

# LYNDEN CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

JUNE 1, 2009

## I CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jack Louws called to order the June 1, 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; Gary Bode, Dave Burns, Ron De Valois, Tobey Gelder, Jerry Kuiken, and Nick Laninga.

Members absent: None.

Staff present: Fire Chief Gary Baar, Administrative Assistant Rachel Byers, Finance Director Teresa Camfield, 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 Kuiken moved and Councilor Gelder seconded that the minutes of the May 18, 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. 13720 through 13815 \$ 444,609.27

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

## III UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### **Year 2010 Draft Budget Calendar**

As required by the Revised Code of Washington, in order to meet budget deadlines the 2010 budget calendar draft was introduced to Council for their input and review on May 18, 2009.

It was requested that Council finalize the 2010 budget calendar.

*Councilor Gelder moved and Councilor Laninga seconded that the 2010 Budget Calendar be approved as presented. The motion carried.*

### **Ordinance No. 1357 - Changes to Commercial Zoning - Chapter 19.23 of the Lynden Municipal Code**

On May 18, 2009, Council approved the zoning text for the new commercial areas recommended by the Zoning Text Committee and Planning Commission with the provision that the requirement for a bond to demolish a vacant building be struck from the document.

The Ordinance presented tonight reflects that change and slightly modifies the section requiring a reuse plan and ongoing maintenance of a building. These modifications are consistent with the intent of the Committee working on the Ordinance to make certain that there can be a partnership between the building owner and the City to ensure the building doesn't become a nuisance and a drain on the surrounding area.

Councilor Gelder noted that on Page 2 Finding No. 8 should be stricken from the Ordinance. Council agreed to correct the Ordinance by striking Finding No. 8 from Page 2.

***Councilor Kuiken moved and Councilor Gelder seconded that corrected Ordinance No. 1357, Repealing Chapter 19.23 of the Lynden Municipal Code and Adopting a New Chapter 19.23 to the Lynden Municipal Code, be approved and that the Mayor be authorized to sign said Ordinance. The motion carried.***

#### **Council Position No. 4 Vacancy**

At the May 18, 2009 Council meeting, Councilor Doug Adelstein resigned from Council Position No. 4. This created a vacancy on the Lynden City Council. An advertisement to fill the vacancy can be run in the Lynden Tribune on June 3, 2009 and June 10, 2009 with a closing date of June 12, 2009 at 5:00 P.M.

***Councilor De Valois moved and Councilor Burns seconded that staff be authorized to begin the process to fill that position until a new councilmember can be elected by advertizing for the position in the Lynden Tribune on June 3, 2009 and June 10, 2009 closing at 5:00 P.M. on June 12, 2009 as outlined in the shorter advertisement provided to Council. The motion carried.***

#### **Introduction of a 2009 Budget Amendment**

As required by State regulations, an amendment to the 2009 Budget was introduced to Council. The amendment reflects Council's authorized transactions and will modify Fund 101 Street and Fund 308 Public Restroom Construction.

This item was for information only.

#### **OTHER**

#### **Finance Council Committee Chair**

Mayor Louws stated that he has asked Councilor Gelder to be the interim Finance Council Committee Chair while the Council moves forward to fill Council Position No. 4.

***Councilor Bode moved and Councilor Laninga seconded that Councilor Gelder be approved to serve as interim Finance Council Committee Chair. The motion carried with five councilors in favor, zero councilors against, and with Councilor Gelder abstaining.***

#### **Public Works Committee - Re-Addressing Some Streets**

Councilor Burns requested that this issue continue to be discussed with the Public Safety Committee prior to final action being taken. Public Works Committee Chair Bode stated that they would include the Public Safety Committee in this discussion moving forward.

**V EXECUTIVE SESSION - Cancelled**

#### **VI ADJOURNMENT**

The June 1, 2009 regular session of the Lynden City Council adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

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Rachel Byers, Administrative Assistant

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Jack Louws, Mayor