

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2009  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
22710 E COUNTRY VISTA DRIVE  
7:00 P.M.**

**INVOCATION**

Given by Council Member Schuler.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Mayor Van Orman, City Council, and Staff

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Van Orman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Council Member Jenkins	Doug Smith, Director of Community Dev.
Mayor Pro Tem Sayrs	Ann Swenson, Deputy City Clerk
Council Members Owens	Brian Asmus, Chief of Police
Council Member Crump	Sean Boutz, City Attorney
Council Member Schuler	Jessica Platt, Admin Svcs Manager
Council Member Olander	Amanda Tainio, Planning & Bldg Svcs Manager
Council Member Langford (absent)	Pamela Mogen, Library Director

Council Member Crump moved to excuse Council Member Langford, seconded by Council Member Jenkins. Motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Council Member Crump moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sayrs. Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

Council Member Owens moved to approve the City Council Minutes from February 17, 2009, seconded by Council Member Crump. Motion passed unanimously.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Dan Wilson, President of the United Steel Workers Union, Local 338, 15223 E. Cataldo, Spokane Valley, Washington approached the Mayor and City Council to discuss the

recent passage of the federal stimulus package. He talked about funding for local infrastructure projects in Spokane County and encouraged the Mayor and City Council to purchase American-made products for goods and services.

## **MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Council Member Schuler reminded the City Council that she will be out of the country for the next City Council meeting.

Council Member Crump provided a Finance Committee report. Vouchers were reviewed and discussions were held about golf course revenue and fees, debt service, funding and finance for Trailhead. Building permits and fees were also reviewed. The Committee is awaiting further information from City staff and may provide a recommendation at a future date regarding fees.

Council Member Jenkins said the Community Development Committee met to discuss the SAP process and TIF expenditures.

Council Member Crump acknowledged the Boy Scout troop in attendance at the meeting. Michael Zarecor introduced Scout Troop 406 and said they were in attendance to fulfill church obligations. Mayor Van Orman said Troop 406 has been very active in the community and thanked them for their service. Council Member Crump then talked about Mr. Mike Krueger's unexpected passing. Mr. Krueger was a refueling commander for Fairchild Air Force Base and was an active Boy Scout leader.

Mayor Van Orman said she now represents the City of Liberty Lake as a board member for the Spokane Transit Authority and Spokane Regional Transportation Council. She said this is an important role as regional transportation dialogue continues. The Mayor said an executive committee meeting is scheduled March 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss Spokane's Regional Strategic Transportation Initiative Decision. She asked to receive feedback from the City Council prior to that meeting. Mayor Van Orman also reported Liberty Lake will be forming a complete count committee to gather data for the US Department of Commerce's 2010 census. The census information will be used for grant funding allocations for various services and infrastructure. She also said a chamber of commerce event is scheduled at 4:00 p.m., April 14<sup>th</sup>, at the Peppertree Inn.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **MUNICIPAL LIBRARY:**

Library Director, Pamela Mogen, said the move to the new building has been completed. She gave an update, saying the library is essentially up and running with no significant problems. She noted traffic has been constant after 3:00 p.m. and people are coming in who have never used the library before. She said members of the press have been there from all three local papers and articles about the new library will be published soon. Ms. Mogen also said a preview tour of the new facility was well received by City Council Members, library board members, and committee members involved with the bond initiative.

#### CITY STAFF:

Community Development Director, Doug Smith, said the City of Liberty Lake is engaged with the regional process for transportation and land use issues. Staff has been working in conjunction with other jurisdictions to conduct financial options to attempt to keep a sustainable Spokane County. Another issue staff is working on is updating the urban growth area; however, it has yet to be settled at a regional level as it requires continued effort by metropolitan jurisdictions. Mr. Smith reported spring cleaning has been going on throughout the City and preliminary work continues on the parks and open space plan.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION:

Planning Commission Chairman, Dennis Paul, talked about the SAP for the River District. He said the City's staff report has been reviewed by the Planning Commission. Mr. Paul said the public hearing that was scheduled for March 11<sup>th</sup> has been postponed until April 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. After the public hearing has been held, Planning Commission recommendations will be forthcoming to the City Council.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY:

Liberty Lake Police Chief Brian Asmus said the LLPD has been busy moving items over to the new public safety building. The goal is to have everything moved by the end of next week. Chief Asmus talked about completion of Jason Gummersall and crew's Eagle Scout project at the new police department. He said cleanup work has been done and large boulders, donated by Sunrise Trucking, have been placed in front of the glass doors that will eventually be engraved. Chief Asmus said he and Mr. Smith met with another Eagle Scout group to see about putting up a flagpole at the new building, hopefully by the end of March. Chief Asmus and Mr. Smith attended the Inland Northwest Council of Boy Scouts of America's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Breakfast, where just under \$200,000 was raised. Chief Asmus also reported that on March 5<sup>th</sup> Officer Lance will be at the Q6 help desk to talk about car seat safety.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Spokane Valley Fire Department Captain Jeff Bordwell reported on 30 response calls in the month of February from the City of Liberty Lake, the recent hiring of Andy Hale, the new, additional Deputy Chief, and receiving a bid for a new apparatus. He said the Department will be going back out for bid, as the only one bid received was too high.

#### SEWER & WATER DISTRICT:

Water and Sewer Commissioner Frank Boyle reported it has been relatively slow at the Sewer & Water District and no applications for permits have been received thus far this year. Commissioner Boyle said sewer service rates have been increased by \$1.00 per month, effective March 1<sup>st</sup>, in an attempt to help offset expenses that TMDL will cause. Mayor Van Orman congratulated Commissioner Boyle on his recent appointment to the Steering Committee of Elected Officials.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

Council Member Crump moved to accept the Consent Agenda, which included vouchers totaling \$228,677.17, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sayrs. Motion passed unanimously.

Check number sequences were 10804 through 10837.  
Payroll check sequences were 5227 through 5286.

Mayor Van Orman updated the City Council regarding an application from the Valley HUB for tourism promotion funding. She said the Lodging Tax Advisory Board met to review the application and had recommended funding in the amount of \$30,000 to be used for rebranding, event development, and promotion.

Council Member Owens moved to accept the report and approve the expenditures as outlined, seconded by Council Member Crump. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Crump then moved to accept the Agreement for Services from DANCE CLASS, which is a new program offered by the City's Recreation Services, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sayrs. Motion passed unanimously.

## **RESOLUTION**

Mayor Van Orman, read Resolution 09-125 into the record, providing for the disposal of certain inventory items deemed to be surplus and no longer used by the City of Liberty Lake, Washington. Mayor Pro Tem Sayrs moved to adopt Resolution 09-125, seconded by Council Member Crump. Motion passed unanimously.

## **WORKSHOP DISCUSSIONS**

### Discussion of SAP Process:

Amanda Tainio, Planning & Building Services Manager, reviewed and discussed the nine steps in the Specific Area Plan review process. A brief discussion was then held regarding the process, applicable zoning issues, Planning Commission recommendations, City Council's authority, and LIFT funding. Planning Commission recommendations will be coming before the City Council in May, 2009.

### Review of TIF Expenditures:

Council Member Olander said the Community Development Committee had reviewed the tax increment financing (TIF) expenditures. He then gave a brief overview of the expenditures and emphasized it is important to move forward with this discussion. Councilman Olander brought this item before the City Council to see if the members are still interested, as a group, in getting review/approval authority over the TIF expenditures.

Community Development Director, Doug Smith, then provided some background of the City's relationship with Spokane County in the development of the TIF agreement and a letter of understanding to the County in May, 2008. He said a meeting is scheduled with the Spokane County Commissioners on March 10<sup>th</sup> to reintroduce them and executive staff to the original letter to let them know that "we do want to have a voice".

Buy America and Domestic Sourcing:


Council Member Owens moved to support the 2009 Resolution on the Spending of Federal Economic Renewal Grants, seconded by Council Member Crump.


Mayor Van Orman then read the proposed resolution which was received from the United Steelworkers. A brief discussion was then undertaken. Council Member Jenkins spoke in opposition of the wording contained in the proposed Resolution and moved to table the motion until further review. Council Member Crump expressed his support of the idea behind the proposed Resolution, but concurred with Councilman Jenkins regarding the stringency of the wording. Council Member Schuler seconded Councilman Jenkins' motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

These minutes are approved on March 17, 2009

  
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Wendy Van Orman, Mayor  
City of Liberty Lake

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