

LYNDEN CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

MARCH 1, 2010

I CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Scott Korthuis called to order the March 1, 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 Lenssen.

Members absent: Councilor Jerry Kuiken with notice.

Staff present: Administrative Assistant Rachel Byers, Finance Director Teresa Camfield, Planning Director Amy Harksell, Public Works Director Duane Huskey, and City Administrator Bill Verwolf. Also present was City Attorney Bob Carmichael.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor De Valois moved and Councilor Bode seconded that the minutes of the February 16, 2010 Regular Council Session be approved. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL

Direct Deposits, Draws and Warrants No. 14287 through 14330

\$ 420,510.14

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Scheduled

Mr. Robert Putich – 2010 Census Bureau

Mr. Putich, Partnership Assistant for the U.S. Census Bureau appeared before Council and reviewed the importance of the 2010 census and thanked Council for partnering with them by passing a resolution and proclamation back in July 2009. He stated that the questionnaire has been reduced to just 10 questions and that the information collected cannot be shared with anyone else, including other government agencies such as immigration.

Council asked questions of Mr. Putich and Mayor Korthuis thanked him for coming to the meeting.

Lions Club Proclamation

This item was postponed to March 15, 2010.

Unscheduled - None

II NEW BUSINESS

Lynden Economic Development Summit Proposal

The Lynden Economic Development Team (EDT) was formed to advise the City Council on matters relating to encouraging economic development within the City. This team was disbanded several years ago as the Council and Administration were more proactive on these issues and there was a lack of serviced land available to promote.

As the City has annexed additional land and obtained grants to assist with the infrastructure development, and private investment has occurred in the West Lynden Area, there has been some interest in re-establishing the EDT. At the last Community Development Committee

meeting there was discussion about whether the EDT, comprised of volunteers and staff, was the route to pursue given staffing and budget concerns.

The first step should be a meeting to discuss what types of activities should be considered and who would be the appropriate agency to undertake those activities.

Councilor Gelder moved and Councilor De Valois seconded that staff be directed to proceed with the one time Economic Development Summit and report back to the Council. The motion carried.

Latecomer Agreement Assignment – West Lynden Business Park, LLC

Recently, Council approved some variances to a pending project for Versacold located on West Main Street. Since this project affected the latecomer agreement with Windward Consulting, LLC, latecomer agreement monies for this project were received by the Public Works Department on February 12, 2010. Since there have been member changes within Windward Consulting, LLC, and this would impact the disbursement of the latecomer monies, Finance Director Camfield contacted City Attorney Carmichael and Mr. Richard Vandenburg for a review of documents affecting the payment.

The document presented to Council was drafted by City Attorney Carmichael's office. It recognizes the change in members of Windward Consulting, LLC and assigns all of its interest in the latecomer agreement as previously approved by Council to West Lynden Business Park LLC. Since this is a modification, it requires Council review and approval for any disbursement of funds.

Councilor Gelder moved and Councilor Lenssen seconded that the Latecomer Agreement Assignment, as a modification to the previously approved Agreement, be approved and that the Mayor be authorized to sign said document. The motion carried.

IV EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council went into Executive Session at 7:23 P.M. to discuss two properties. It was anticipated that the Executive Session would last approximately 20 to 25 minutes and that action would likely be taken following the session. Council came out of Executive Session at 7:58 P.M.

Bid Received for old City Hall

Councilor Bode moved and Councilor De Valois seconded that the bid received for the purchase of the old City Hall, located at 323 Front Street, be rejected and that the sale of said property be referred to the Public Works Committee for review. The motion carried 4-3 with Councilors Bode, Burns, and De Valois voting in favor, Councilors Gelder, Laninga, and Lenssen voting against, and Mayor Korthuis breaking the tie by voting in favor.

Councilors Bode and De Valois stated their reasons for voting in favor and Councilors Gelder, Laninga, and Lenssen stated their reason for voting against the motion.

OTHER

Councilor Burns stated that the Public Safety Committee meeting scheduled for March 4, 2010 has been cancelled.

V ADJOURNMENT

The March 1, 2010 regular session of the Lynden City Council adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

Rachel Byers, Administrative Assistant

Scott Korthuis, Mayor