

LYNDEN CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION

FEBRUARY 5, 2009

I OPENING REMARKS BY MAYOR JACK LOUWS

Mayor Jack Louws called to order the February 5, 2009 special session of the Lynden City Council at 7:00 P.M. at the Lynden City Hall Annex. He welcome everyone to the meeting.

Mayor Louws introduced the panel he assembled for the meeting: Public Works Director Duane Huskey, Reichhardt and Ebe Principal Greg Ebe, Reichhardt and Ebe Engineer Nathan Zylstra, Public Works Council Committee Chair Gary Bode, and City Administrator Bill Verwolf. Also present were Councilor Ron De Valois, Councilor Tobey Gelder, Councilor Nick Laninga, Councilor Doug Adelstein, and Administrative Assistant Rachel Byers.

II CAUSES OF EXISTING FLOOD PROBLEMS

Reichhardt and Ebe Principal Greg Ebe discussed the weather and ground conditions during the flood.

III PREEMPTIVE ITEMS COMPLETED SINCE LAST FLOOD

Public Works Director Duane Huskey discussed some of the changes that were made prior to the flood.

IV WORK PERFORMED BY CITY CREWS DURING THE FLOOD

Public Works Director Duane Huskey explained what City staff was able to do prior to the flood and during the flood.

V CITIZEN COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Nine citizens came forward and asked questions that were discussed by the panel and the audience.

VI WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE

Reichhardt and Ebe Engineer Nathan Zylstra showed the audience some short term solutions that could ease flooding problems in certain areas.

Reichhardt and Ebe Principal Greg Ebe informed the audience of a long term solution for redirecting water through the city.

VII POTENTIAL FUNDING MECHANISM TO PAY FOR SOLUTIONS

City Administrator Bill Verwolf explained the options to fund the various projects.

VIII DISCUSSION WRAP UP WITH THE COMMUNITY

Mayor Louws discussed the short and long terms solutions with the audience.

IX ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Louws thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The February 5, 2009 special session of the Lynden City Council adjourned at 9:13 P.M.

Rachel Byers, Administrative Assistant

Jack Louws, Mayor