

LYNDEN CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

OCTOBER 1, 2007

I CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jack Louws called to order the October 1, 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, Ron De Valois, Tobey Gelder, Gerald Kuiken, and Nick Laninga.

Members absent: Dave Burns with notice.

Staff present: Fire Chief Gary Baar, Administrative Assistant Rachel Byers, Chief of Police Jack Foster, 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 Kuiken moved and Councilor Gelder seconded that the minutes of the September 17, 2007 regular 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. 12579 through 16632 \$ 378,735.64

Set Public Hearing Date – Koetje Comprehensive Plan Amendment

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

III NEW BUSINESS

Mayor's Budget Update

Council was provided with a preliminary report on the status of the current budget, along with the considerations for the 2008 Budget process, in accordance with Washington Budget requirements

Consideration of Final Plat – The Ridge at Lynden

Galen Koetje is requesting final plat approval for the first phase of his plat at the east end of Bradley Road. The first phase extends Bradley Road and includes a new street, Spring Meadow Drive, which will eventually continue east.

The Koetjes family has completed the plat requirements listed in the Findings of Fact, paid their impact fees, and staff is prepared to recommend final plat approval subject to the completion of

final punchlist items, receipt of as-builts, and approval of any performance and maintenance bonds.

Councilor De Valois moved and Councilor Laninga seconded that final plat approval for the Ridge at Lynden Phase 1, subject to the completion of punchlist items and approval of bonds and as-builts, be granted and that the Mayor be authorized to sign the final mylars. The motion carried.

OTHER

Mayor will be out of Town

Mayor Louws informed Council that he will be out of town from October 2, 2007 to October 6, 2007 and that Councilor Bode will be serving as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Town Hall Meeting with Governor Chris Gregoire

Mayor Louws reminded Council that Governor Gregoire had sent them invitations to attend a Town Hall Meeting in Bellingham on October 11, 2007 and asked if any members of Council planned to attend. Councilors Gelder and De Valois stated interest in attending. Since only two Councilors were interested in attending there would not be a quorum at the Town Hall meeting and a special meeting notice would not be required.

Association of Washington Cities Regional Meeting

Councilor Laninga reminded Council of the Regional Meeting taking place in Bellingham on October 2, 2007.

V EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council went into Executive Session at 7:08 P.M. to discuss real estate and pending litigation. It was anticipated that the Executive Session would last approximately 30 minutes and that no action would likely be taken following the session. Council came out of Executive Session at 7:40 P.M.

IV ADJOURNMENT

The October 1, 2007 regular session of the Lynden City Council adjourned at 7:41 P.M.

Rachel Byers, Administrative Assistant

Jack Louws, Mayor