

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2011
CITY HALL
22710 E. COUNTRY VISTA DRIVE
7:00 P.M.**

INVOCATION

Given by Council Member Romney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by City Clerk, Ann Swenson, City Council, and City Staff

CALL TO ORDER

City Clerk, Ann Swenson, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and conducted roll call.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Van Orman (absent)	
Mayor Pro Tem Crump (absent)	Ann Swenson, City Clerk
Council Member Kaminskis	Doug Smith, Community Development Director
Council Member Owens	Brian Asmus, Chief of Police
Council Member Romney	Sean Boutz, City Attorney
Council Member Schuler	Jennifer Camp, Parks & Open Space
Council Member Beckett (absent)	Superintendent
Council Member Langford	

Clerk Swenson announced, at the last Council meeting, Mayor Van Orman and Mayor Pro Tem Crump had requested to be excused from tonight's meeting. She said she had been informed Councilman Beckett would also be absent this evening, and requested a motion to excuse all those not present.

Council Member Langford moved to excuse Mayor Van Orman, Mayor Pro Tem Crump, and Council Member Beckett, seconded by Council Member Schuler. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Swenson then called for nominations for a presiding Chairperson to conduct the remainder of the meeting. Council Member Kaminskis nominated Council Member Romney. Councilmember Langford then made a motion to appoint Council Member Owens to Chair the meeting, seconded by Council Member Schuler. Motion carried unanimously and Council Member Owens took over the chair.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Council Member Langford moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Council Member Schuler. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Nancy Holmes, Avista, 1411 E. Mission Avenue, Spokane, WA, spoke on behalf of the Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce as Chairperson of the Government Affairs Committee. Ms. Holmes read a motion adopted by the Valley Chamber Board, which recommended the City of Liberty Lake pass a resolution supporting the formation of a County-wide Transportation Benefit District (TBD) and adopt an Interlocal Agreement for Establishment of a County-Wide TBD as provided for in RCWs. She said this request was to initiate dialogue with the city, and the Chamber welcomed the opportunity to facilitate discussions. She then distributed a letter dated February 1, 2011 asking for the City's support. Ms. Holmes then commented the Chamber is looking at potentially forming a task force of its member businesses in Liberty Lake to look at how the recently-implemented 6% utility tax will affect local business.

Steve Peterson, 719 Lancashire Lane, Liberty Lake, WA: spoke about Trailhead golf course. He commented about the big sign at Tee 1 which indicates the golf course is closed. He said, "It is hard to do business when the public thinks the golf course is closed or there is no business to be transacted". Mr. Peterson recommended taking the closed sign down so people can at least utilize the driving range and begin generating revenue.

INTRODUCTION OF NEWEST CITY EMPLOYEE: Community Development Director, Doug Smith, introduced the newest member of the City's team, Jennifer Camp. Ms. Camp is the new Parks and Open Space Superintendent. Ms. Camp has extensive background in turf management and horticulture. Ms. Camp is an arborist and has extensive golf course experience. Council members extended their welcome to Ms. Camp.

PRESENTATION Mr. Karl Otterstrom, Director of Planning, Spokane Transit Authority (STA) conducted a follow-up presentation regarding STA's preliminary proposal for reductions in regional public transportation service. He provided background on the three-phase strategy. He talked about the sales tax revenue gap from the updated 2011 budget, which is projected to result in an estimated decrease of \$97.3 million between 2007-2015. He outlined the service reduction timeline from the preliminary proposal, through the final service changes, which will become effective September 18, 2011. Mr. Otterstrom highlighted regional service changes and addressed how they will affect Liberty Lake. Route 72 is still proposed to be eliminated, but a new route (98) is being proposed that will provide service to Liberty Lake seven days a week. A public hearing on the proposed reductions is scheduled February 16th.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Public Safety: Council Member Schuler asked Liberty Lake Police Chief, Brian Asmus, to provide an update on the recent reports of garage burglaries. Chief Asmus provided the update and requested help from the citizens by reporting any suspicious activity. He also offered crime prevention tips such as not keeping valuables in cars and locking cars.

Community Development Committee: Council Member Langford reported the Community Development Committee reviewed amendments to the city's planning code. No formal decisions were made.

Finance Committee: Council Member Romney reported there was no official committee meeting, however, he did review the vouchers.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda: Council Member Langford moved to approve Action Items A and B. Action Item A was the Consent Agenda, which included approval of the City Council Minutes from January 18, 2011 and approval of checks through February 1, 2011 in the amount of \$37,333.49. Action Item B was Approval of Recreation Program Service Agreements, which included Dance Class, Emily Erickson dba Speedfit, and Challenger Sports. Council Member Romney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Total check sequences were 13625 through 13667. Check sequences 13625 through 13627, totaling \$9,132.51 were for 2010, and check sequences 13628 through 13667, totaling \$28,200.98 were for 2011.

RESOLUTIONS

Ann Swenson, City Clerk, read Resolution No. 10-144A into the record, a Resolution of the City of Liberty Lake, Washington amending Resolution No. 10-144, entitled "Providing for the Appointment to the Spokane Transit Authority Board Pursuant to City of Liberty Lake Resolution No. 02-40."

Council Member Langford moved to adopt Resolution No. 10-144A, seconded by Council Member Romney Motion carried unanimously.

Ann Swenson, City Clerk, read Resolution No. 11-146 into the record, a Resolution of the City of Liberty Lake, Washington supporting a diversity of community presence on the Spokane Transit Authority Board and providing for other matters properly relating thereto.

Council Member Langford moved to adopt Resolution No. 11-146, seconded by Council Member Schuler. Motion carried. Motion carried unanimously.

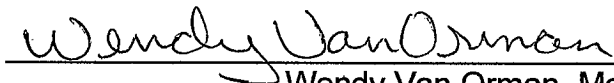
UNFINISHED / NEW BUSINESS

Director Smith asked for some guidance from the Council regarding the upcoming retreat.

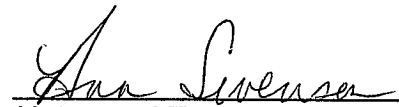
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned 7:51p.m.

These minutes are approved on February 15, 2011.



Wendy Van Orman, Mayor
City of Liberty Lake



Notes and Transcription by Ann Swenson, City Clerk. This Council meeting was also audio taped. Anyone desiring to listen to the recording may contact the City Clerk.