

# LYNDEN CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

JANUARY 4, 2010

## I CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Scott Korthuis called to order the January 4, 2010 regular session of the Lynden City Council at 7:00 P.M. at the Lynden City Hall Annex.

## ROLL CALL

Members present: Mayor Scott Korthuis; Councilors Gary Bode, Dave Burns, Ron De Valois, Tobey Gelder, Nick Laninga, and Brent Lensen.

Members absent: Councilor Jerry Kuiken with notice.

Staff present: Fire Chief Gary Baar, Administrative Assistant Rachel Byers, Chief of Police Jack Foster, Planning Director Amy Harksell, Public Works Director Duane Huskey, Parks and Recreation Director Vern Meenderinck, and City Administrator Bill Verwolf. Also present was City Attorney Bob Carmichael.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Councilor De Valois moved and Councilor Gelder seconded that the minutes of the December 21, 2009 Regular Council Session be approved. The motion carried.*

## ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

**Scheduled** - None

**Unscheduled** - None

## II CONSENT AGENDA

### **Approval of Payroll**

Direct Deposits, Draws and Warrants No. 14180 through 14232 \$ 511,300.56

### **Request to Cancel Claims Warrant C-51906**

**Berthusen Park Adviosry Committee – Reappointment of Mr. Terry DeValois, Mr. Larry McPhail, and Ms. Karen Steensma**

**Parks and Trails Advisory Committee – Reappointment of Ms. Kim Veltkamp and Appointment of Ms. Jen Apps**

*Councilor Burns moved and Councilor Lensen seconded that the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion carried.*

## III UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### **Ordinance No. 1372 – Setting the Final 2010 Property Tax Levy**

The City of Lynden is required by State regulations to adopt a 2010 property tax levy. On November 2, 2009 the Council approved Ordinance No. 1367 which was passed relying on the preliminary figures for the assessed valuation of the City's tax base as provided by the County Assessor at that time.

The original executive summary presented to Council on November 2, 2009 indicated that an ordinance setting the final, exact levy would be forwarded to the Finance Committee and Council for consideration when the County Assessor's office provided the final 2010 assessed valuation figures. The County Assessor's office has provided the final numbers at this time. The final calculations result in a total dollar levy amount of \$2,408,788. Per Council's direction, this includes the 1% plus any banked capacity. This total dollar levy reflects a per \$1,000 of assessed valuation of \$1.84139, and increase of approximately 2.4 cents from the 2009 rate of \$1.81726.

The Finance Committee reviewed this Ordinance at their meeting and recommend to the full Council that it be approved.

***Councilor Gelder moved and Councilor Laninga seconded that Ordinance No. 1372, Levying Taxes for General Municipal Purposes for 2010 Taxes Collectible and Payable in 2010 in the City of Lynden, WA, and that the Mayor be authorized to sign said Ordinance. The motion carried.***

#### **IV NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Mayor Pro Tem Appointment for 2010**

Mayor Korthuis informed Council that he would like the Council Committee Appointments and the Liaisons and Special Appointments from 2009 to remain for 2010, including the committee chairs. Council did not disagree with this recommendation.

***Councilor Bode moved and Councilor Burns seconded that Councilor Tobey Gelder serve as Mayor Pro Tem for the year 2010. The motion carried.***

#### **V EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council went into Executive Session at 7:07 P.M. to discuss personnel. It was anticipated that the Executive Session would last approximately 10 to 15 minutes and that action would likely be taken following the session. Council came out of Executive Session at 7:30 P.M.

Councilor Burns moved and Councilor Bode seconded that the memo dated January 4, 2009 from City Administrator Bill Verwolf which recommended the salaries for non-union personnel for 2010 be approved; and that Ordinance No. 1371, Setting the Salaries for Elected and Appointed Officials, be approved and that the Mayor be authorized to sign said Ordinance. The motion carried.

#### **VI ADJOURNMENT**

The January 4, 2010 regular session of the Lynden City Council adjourned at 7:31 P.M.

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Rachel Byers, Administrative Assistant

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Scott Korthuis, Mayor