came and did a review of the water system. The Park Street water main extension

from First to Third is out to bid now. The project should take place in May and be done by June. It will loop the water system. Street sweeping and striping will be taking place soon. Nine of the new LED lights in the plaza not working. They are still under warranty, so the company will come and fix them.

Police – Chief Marks reported that the whale parade had a great turnout and went well. The charrette also went smoothly. He posted a notice on the Police Facebook page to ask people to set alarms and use them. We had a burglary recently at a local business, which the department is working on. The department is back to a four person force with the hiring of Tim Black.

Finance – Debbie Mahler reported that she attended the WA Public Treasurer’s conference in Lake Chelan last week. It was an excellent conference and she gained a lot of information. Debbie reported that March revenue and expenditure reports will be ready shortly. Debbie was out of the office for conference last week and on vacation the week before, so has not had time to process the reports yet. She is now working on annual financial reports to the state, street financial report to DOT and debt report to Department of Commerce.

## **MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor McCarthy reported that the Arts commission has lined up a speaker for the June 30<sup>th</sup> economic development meeting; the Washington Arts Communication manager, who will lead a morning session followed by a networking lunch. On April 9<sup>th</sup> a workshop at Island County on Roberts Rules of Order took place. The Mayor and two council members attended. The presenter spent her career studying Roberts Rules. The Ethics board is required to have five members. We have one appointment so far. The board will be formed when all five members are appointed. Mayor McCarthy also reported that the local RTPO has sent a letter to Skagit RTPO. Skagit now has over 100,000 residents and can now have their own RTPO, (currently we have and Island/Skagit County RTPO) which they are talking about forming. We would like to keep the joint Skagit/Island County board. This gives us more clout. The two counties disagree on how to prioritize projects that are funded.

Stan Berryman and the Mayor attended a South Whidbey Parks meeting, they want to talk about the concept of a metropolitan parks district. Currently, they have to pass a levy every time it expires. If they formed a district, they would have a regular levy that could be increased by 1% every year. This district would include all south Whidbey including Langley. This could ultimately effect the amount of the City’s levy. The Sustainable Whidbey Coalition’s solar project at Greenbank Farm is back on the forefront. They will be allowing investment opportunities in the project that are tax deductible. It will include a vehicle charging station. There is an opening on the Island County Housing Board. Mayor McCarthy asked Robin Black if she is interested in representing the city on the board. He has a request from Connie Coffee of Snohomish County Leadership for nominations for membership next year. Robin thought it was a wonderful experience, very time consuming and needs to have an Island presence or else it is very concentric to Snohomish County. It was a great opportunity to learn about government systems and their interaction with businesses and services.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor McCarthy read a proclamation declaring April 22, 2015 as Earth Day in Langley.

**MOTION:** To approve the proclamation. Motion – Allen, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Black. Approved with all in favor.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Rene Neff reported that she went on vacation and ended up in Ashland where she was met by other members of Island Shakespeare and met with the Oregon Shakespeare association which was started before WWII. They now have a \$130 million budget, and a young adult program. Michael Dobson presented an event in Bayview - Brats and Brew and gave a presentation at the Methodist Church on Shakespeare festivals history from the 1600s to present day. We have 14 actors coming from off Island this year from Oregon and New York.

Bruce Allen reported that he learned a lot from the Roberts Rules workshop and it was very fun and entertaining. He brought back manuals for the councilmembers who could not attend. Robin Black did her board presentation at her last Snohomish County Leadership meeting. It was well received. The brochure she did was distributed to many organizations and she saw lots of people after the whale parade reading it and talking about coming back to Langley. Bruce Allen also reported the last Island County Tourism meeting was held in Langley last week and Robin's brochures were distributed to all the Chambers. Jim Sundberg reported that Island Transit Board is now meeting twice per month. They are struggling with how to keep connectivity with other counties as subsidies for that purpose are running out. Cash flow has improved dramatically. The Port has two or three projects underway that are right on schedule. They include boat launch improvements and docking capability on the outside docks in Langley. They have selected a facility manager for the Fairgrounds. The Port has awarded grants for managing the fairgrounds and for community projects in Clinton. Thomas Gill added that Wednesday is the Island County Substance Abuse committee meeting which he will be attending.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie L. Mahler, Finance Director/Clerk