CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2008
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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 Staff

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Van Orman called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Member Jenkins
Mayor Pro Tem Sayrs
Council Member Owens
Council Member Crump
Council Member Schuler
Council Member Olander
Council Member Langford

Doug Smith, Director, Community Dev.
Cindy Smith, City Clerk (Absent)
Brian Asmus, Chief of Police
Sean Boutz, City Attorney
Jessica Platt, Admin. Services Manager

AGENDA APPROVAL

Council Member Crump moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Council Member Langford. Mayor Van Orman called for the vote. Motion Approved. In Favor: Unanimous; Opposed: None

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Member Crump moved to accept the City Council Meeting Minutes from March 4, 2008, seconded by Council Member Langford. Mayor Van Orman called for the vote. Motion approved. In Favor: Unanimous; Opposed: None

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Van Orman reported she was elected to the 911 Board Northeast Washington Mayor's Association. She also stated there will be a community clean green day in May and November. The City will partner with the Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District for the community clean days. Mayor Van Orman said they will accept one truckload per household. During the "Spring Clean Day" in May, yard waste and garbage, excluding appliances, will be accepted. In November, only yard waste will be accepted. Mayor Van Orman reported she had met with the Mayors from around Spokane County. City of Spokane Valley would like to meet with the Liberty Lake City Council to discuss erecting a welcome sign for the entryway between the City of Liberty Lake and City of Spokane Valley. Mayor Van Orman also reported receiving a tour of Itron during the Liberty Lake Advisory Board Meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Sayrs reported he had attended a meeting for the design of the Arboretum. During the meeting, nine WSU student's design projects were pared down.

Council Member Owens said the Finance Committee had met that evening to go over the formulation of ethics policies. She also reported vouchers were reviewed during the meeting.

Council Member Crump explained he met with legislators in Olympia as a member of the State Board of Health. He said the Board is looking at several issues including built environments and what it means to go green, vaccine shortages, and pollution. He has been asked to introduce the Associate Director of SAMSA during the May statewide summit. Council Member Crump explained the Liberty Lake Police Department received a thank you letter from someone who had been arrested by an officer. The arrest had changed this person's life for the better.

5 – YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

Mayor Van Orman presented Five Year Service Awards to Mary Wren – Wilson, Chris Lowe, and Mike Thomas.

APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Council Member Crump moved to confirm Dan Dunne to the Planning Commission, seconded by Council Member Owens. Mayor Van Orman called for the vote. Motion Approved. In Favor: Unanimous; Opposed: None

Council Member Crump moved to confirm Dennis Paul to the Planning Commission, seconded by Council Member Jenkins. Mayor Van Orman called for the vote. Motion Approved. In Favor: Unanimous; Opposed: None

Council Member Crump moved to confirm Daniel De Nike to the Planning Commission, seconded by Council Member Jenkins. Mayor Van Orman called for the vote. Motion Approved. In Favor: Unanimous; Opposed: None

ACTION ITEMS

Council Member Crump moved to approve the vouchers in the amount of $75,338.42, minus the removed invoice for $217.20 to Imagistics, seconded by Council Member Jenkins. Mayor Van Orman called for the vote. Motion Approved. In Favor: Unanimous; Opposed: None

Check sequences were: 9292 through 9353

2008 Spokane County Multi-Jurisdictional Capital Parks Program
Council Member Crump moved to approve the 2008 Spokane County Multi-Jurisdictional Capital Parks Program, seconded by Council Member Langford. Mayor Van Orman called for the vote. Motion Approved. In Favor: Unanimous; Opposed: None

Approval of Agreement for Services – Valley Hub
Council Member Crump moved to approve the Agreement for Services with the Valley HUB, seconded by Council Member Owens.

Mayor Van Orman explained her husband will participate as a volunteer boxing coach, and will not receive monetary compensation for his time. Council Member Jenkins asked if this type of agreement is open to all vendors. Mayor Van Orman explained the agreement for services is open to all vendors. Attorney Sean Boutz called attention to the form, and explained this was a standard agreement form for any provider.

Mayor Van Orman called for the vote. Motion Approved. In Favor: Unanimous; Opposed: None

WORKSHOP DISCUSSIONS

Arboretum
Planning and Building Services Manager, Amanda Tainio, led a workshop presentation on the Nature's Place at Meadowwood Arboretum. Amanda Tainio explained the 2.8 acre future arboretum is located next to Liberty Lake City Hall. She explained the background on the arboretum including community workshop activities, as well as the mission, goals and objectives of the future arboretum. The Community Development Department worked with landscape architect students at Washington State University on conceptual designs for the arboretum. In February 2008, the students presented interim designs. On February 29th nine final master plan concepts were presented by the students. Of the nine designs, Michelle Berry's final master plan concept was selected by the design committee. Amanda Tainio discussed Michelle Berry's design in detail.

She explained the next steps include working with Michelle Berry to refine design concepts.

Michelle Berry was presented with a certificate from Mayor Van Orman in appreciation of her hard work and effort. She then answered questions from Council Members on her arboretum design concept.

Cooperation Agreement for Community Development Block Grant Funds
Doug Smith, Director of Community Development, discussed the cooperation agreement for Community Development Block Grant funds. He explained the City has been approached by Spokane County in the past to participate in the Block Grant consortium; however the City's opportunity for grant funding had been limited. If the City chose to be a member of the consortium, the City would be eligible for HUD and Community Development Block Grant funds. The funding would primarily be used for infrastructure projects in Liberty Lake. This would provide the City with another funding opportunity that did not previously exist. The deadline on the Cooperation Agreement for Community Development Block Grant Funds is May 23, 2008.

TIF/LIFT Priorities
Doug Smith explained the TIF/LIFT priorities resolution. The resolution is intended to add further clarification made by the Community Development Committee. The intent is to establish priorities for the use of community revitalization funding for planning and projects within the River District Revenue Development Area. Council Member Langford inquired about whether or not to specify the meaning of arterial streets. Council Member Jenkins expressed concerns regarding the type of streets that would receive funding. He suggested they define roads with retail potential. Council Member Olander said the general consensus of the Community Development Committee was that there needed to be more specificity in the language. Mayor Van Orman suggested bringing the proposed resolution back to the Community Development Committee.

UNFINISHED / NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Pro Tem Sayrs explained there were openings on the AWC Board of Directors.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Pat Dockrey invited the community to the Kiwanis Breakfast on Saturday, March 22nd at the Liberty Lake Elementary School.

Dennis Paul, 626 N Idaho Road, wanted to thank the City Council for appointing him to the Planning Commission. He also explained the Arboretum would offer great opportunities for Eagle Scout projects.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion, the Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

These Minutes are approved this 1st day of April, 2008.

Wendy Van Orman

Wendy Van Orman, Mayor
City of Liberty Lake

Jessica Platt

Notes and Transcription by Jessica Platt, Administrative Services Mgr. This Council Meeting was audio taped. Anyone desiring to listen to the recording may contact the City Clerk.