

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2010
CITY HALL
22710 E. COUNTRY VISTA DRIVE
7:00 P.M.**

INVOCATION

Given by Mayor Van Orman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Van Orman, City Council and City Staff

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Van Orman called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro Tem Crump
Council Member Schuler (absent)
Council Member Beckett
Council Member Langford
Council Member Owens (absent)
Council Member Romney (absent)
Council Member Kaminskas

Doug Smith, Dir. of Community Dev.
Ann Swenson, City Clerk
Brian Asmus, Chief of Police
Sean Boutz, City Attorney

Mayor Pro Tem Crump moved to excuse Council Members Schuler, Owens, and Romney, seconded by Council Member Langford. Motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Pro Tem Crump moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Council Member Langford. Motion carried unanimously.

WORKSHOP DISCUSSIONS

Valleyway / Lakeside Improvement Update: Since stakeholders were present in the audience, Mayor Van Orman asked the Council to address this workshop item first. Planning & Community Development Director, Doug Smith, reported the ad hoc committee met with both the developer and Spokane County's Parks Director. The agreed-upon solution will consist of a six-foot concrete sidewalk from Lideblad to Timberfield Lane. City staff is working on letter to the developer that they can use in order to secure their finances for the project, as well as a development agreement for the Council's consideration that would remove the developer's obligation for Condition

22 and receive release from their letter of credit of \$215,000. Upon completion of the construction, the City would put a two-year warranty deed in place.

Mary Munger, 104 Lindeblad Lane, Liberty Lake, WA: reported she is happy to hear progress is being made with the developer. She reiterated the neighborhood concern has always been pedestrian safety. She stated if this solution can be accomplished this year the primary concern will be addressed.

Shanna Hale 121 N. Lideblad Lane, Liberty Lake, WA: also stated she is happy about the progress. She expressed her desire for a specific commitment date from the developer. Mayor Van Orman responded that the project would take approximately three weeks and construction wouldn't begin until after the upcoming green home show. Ms. Hale commented that she would like the City to provide public awareness of the project for improved safety once construction does begin.

Building Code Updates: Director Smith addressed the packet information regarding updates to the building code. He explained the review and adoption process of building safety standards. He noted the most specific changes include an increased weight load design for roofs and addressing flood hazard areas in the city. A first-read Ordinance is anticipated to be presented to the Council June 1st.

Capital Facilities Plan: Director Smith then addressed the Capital Facilities Plan (CFP). The Liberty Lake Planning Commission has reviewed all projects from 2008-2014. The CFP is a functional plan for the City's Comprehensive Plan. The CFP has been reviewed by the Department of Commerce to ensure compliance with state statutes. The Community Development Committee (CDC) has reviewed the document. Director Smith then presented the CDC's modifications to the Planning Commission's recommendations of funding sources and timelines. The CDC's modifications resulted in a reduction of \$48,770. The CFP is anticipated to cost \$23 million over the next six years. Once the council members who were absent for tonight's meeting have had the opportunity to be briefed on the CFP, it is anticipated this will be brought forth as a first-read Ordinance.

Commute Trip Reduction (CTR): Director Smith reported this workshop item is related to Ordinance No. 77, which adopted by reference Spokane County's Commute Trip Reduction program in 2002. He explained Spokane County has made modifications to their CTR program and, in doing so, it is necessary to update the City's Ordinance to preclude inconsistency between the two. Ordinance No. 77 will be modified accordingly and will be brought forward in the form of a first-read at the next Council meeting.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: Mayor Pro Tem Crump provided a Finance Committee report. The committee discussed fencing along Rocky Hill Park, the cost of city services, vouchers, clarification of the term "City", and potential revenue scenarios.

Community Development: Council Member Langford provided a Community Development Report. The Committee briefly discussed the agenda projects for LIFT/TIF in the area. He noted that as a result of the Community Development's work, the CFP was brought forth and addressed earlier in workshop discussion.

Public Safety: Council Member Kaminskis provided a Public Safety report. The committee discussed construction of Spokane Valley Fire District's Station 10 and disaster simulations that will be taking place in Liberty Lake in June. In 2009, there was a 17% reduction in property crimes compared to 2008. Officer Mark Van Hyning has been chosen as the canine handler. Officers are attending drivers' training this week. A child safety day is planned with State Farm June 22nd. Talking on cell phones will become a primary offence effective June 1st. There has been a change in age requirements for driving golf carts. Cameras are up and running at the skate park.

Council Member Beckett reported about his attendance at the Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony. He has scheduled a tour of the Geiger facility and invited the mayor and other council members to join him.

Mayor Van Orman reminded everyone about the Association of Washington's upcoming annual conference. She reported on the groundbreaking for the new health and wellness clinic coming to town. She announced board members are needed for SCRAPS. The Liberty Lake Youth Commission has been meeting and are planning an amazing race event.

Council Member Beckett reported he met with representatives from the Hub and the Sports Commission to hear about takeover of ownership of the Hub. He encouraged other council members to meet with the sports commission and suggested it would be worthwhile to have a workshop discussion prior to scheduling a joint meeting with the City of Spokane Valley.

SALARY COMMISSION REPORT

Mayor Van Orman introduced Don Millikan, Salary Commission Chairman. Chairman Millikan reported the Salary Commission has conducted and concluded its salary review for the Liberty Lake mayor and council members. A public hearing was held May 4th. The Commission voted to increase salaries, effective January 1, 2011. The mayor's salary will increase from \$750 per month to \$1,250 per month and the council members' salaries from \$250 per month to \$400 per month. Chairman Millikan outlined the reasons for supporting the increase, which included the City's growth of approximately 111% since incorporation as well as the increase of over 240% in the City's budget since 2001. He also recognized there has been no change to the mayor and council member salaries since incorporation. The total annual increase is \$18,600.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda: Council Member Langford moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which included approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes from May 4, 2010 and checks through May 18, 2010 in the amount of \$93,037.63, seconded by Mayor Pro

Tem Crump. Motion carried unanimously. Check sequences were: EFT, totaling \$3,282.39, and check numbers 12177 through 12760, totaling \$89,755.24.

Approval of Payments: Mayor Pro Tem Crump moved to approve the final costs for reconstruction of Appleway Avenue in the amount of \$18,707.68, seconded by Council Member Langford. This amount represents the city's contribution to the corporate boundaries of the City of Liberty Lake, including asphalt, curbing, and sidewalk. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Crump moved to approve payment for work performed during March and April, 2010 for the second phase of Rocky Hill Park in the amount of \$124,394.11. Council Member Langford seconded the motion. The payment request is for first installation of work completed to date. Motion carried unanimously.

Change Order – Fence for Rocky Hill Park Phase 2: Mayor Pro Tem Crump moved to approve the change order for the additional fence near the eastern boundary of Rocky Hill Park in the amount of \$27,140.18, seconded by Council Member Beckett. Director Smith said this change order is for the installation of approximately 1200 lineal feet of fencing between city-owned public property of Phase 2 and private property. This change order increases the original contract amount to \$402,092. Motion carried 3-1, with Mayor Pro Tem Crump and Council Members Beckett and Kaminskas voting in favor, Council Member Langford opposed.

UNFINISHED / NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Pro Tem Crump talked about being an extremely connective community with all of the trails and pathways throughout the city. He asked the council to entertain a discussion during budget season on dedicated funds for upkeep, removal and replacement of trails.

Council Member Beckett discussed follow-up to the Council retreat. He said June 2nd was suggested as a proposed date to hold another workshop, and questioned whether that date was still being considered. It was decided that Mayor Pro Tem would follow up with Council Member Romney to bring a topic list back to discuss as a City Council report or possibly New Business during the next meeting.

Mayor Van Orman said she received word that the Liberty Lake yard sale will be an organized event and will be taken care of by Ann Weiler. The community yard sale will take place June 12th. The LLPD will be in charge of traffic control once again as it has in years past.

EXECUTIVE SESSION


At 8:15 p.m. Mayor Van Orman called adjournment into Executive Session as per RCW 42.30.110(h) for 30 minutes to discuss collective bargaining. She said a decision will be made upon adjournment of the Executive Session. At 8:45 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Crump announced an extension of the Executive Session for 10 more minutes. At 8:52 p.m., City Attorney, Sean Boutz, announced another extension for an additional 5 minutes. Mayor Van Orman called the meeting back to order at 8:58 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Crump moved to give the Mayor authority to enter into a contract with Summit Law Group, specifically Beth Kennar, regarding labor matters and negotiations. The motion is contingent on reference checks by the mayor and city staff. Council Member Langford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

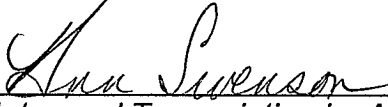
ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

These minutes are approved on June 1, 2010.



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.