

LYNDEN CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

FEBRUARY 17, 2009

I CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jack Louws called to order the February 17, 2009 regular session of the Lynden City Council at 7:00 P.M. at the Lynden City Hall Annex.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Mayor Jack Louws; Councilors Doug Adelstein, Gary Bode, Dave Burns, Ron De Valois, Tobey Gelder, Gerald Kuiken, and Nick Laninga.

Members absent with notice: None.

Staff present: Fire Chief Gary Baar, Administrative Assistant Rachel Byers, Public Works Director Duane Huskey, and City Administrator Bill Verwolf. Also present was City Attorney Bob Carmichael.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Adelstein moved and Councilor Gelder seconded that the minutes of the February 2, 2009 regular session and the February 5, 2009 special session be approved. The motion carried.

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Scheduled - None

Unscheduled - None

II CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Claims

Manual Warrants No. 49562 through 49610	\$ 124,590.03
Voucher Warrant No. 49611 through 49814	<u>\$ 932,958.38</u>
Total	<u>\$1,057,548.41</u>

Set Public Hearing Date - Ordinance No. 1350 Regarding Stormwater

Councilor De Valois moved and Councilor Kuiken seconded that the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion carried.

III NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Covenant Modification - Strawberry Meadows Plat

In the Strawberry Meadows Plat, there is a current requirement that attached single family lots 6 through 11 must utilize shared driveways. The design requirements within the Residential Mixed Development zone limit the number of sets of garage doors that can face the street. In some instances, these two requirements conflict and may result in a site design that is contrary to the desired outcome.

The developers have proposed an amendment to the covenant that allows an exception to this requirement if it is approved by the developers and the City's Design Review Board, Planning Department, and the Public Works Department. The builder would be responsible for relocating any utilities and replacing the curb cuts that are already installed in accordance with the plat requirements.

Councilor Kuiken moved and Councilor Burns seconded that section 5.1.2 item C of the waiver to the Strawberry Meadows Plat covenants be approved as proposed. The motion carried.

Request to Set Date for Joint Work Session with Lynden Planning Commission

In working with Whatcom County on their efforts to review and revise the urban growth areas, it is very important that the Planning Commission and Council stay informed of the issues and inputs into the process. After reviewing the preliminary results of the land capacity analysis and discussing the process and timing for potential urban growth area amendments, the Community Development Committee felt that a longer discussion with the full Council and Planning Commission is warranted.

It was recommended by the Planning Department and the Community Development Committee that a joint work session be held on March 12, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. This is a regular Planning Commission meeting date and time.

Councilor Kuiken moved and Councilor Gelder seconded that a joint work session between the City Council and the Planning Commission be held on March 12, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. at the City Hall Annex to discuss land capacity information and population projections. The motion carried.

IV EXECUTIVE SESSION - Cancelled

OTHER

Special Council Meeting Held February 5, 2009

Mayor Louws stated that he appreciated the number of citizen who came to the meeting and shared their thoughts. He requested that the Public Works Committee investigate the options that were discussed and bring a recommendation back to Council sometime during the next couple of months. Councilor Bode stated that the Public Works Committee has been researching the options provided by Reichhardt and Ebe and will narrow the options down and make a recommendation to Council on which actions should be taken.

Wage Committee

City Administrator Bill Verwolf reminded the members of the Wage Committee that they would hold a meeting at the conclusion of this Council meeting.

14th Street Bridge and 17th Street Bridge Updates

Public Works Director Duane Huskey informed Council that the asphalt plants will be reopening soon and that paving will begin on March 9, 2009.

V ADJOURNMENT

The February 17, 2009 session of the Lynden City Council adjourned at 7:13 P.M.

Rachel Byers, Administrative Assistant

Jack Louws, Mayor