

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2009
PAVILLION PARK
727 N. MOLTER
7:00 P.M.**

INVOCATION

Given by Council Member Owens

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

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| Council Member Jenkins | Doug Smith, Director of Community Dev. |
| Mayor Pro Tem Crump | Ann Swenson, Deputy City Clerk |
| Council Members Owens | Brian Asmus, Chief of Police |
| Council Member Romney | Pamela Mogen, Library Director |
| Council Member Schuler | |
| Council Member Olander | |
| Council Member Langford (absent) | |

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Pro Tem Crump asked to add "Approval of Minutes" under the Unfinished/New Business section of the Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Crump then moved to approve the Agenda as amended, seconded by Council Member Jenkins. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Pro Tem Crump moved to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes from July 7, 2009 and July 21, 2009, seconded by Council Member Owens. Motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Crump provided a Finance Committee Report. Vouchers and HR issues relating to job postings, job openings, and review of a current job description were discussed. The Committee's meeting time and approving City Council Meeting minutes were also discussed.

Mayor Pro Tem Crump said he attended Spokane Regional Health District's meeting and Swine flu was a big topic. Flu usually has a greater impact on the elderly, however, this strain seems to be impacting children more. This is a great concern because children will soon be returning to school. He alerted the fire and police departments to be aware of the possibility that they will see increased cases of the Swine flu this year and to be prepared. Mayor Pro Tem Crump also reported the West Nile Virus continues to have minimal effect in the State of Washington.

Mayor Van Orman provided a report on the Buy Local/Reusable Bag Campaign. More than 1870 homes in Liberty Lake have received the reusable bags so far and one more distribution of 835 bags is scheduled for September. The bags contain promotional items from local businesses and encourage citizens to buy locally. Mayor Van Orman thanked the Liberty Lake Youth Commission for their help delivering the bags. She spoke about National Night Out, saying this night provides a chance for everyone to get out, get to know their neighbors, and get neighborhood watches put together.

STAFF AND AGENCY REPORTS

City: Community Development Director, Doug Smith, provided a brief City report. The second quarter financial report has been completed and will be formally submitted for the Council's consideration at the next meeting. Overall, the City is doing quite well; revenues are on track and expenditures are a bit lower than budgeted. He spoke about the upcoming property tax initiative, I-1033, and said staff is monitoring what impacts it will have on the City. Director Smith reported recreation programs are all doing exceedingly well this year, maintenance for streets and paths is nearly completed for the season, and various residential and commercial projects are underway. The City has received 14 responses from businesses that are willing and able to participate in the wayfinding exercise to explore sign design options. Comprehensive and Development Code Amendments are being reported to the Planning Commission. In closing, Director Smith said activity at Trailhead Golf Course is slower than expected.

Municipal Library: Library Director, Pamela Mogen, provided a library update. Patron visits and total card issuances are up. Circulation has hit 22,577 items in the past week, which is a 44% increase over this same time as last year. The summer reading program has 695 registrations. Ms. Mogen said the library will be hosting family movies the first three Thursday nights this month and is co-sponsoring the Guitar Hero tournament on August 27th. The Library Board held its annual retreat to review priorities for 2010. Ms. Mogen also provided an update on upcoming fall and winter events.

Public Safety: Police Chief, Brian Asmus, provided a Public Safety report. The Liberty Lake Police Department has applied for a \$9,999 grant through Community Trade and Economic Development. If awarded, the funds will be used to upgrade the

computer/server infrastructure at the police department. Chief Asmus said the Department received two breath testing machines this week, and he participated in a fundraising event for Special Olympics that raised over \$4,000. He also spoke about the H1N1 virus. Swine flu has been a big topic at the emergency management level for Spokane County and strategic and operational plans are being worked on to address the concern. The Liberty Lake Police Department received notification that it did not receive grant funding for two additional police officers. He also reported that representatives from the Liberty Lake Police Department and Spokane Valley Fire Department attended one of the National Night Out block parties prior to the City Council meeting.

Council Member Olander brought up the subject of driving while talking on a cell phone. He stated another study was recently released that demonstrates the danger of the distraction of talking on a cell phone while driving and how it ranks close to drinking and driving. Speaking as a citizen and not a Council Member, Neal Olander urged Chief Asmus to help enforce the State ban on cell phone usage while driving.

Fire District: Spokane Valley Fire Department Chief, Larry Rider, said the Department and County are engaged in dialogue to resolve parking issues on narrow streets near the lake. Department personnel had difficulty turning the apparatuses around during the 4th of July fireworks presentation. Chief Rider said Department staff has participated in several National Night Out events. He warned about the fire danger being extremely high and recommended caution and awareness. The Spokane Valley Fire Department has shared personnel to aid in the Chelan and Yakima areas. In Liberty Lake, there were 28 incidents reported for July. Chief Rider reported the Valley Fire Department received \$47,000 in federal dollars for reimbursement of snow-related expenses last year. Some federal stimulus money is available now and the Spokane Valley Fire Department has put together a grant request for a \$1.5 million application. If awarded, the money will go towards building Fire Station 10, which is shovel ready. Chief Rider also spoke about the H1N1 flu virus. All fire personnel have been issued LS200 respirators in preparation for flu season. He suggested every citizen do what they can to protect themselves.

Liberty Lake Youth Commission: Liberty Lake Youth Commission Members Danielle Mertens, Secretary, and Helen Yuan, Vice Chair, provided a Youth Commission update. The Commission thanked Albertsons and the Liberty Lake community for helping with their car wash fund raiser last weekend, which raised \$60. The proceeds will help pay for transportation for a trip to Splash Down August 20th. Commission members have been helping the Kiwanis Club with operating concession stands. The skate park competition is on hold until the Commission can get local skate shops to help with sponsorships. They are hoping to have the event in late September. Other upcoming Youth Commission events include: Making a Difference Day, a blood drive, helping Habitat for Humanity, and participation in the City's tree lighting ceremony in December.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda: Mayor Pro Tem Crump moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which included August 4, 2009 vouchers totaling \$278,458.81, seconded by Council Member Jenkins. Motion passed unanimously.

Voucher check sequences were: 11430 through 11490.

UNFINISHED / NEW BUSINESS

River District SAP Site Tour: Doug Smith reported the River District SAP Site Tour will take place August 11, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Anyone interested in the tour should meet at 6:00 p.m. in front of City Hall to catch the bus. Council Members Owens and Olander both reported they have schedule conflicts and will be unable to attend.

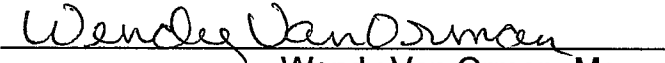
Visit National Night Out Homes: Mayor Van Orman said she and the City Council members would attend the National Night Out event on Aladdin following this evening's meeting; however, Chief Asmus reported the event ended at 7:00 p.m.


Approval of Minutes: Mayor Pro Tem Crump discussed approval of City Council meeting minutes. He explained that even if a Council Member misses a meeting, he or she does not need to abstain from voting on the meeting minutes. He said legal advisors for the Spokane Regional Health District and the City of Spokane Valley have the same opinion, and stated is comfortable with those opinions. Mayor Pro Tem Crump suggested moving forward in the same direction. Mayor Van Orman commented the Spokane Transit Authority (STA) follows similar protocol for minute approval and they actually include approval of minutes with their Consent Agenda. Council Member Owens liked the idea of including approval of the minutes in the Consent Agenda portion of the Agenda. She stated it would be more efficient and suggested we start this practice.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

These minutes are approved on August 18, 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 City Clerk