

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2009  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
22710 E COUNTRY VISTA DRIVE  
7:00 P.M.**

**INVOCATION**

Given by Council Member Crump

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Mayor Van Orman, City Council, and Staff

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Van Orman called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Council Member Schuler  
Council Member Olander  
Council Member Crump  
Council Member Langford  
Council Member Owens  
Council Member Jenkins  
Council Member Romney

Doug Smith, Director of Community Dev.  
Ann Swenson, Deputy City Clerk  
Sean Boutz, City Attorney  
Amanda Tainio, Planning & Building Svcs Manager

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Council Member Jenkins asked to remove Item 12, Resolution No. 09-128, from the Agenda then moved to approve the Agenda as amended, seconded by Council Member Schuler. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – MAY 5, 2009**

Council Member Crump moved to approve the May 5, 2009 City Council Meeting Minutes, seconded by Council Member Jenkins. Motion passed 5-1, Council Member Owens abstained.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Captain Jeff Borwell, Spokane Valley Fire Department, 10610 N. Overview Drive, announced the Department has started a national program called "Stop, Drop and

Control". The program is to aid in the prevention of heart disease by offering blood pressure checks. Program hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will run for one year.

## **OATH OF OFFICE – RYAN ROMNEY**

Ann Swenson, Deputy City Clerk, conducted the Oath of Office for Ryan Romney. Councilman Romney will fill the Position 6 term until December 31, 2009.

## **MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Council Member Owens said she was honored to be at the signing of HB2261 today. She said this bill is the first attempt by the legislature to redefine basic education in over 30 years. Councilwoman Owens will be working in conjunction with the Coalition for Education to establish a funding stream for this bill.

Council Member Schuler reported she and her husband sponsored a table on behalf of the City at the All City Civic Military Luncheon last week. She said the event was well attended by other city representatives.

Council Member Romney introduced his family. Mayor Van Orman welcomed Councilman Romney's family and said she believes Councilman Romney will be quite an asset to Liberty Lake.

Council Member Crump gave a Finance Committee report. Vouchers, the fee schedule comparison outlined in Ordinance No. 177, and a proposal for paperless packets were reviewed and discussed.

Mayor Van Orman then read a resignation letter from Planning Commissioner Jeff Hoover. She commended Commissioner Hoover for his hard work and dedication. She also said that Avista announced an 8.1% natural gas price reduction, which is the lowest rate in four years. She invited everyone to attend her commencement of the State of the City Address May 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Valley HUB. She reported on the success of the Public Safety Building's Open House, the Emergency Management meeting, and meeting with two business groups who will be participating in our Buy Local Campaign.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Van Orman presented Rich Peplinski from Peplinski Excavation a Certificate of Appreciation for his donation to Rocky Hill Park. She thanked him for his donation as well as the hard work he does throughout the City. Director Doug Smith also thanked Mr. Peplinski for installation of the flag poles at our public sites.

Mayor Van Orman presented Bob Schneidmiller from the Kiwanis Club of Liberty Lake a Certificate of Appreciation for their donation to the Skate Park. She thanked him for all of the work the Kiwanis Club does throughout the community.

Deni Luna, Media Specialist, for the 2010 US Census Department, gave a brief presentation about the 2010 Census. She said anything we can do to get the word out

about the Census would be greatly appreciated. She provided constitutional background about the Census and how the count is used for distribution of federal funds. Census Day is April 1, 2010.

## **PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Van Orman then read a proclamation for the City of Liberty Lake, Washington declaring, "It's in our Hands." The proclamation supports the goals and ideals for the 2010 Census and encourages people in Liberty Lake to participate in events that will raise awareness of the census.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

Selection of Mayor Pro Tem: After the City Attorney explained the process for nominating the Mayor Pro Tem, Council Member Owens nominated Council Member Crump. Council Member Jenkins seconded the nomination. The Mayor called for the vote, which passed unanimously. Councilman Crump will fulfill the role of Mayor Pro Tem through December 31, 2009.

Consent Agenda: Council Member Crump moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which included vouchers in the amount of \$101,286.87, seconded by Council Member Owens. Motion passed unanimously.

Agreement for Services – Dixie Schopp: Council Member Crump moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an Agreement for Services with Dixie Schopp to conduct classes for CHI KUNG, seconded by Council Member Owens. Motion passed unanimously.

At 7:35 p.m., Mayor Van Orman called for a brief recess so that the Council Members could review information received from Greenstone Corporation regarding Ordinance No. 177. The meeting reconvened at 7:41 p.m.

## **ORDINANCE**

Ann Swenson, Deputy City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 177 into the record, repealing Ordinances No. 52 and No. 53 and adopting a new Planning & Building Services and Public Works fee schedule. Council Member Crump moved to discuss Ordinance No. 177, seconded by Council Member Olander.

Finance Committee Member, Councilman Jenkins, said it is the Committee's recommendation to adopt Option #4. He said Option #4 is in the best interest of the stakeholders who already have an ownership position in the City to maintain the equity they might have developed. He also said the fees are relatively consistent with other entities in the surrounding communities.

Councilman Langford expressed concern about language contained in the Fee Administration section that could be problematic such as "at the discretion of staff" and "excessive staff time" because the criteria those terms are based on are unclear. He spoke in favor of Option #3, and stated it could be "trimmed back" even more. He spoke

in opposition of Option #4 and disagreed that the fee schedule kept Liberty Lake consistent with other jurisdictions.

Council Member Olander expressed his support of Option #4. He acknowledged that raising fees is a painful thing to do but said, "We have to ask ourselves what sort of service are developers or customers getting?" He said our City has good aesthetics and businesses want to come here.

Member Owens expressed her support of Option #4. She agreed that raising fees is not an easy decision to make. She said we have provided good services in this City such as water, streets, police, etc., and will continue to provide them; however, in order to do this we have to come a little closer to breaking even.

Council Member Schuler expressed that, as a business owner, what is important is the return on the investment. She emphasized that the importance of this decision is to be business friendly so that businesses can see that rate of return on their investment by coming to Liberty Lake.

Mayor Van Orman then opened the floor to receive citizen comments; no comments were received.

Council Member Jenkins moved to accept Option #4 of Ordinance 177, seconded by Council Member Owens. Motion passed 4-3, with Council Members Jenkins, Owens, Olander and Romney in favor, and Council Members Langford, Crump, and Schuler opposed.

#### **UNFINISHED / NEW BUSINESS**

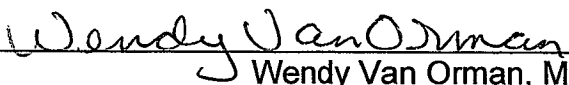
Ann Swenson asked that if anyone was interested in attending the upcoming AWC Annual Conference to please let her know.

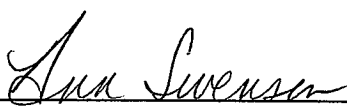
The Community Development Committee will meet soon to discuss the Planning Commission's recommendation regarding the River District's Specific Area Plan, and then bring those recommendations before the City Council.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

These minutes are approved on June 2, 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*