

LYNDEN CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

November 2, 2009

I CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Gary Bode called to order the November 2, 2009 regular session of the Lynden City Council at 7:00 P.M. at the Lynden City Hall Annex.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Mayor Pro Tem Gary Bode; Councilors Dave Burns, Ron DeValois, Tobey Gelder, Jerry Kuiken, Nick Laninga, and Larry Tremaine.

Members absent: Mayor Jack Louws with notice.

Staff present: Fire Chief Gary Baar, Finance Director Teresa Camfield, Police Chief Jack Foster, Public Works Director Duane Huskey, Parks Director Vern Meenderinck, Senior Administrative Assistant Heather Sytsma and City Administrator Bill Verwolf. Also present was City Attorney Bob Carmichael.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor DeValois moved and Councilor Gelder seconded that the minutes of the October 19, 2009 Regular Council Sessions 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. 14064 through 14125 \$436,281.57

Resolution No. 810 – Park Fees

A Request to Cancel Claim Warrants C-51366 and C-51402

Councilor Kuiken moved and Councilor Burns seconded that the consent agenda be approved. The motion carried.

III PUBLIC HEARING

Real Estate Property Tax – Ordinance No. 1367

The City of Lynden is required by State regulations to adopt the proposed 2010 property tax levy.

Attached is a copy of the proposed Ordinance. It reflects minimal change in the mil rate (per thousand dollars of property value) in the City of Lynden when comparing 2010 levy rates to 2009 levy rates.

The final figures for the assessed valuation of the city's tax base are not yet available. Once those are provided by the County Assessor, an ordinance setting the final, exact levy will be provided for consideration.

The Finance Committee reviewed this matter at their November 2, 2009 meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Bode opened the public hearing at 7:05 PM.

Speaking in favor: None.

Speaking against: None.

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

Councilor Gelder noted that the real estate property tax under Ordinance No. 1367 will be raised from \$1.81726 per \$1,000.00 of assessed property value to \$1.85422 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value.

Councilor Burns moved and Councilor DeValois seconded that the Council approve Ordinance No. 1367 as presented and authorize the Mayor's signature.

IV NEW BUSINESS

Set Time and Location for the November 9, 2009 and November 23, 2009 Special 2010 Budget Work Sessions

Councilor Gelder stated that the 2010 budget calendar calls for meetings on November 9 and November 23, 2009. The meetings are usually held at the City Hall Annex at 7:00 p.m.

Councilor Burns noted that he will be absent for the November 9, 2009 Budget Work Session.

Councilor Gelder moved and Councilor Kuiken seconded that the Special Council Meetings scheduled for November 9, 2009 and November 23, 2009 be held at 7:00 PM at the City Hall Annex, located at 205 4th Street, Lynden, WA 98264. The motion carried.

Introduction of a 2009 Budget Amendment

As required by State regulations, Finance would like to introduce a proposed amendment to the 2009 Budget. The amendment reflects Council authorized transactions.

The following funds need to be modified:

Fund 114	Employee Liability
Fund 208	1997 CLID No. 1 Guaranty
Fund 209	1997 CLID No. 1 Redemption

The Finance Committee reviewed this 2009 budget amendment and ordinance at their meeting on November 2, 2009.

This item was for information purposes only.

Ordinance No. 1366 – Amending Ordinance No. 603 and Lynden Municipal Code Section 10.08.030 Regarding Angle Parking

The current Lynden City Ordinance No. 603 and Lynden Municipal Code Section 10.08.030 regarding angle parking are not specific, and thus, not enforceable.

Proposed new language, shown in *italics* below, would be incorporated into the ordinance and code to create a specific and enforceable statute.

The proposed Lynden City Ordinance No. 1366 reads as follows:

The City Council, upon recommendation of the street superintendent, shall determine upon what streets other than those forming a part of any primary or secondary state highway, angle parking shall be permitted. Parallel parking only shall be allowed on all other streets. *Upon those public highways which have been signed or marked for*

angle parking, no person shall park or stand a vehicle other than at the angle to the curb or edge of the roadway indicated by such signs or markings.

Councilor Gelder stated that, at times, service trucks must park across angle parking because their vehicles are too large to fit at an angle without disrupting traffic flow. Police Chief Foster stated that as long as vehicles are not blocking the roadway, or are not parking long-term, this will be allowed.

Councilor Burns moved and Councilor Tremaine seconded that Council approve Ordinance No. 1366, amending Ordinance 603 and Lynden Municipal Code Section 10.08.030, and authorize the Mayor's signature on the Ordinance. The motion carried.

IV EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel Matter

Council went into executive session at 7:15 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. It was anticipated that the executive session would last approximately 15 minutes and that no action would be taken. Council came out of Executive Session at 7:33 p.m. No action was taken.

V ADJOURNMENT

The November 2, 2009 regular session of the Lynden City Council adjourned at 7:33 P.M.

Heather Sytsma, Senior Admin. Assistant

Gary Bode, Mayor Pro Tem