

LYNDEN CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

JUNE 4, 2007

I CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jack Louws called to order the June 4, 2007 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: None.

Staff present: Fire Chief Gary Baar, 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.

Introductions

Mayor Louws welcomed Mr. Matt Butler, a Lynden High School student, to the meeting. Mayor Louws informed Council that Mr. Butler was attending the meeting for his Government class.

Mayor Louws also welcomed Ms. Chloe Harksell to the meeting. Planning Director Harksell explained to Council that her daughter would be starting 1st grade next year and that she wanted to attend a Council meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Adelstein moved and Councilor Gelder seconded that the minutes of the May 21, 2007 regular session be approved. The motion carried.

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Scheduled - None

Unscheduled

Farmers Day Parade

Mr. Gary Vis, Executive Director of the Lynden Chamber of Commerce, thanked Council and Mayor Louws for attending the parade. He said that both the weather and turnout were excellent. Mr. Vis also thanked the Fire Department, Police Department, and the Public Works Department for their assistance before and during the event.

Mayor Louws thanked Mr. Vis for the wonderful event. He said that it was a beautiful day and everyone had fun.

II CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Payroll

Direct Deposits, Draws and Warrants No. 12349 through 12411

\$ 405,974.74

Ordinance No. 1297 – A 2007 Budget Amendment

Set Public Hearing Date for South Front Street Annexation

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

III PUBLIC HEARING

Resolution No. 760 – Adoption of a Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP)

By Law, a Public Hearing must be held for Council to consider comments regarding the City's 6-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (2008 to 2013). After the hearing is closed, the Council may pass a resolution approving the plan.

In order to apply for project funding for road improvements, every City and County must prepare a local plan and forward it to the Washington State Department of Transportation for inclusion in the State Transportation Program (STIP). The plan must be submitted to the state by July 31, 2007.

Mayor Louws opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 P.M.

Speaking in favor: None.

Speaking against: None.

Councilor Burns moved and Councilor Gelder seconded that the Public Hearing be closed. The motion carried.

The Public Hearing closed at 7:04 P.M.

Councilor Bode moved and Councilor Kuiken seconded that Resolution No. 760, Adopting the Six (6) Year Transportation Improvement Plan for the City of Lynden, be approved and that the Mayor be authorized to sign said Resolution once the following correction to the Transportation Improvement Plan is made:

Page 1, Project: 2008 Arterial Reconstruction, the total amount of the project should be changed from \$2,100,000 to \$2,600,000.

The motion carried.

IV UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Year 2008 Budget Calendar

As required by the Revised Code of Washington, in order to meet budget deadlines, the 2008 budget calendar draft was introduced to Council for their input and review on May 21, 2007.

Per discussions at that meeting, a change has been made to the draft document. The budget workshop set for Monday, November 12, 2007 has been changed to Tuesday, November 13, 2007. Monday is Veterans Day, so the workshop has been moved to the next business day.

Councilor Adelstein moved and Councilor Burns seconded that the 2008 Budget Calendar be approved. The motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Louws informed Council that the letter sent to the Washington State Liquor Control Board regarding the Council's dissatisfaction with the approval of a liquor license for the Nooksack's Northwood Crossing Casino was received and that the request for a public hearing was denied. He stated that Whatcom County has filed a petition in Whatcom County Superior Court requesting the Liquor Control Board's decision be reversed.

IV EXECUTIVE SESSION - Cancelled

V ADJOURNMENT

The June 4, 2007 regular session of the Lynden City Council adjourned at 7:08 P.M.

Rachel Byers, Administrative Assistant

Jack Louws, Mayor