



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2010
CITY HALL
22710 E. COUNTRY VISTA DRIVE
7:00 P.M.**

INVOCATION

Given by Council Member Langford

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 7:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Ann Swenson, City Clerk
Doug Smith, Comm. Dev Director
Brian Asmus, Chief of Police
Jessica Platt, Admin Svcs Mngr
Sean Boutz, City Attorney

Mayor Pro Tem Crump moved to excuse Council Member Beckett, seconded by Council Member Schuler. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Pro Tem Crump requested to remove Agenda Item 7, Workshop Discussion; Potential Revenue Sources. Council Member Langford moved to approve the Agenda with the requested amendment, seconded by Council Member Schuler. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Ron Ragge, 116 N. Lindeblad Lane, Liberty Lake, WA: reported he, Ms. Mary Munger, and Ms. Shanna Hale met with city personnel about the process the staff is using to obtain a grant to resolve the safety issue on Valleyway/Lakeside. Mr. Ragge publicly thanked the Community Development Director, City Engineer, and Accounting Technician for their efforts to solve this problem. He stated, "In the event grant funding is denied, we intend to continue in the pursuit of a solution until a satisfactory pathway or sidewalk is installed."

Trevor Brown, N. 20 Idaho Road, Liberty Lake, WA: spoke in opposition to closing the library. He said a lot of people use the library on a regular basis, including he and his family. He commented the library provides a very good opportunity to help educate children in our society and many young people use the library for educational resources outside of textbooks. He

asked the council not to close the library due to budget cuts. Council Member Schuler commended Trevor for having the courage to come to the meeting and address the council.

Shaun Brown N. 20 Idaho Road, LL: thanked the mayor and council for the opportunity to address them. She said even though her family lives outside the city limits, they would be glad to pay for a city library card if it would help the city finance library services. She claimed the library is a great service to the community, yet understands the need to balance the budget and cut costs. She suggested that even cutting library hours would still allow people to enjoy the service. She also acknowledged her understanding that if the city chose to rejoin the county's library district, the tax payers would pay more than they currently do, without getting as easily accessible service. Council Member Owens responded the library will start assessing non-residents a small fee; \$30 for an individual or \$50 for a household. She thanked Ms. Brown for coming and speaking, noting the library is "very dear to many of us".

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL / COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development Committee: There was no Community Development Committee report.

Finance Committee: Mayor Pro Tem Crump reported the Finance Committee met and mostly discussed revenue sources and potential areas of cost savings. Several impact options, including everything from large scale to small scale, were reviewed. Mayor Pro Tem Crump believes the council can't make this shortfall on cuts alone, but there is an obligation to the citizenry to look at the budget and do the best it can. Council Member Langford agreed that the deficit cannot be taken care of by cuts alone, stating it is very distasteful to have to consider taxes during this economic time. He explained that even with the limited methods available for the city to raise revenue, services that are provided, and cuts that would be proposed will still result in a "no-frills" budget for 2011. The Finance Committee also reviewed and discussed vouchers.

Public Safety Committee: Council Member Kaminskas reported negotiations have begun for the new police contract. She provided an update on the K-9 program, and reported the LLPD will receive new, grant-funded, radios next year which will allow better interoperable communications.

Council Member Owens reported she and Council Member Schuler attended the dedication of the fire station in Greenacres. She spoke about the safe-harbor area at the new fire station, and said the entryway at the city's police station is also a great location for a safe place.

Mayor Van Orman reported she and Council Member Kaminskas attended 14-year-old Cohl Orebaugh's attempt to get a Guinness World Record at the Liberty Lake Skate Park. Mayor Van Orman reported she met Colonel Paul Guemmer, the new Commander at Fairchild Air Force Base. The mayor, Council Member Owens, and Director Doug Smith attended the Council of Governments meeting, where jail and veteran services as well as the Transportation Benefit District (TBD) were discussed. The city of Spokane, while is in favor of initially implementing its own \$20.00 car tab TBD, will dissolve it when the regional TBD is voter approved. Liberty Lake had a TBD established prior to incorporation, and is set to be paid off in 2014. Liberty Lake's TBD is set up for a 25-year duration.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda: Mayor Pro Tem Crump moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which included approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes from September 7, 2010, and checks

through September 21, 2010 in the amount of \$188,494.95. Council Member Schuler seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Check sequences were 13179 through 13227.

Amended Agreement for Banking Services with US Bank: Administrative Services Manager, Jessica Platt, explained the attorney for US Bank has requested some minor language changes as well as the addition of the Deposit Agreement to the recently-adopted banking services contract. No fiscal impact will be made to the city as a result of these requested amendments. City Attorney, Sean Boutz, reported he has reviewed the changes. Mayor Pro Tem Crump moved to accept the amended Agreement with US bank, seconded by Council Member Owens. Motion carried unanimously.

Consolidation Agreement with XO Communications: Ms. Platt then addressed the consolidation agreement. The city currently has three separate contracts with XO Communications for telecommunication services; City Hall, LLPD, and the library. Administrative Services staff has been working with XO to consolidate the Agreements. XO has agreed to consolidation and has offered the city a discount by doing so, which results in an annual cost savings of approximately \$3,887.52. The Agreement is for a three-year term. Council Member Romney moved to accept the Consolidation Agreement, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Crump. Motion passed unanimously.

PROCLAMATION: Mayor Van Orman read into the record a proclamation recognizing September 24, 25, and 26, 2010 as ValleyFest Days. ValleyFest organizer, Peggy Doering, thanked the mayor and the council for their support. She then explained some of the events that will take place at ValleyFest.

FIRST SECOND READ

Ann Swenson, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 186 into the record, an Ordinance of the City of Liberty Lake, Washington Regulating the Use of Golf Carts (or Similar Vehicles) on Public Property Within the City of Liberty Lake, and Repealing Ordinance 150 in its Entirety.

Ann Swenson, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 187 into the record, An Ordinance of the City of Liberty Lake, Washington Granting the Right of Franchise to Electric Lightwave, LLC a Wholly-Owned Subsidiary of Integra Telecom Holdings, Inc., for the Operation of a Telecommunications System in the City of Liberty Lake.

City Attorney Boutz reported this will not be a second read during the council next meeting, because there is a publication requirement that has to be met prior to a second read.

UNFINISHED / NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Kaminskas thanked the maintenance crew for their work to make the crosswalks visible again. She also thanked Greenstone for their work with Spokane Valley Pop Warner Football, allowing the league to use the property at Meadowwood Technologies to hold games this year.

Council Member Schuler asked Director Smith for an update on the conversations with home owners in Rocky Hill Park regarding the foot path area behind their homes. Director Smith reported he and Council Member Langford met with two neighborhood representatives, John Monroe and Casey Mason, to review the neighbors' concerns. He believes the city has resolved the residents' greatest concerns, which were security and aesthetics. A price has been obtained to put in additional fencing for safety purposes, and reseeding with native vegetation will take place once construction has been completed. Council Member Langford added he has had further discussion since the initial meeting. Mr. Monroe and Mr. Casey spoke with their other

resident constituents in that area. As it stands now, they feel their particular problems have been answered and addressed by the city. He said what is necessary now is to get the area cleaned of the weeds and reseeded in natural foliage. Councilman Langford said, after further consideration, there will be no more fencing or gates put up in the area; the residents think that may be more of an invite to trouble than it is worth.

Mayor Pro Tem Crump then addressed the council about budget scenarios. He asked the council members to get ideas and/or suggestions they may have to Director Smith and Administrative Services Manager Platt since they have enough data to answer any questions. Council Member Kaminskas asked for a consolidated question and answer list in order to avoid duplication. Mayor Van Orman asked the council to send questions to her, and she will compile the list.

Council Member Kaminskas then asked for an update on the trees on Sprague. Director Smith reported the next meeting with the neighborhood group is scheduled for October 1st. Staff is looking at immediate pruning. Staff has also gone through the exercise of identifying which trees on the south side of Sprague are in the public right of way, which will be discussed at the October 1st meeting. The City of Liberty Lake has attempted working with Spokane County to establish a partnership to address trees, but to no avail at this point.

Mayor Van Orman acknowledged tonight was the last meeting that Hope Brumbach, Liberty Lake Splash's Editor, would be attending.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Hope Brumbach said she has enjoyed her work at the Splash for the last few years. She said she is expecting her first child in a few weeks has decided to be a full-time mom. She then introduced Kelly Moore, who will be taking over the reporting duties for the Splash and attending City Council meetings.

Ron Ragge asked where he could he get a copy of the proposed golf cart ordinance and whether the managers of three local golf courses have been informed of the proposed Ordinance. Mayor Van Orman explained the city currently has a golf cart Ordinance in place, however, it is being updated to include recently-passed state legislation. A copy of Ordinance No. 186 was provided to Mr. Ragge.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Attorney Boutz stated the council would adjourn into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining. He said no decisions would be made, and the council meeting would adjourn immediately upon the end of Executive Session.

At 7:53 p.m., Mayor Van Orman called for a 10 minute recess. At 8:03 p.m. Mayor Van Orman called the Executive Session to order as per RCW 42.30.110(h) to discuss collective bargaining. The Executive Session adjourned at 9:23 p.m. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

These minutes are approved on October 5, 2010.

Wendy Van Orman
Wendy Van Orman, Mayor
City of Liberty Lake

Ann Swenson

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.