

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2009
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
22710 E COUNTRY VISTA DRIVE
7:00 P.M.**

INVOCATION

Given by Council Member Jenkins

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Van Orman, City Council, and Staff

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Van Orman called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Member Schuler	Doug Smith, Director of Community Dev.
Council Member Olander	Ann Swenson, Deputy City Clerk
Council Member Crump	Brian Asmus, Chief of Police
Council Member Langford	Sean Boutz, City Attorney
Council Member Owens (absent)	Amanda Tainio, Planning & Building Svcs Manager
Council Member Jenkins	

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

Council Member Jenkins requested a short recess before the second reading of Ordinance No. 177 to review recently-received information from the Spokane Home Builders Association. Council Member Jenkins moved to approve the Agenda as amended, seconded by Council Member Langford. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Member Jenkins moved to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes from April 21, 2009, seconded by Council Member Langford. Motion passed 4-1, Council Member Crump abstained.

grade class is half way completed, the first car seat clinic has been conducted at the new building, and fire arms and annual driving training have been scheduled.

Planning Commission:

Doug Smith, Community Development Director, said Planning Commission Chairman, Dennis Paul called in his report. He said the River District SAP discussions are continuing and a public hearing is scheduled for May 13th at 4:00 p.m. A recommendation by the Planning Commission is anticipated to be forwarded to the City Council for consideration after their deliberations on the 13th.

Fire District

Spokane Valley Deputy Chief, Larry Rider, thanked Council Member Langford for his participation at the District's strategic positioning meeting. He reported a new fire apparatus has been purchased. The District has received 400 applicants for the firefighter entrance test. He gave a brief report regarding the swine flu, and said they have not seen an increase in calls, but have updated their dispatch questions. The District has received a \$40,000 grant from FEMA for personal protective equipment.

Sewer & Water District:

Commissioner Tom Agnew reported the District is having a rather manageable spring. He said cleaning activities are going well, and thanked the City for co-sponsoring the recent clean-up event.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Bob Schneidmiller, Liberty Lake Kiwanis, presented the Mayor and City Council \$500 in support of the Skate Park. Mr. Schneidmiller said the park will do a lot for our kids. He thanked Pat Dockery as well for his help and participation. Mayor Van Orman thanked Mr. Schneidmiller and the Kiwanis.

Mr. Pat Dockery, Dockery Mechanical, Inc., spoke of the tremendous volunteerism in Liberty Lake. He then presented \$5,000 to the Mayor and City Council for the Skate Park. Mayor Van Orman thanked him for all of his outstanding support and hard work. Council Member Crump requested that no administrative costs get taken out of this donation and that all of it goes directly to the park. Council Member Langford thanked Mr. Dockery for the generous donation. Because of the amount of dedication and leadership Mr. Dockery has devoted toward this endeavor, Councilman Langford suggested naming the park Dockery Skate Park. Council Member Schuler thanked Mr. Dockery for the great example he has shown our young citizens with his perseverance.

PROCLAMATION – National Reading Month 2009

Mayor Van Orman read the Proclamation of the City of Liberty Lake, Washington declaring the month of May as Liberty Lake Reading Month.

ACTION ITEMS

Council Member Crump moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which included vouchers totaling \$259,106.86, seconded by Council Member Jenkins. Motion passed

unanimously. Check sequences were: 11025 through 11073. Payroll check sequences were: 5350 through 5418.

RESOLUTION

Ann Swenson, Deputy City Clerk, read Resolution No. 01-005B into the record, amending Resolution No. 01-005A, establishing the time, place and date of regular city Council meetings and providing for the posting of the Agenda. Council Member Crump moved to adopt Resolution No. 01-005B, seconded by Council Member Langford. Motion passed unanimously.

At 8:03 p.m., Mayor Van Orman called for a 10 minute recess. The meeting reconvened at 8:12 p.m.

ORDINANCE – SECOND READING

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 Jenkins moved to adopt Ordinance No. 177, seconded by Council Member Crump.

Planning & Building Services Manager, Amanda Tainio, said the goal is to provide transparency of fees, reallocation of the 22% surcharge and, secondarily, additional cost recovery; there has been no fee modification since the City incorporated. She reported the Finance Committee has reviewed four options. The Committee chose Option 4, which has the fees at or below the highest market rate, and is included in Ordinance No. 177.

Discussions were then held regarding the phasing of fees, whether we're helping or hurting commercial developers, not having reviewed the fees since 2001, the high quality of processing that the City currently offers, encouraging business development within City limits and providing jobs, clarification of the appropriateness of the fees, and appropriateness of the timing.

Mayor Van Orman then opened the floor to receive citizens comments.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Drew Benado, Greenstone Corporation, commented on the fee schedule. He talked about the differences between the City of Spokane and the City of Liberty Lake. He spoke about how the proposed fee structure hits on different levels of who is affected by it. He outlined some examples and asked the City Council to take that into consideration. He also asked the City Council to consider looking at municipalities other than Spokane for comparison rates.

Edie Streicher, Government Affairs Director, Spokane Home Builders Association (SHBA), 5813 E. 4th Avenue, Spokane Valley, WA. Ms. Streicher apologized for the late comments submitted by SHBA. She asked the Mayor and City Council to carefully consider those comments prior to making a decision. She said the proposed fee

increases are extreme, will deter future development within City limits, and could push business development into Idaho.

After hearing citizen's comments, a brief discussion was held by the Council Members regarding the proposed fees. Councilman Crump moved to table the vote for two weeks to further study the proposed fees and options, seconded by Council Member Schuler. Motion carried 3-2, with Council Members Schuler, Crump, and Langford in favor, and Council Members Olander and Jenkins opposed.

UNFINISHED / NEW BUSINESS

Special Meeting - May 12, 2009:

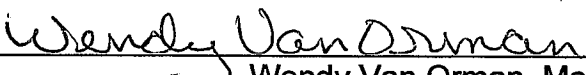
Mayor Van Orman said so far only one application has been received for the vacant City Council seat. She said she would advise the Council members via email if more applications are received once the May 8th deadline to submit them has passed. If more applications are received, the Special Meeting to review and screen the applicants will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Van Orman also said she would like to add the selection of a new Mayor Pro Tem onto the May 19th agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

These minutes are approved on May 19, 2009.



Wendy Van Orman, Mayor
City of Liberty Lake



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 Deputy City Clerk.