

# CITY OF STANWOOD

*Regular Meeting of the City Council  
Thursday, April 10, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.*

*Stanwood-Camano School District Administration Building Board Room*

## MINUTES

### 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Dianne W. White called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 2. Roll Call

City Clerk Melissa Collins called the roll with the following Councilmembers present: Timothy Loney, Andy Chappel, Arne Wennerberg, Shelley Klasse, Conrad Ryer, and Bill Carlton.

Councilmember Leonard Kelley and Student Advisor Drew Kidd were excused.

Also present: City Administrator Joyce Papke, City Attorney Grant Weed, Human Resources Director Mathew Pruitt, Public Works Director Andy Bullington and Front Office Coordinator Julie Johnson.

### 3. Special Presentation

#### a. Stanwood Station Update – Andy Bullington & Kirk Fredrickson, WSDOT

Public Works Director Andy Bullington introduced Kirk Frederickson, Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Project Manager for the Stanwood Station. Mr. Frederickson presented the status report for the future train station and said that construction is currently scheduled for fall 2008, with a completion goal of June 2009.

Mr. Frederickson explained funding has been available since July of 2005; however, there have been two issues that have prevented WSDOT from constructing the station. The first issue was a proposed federal requirement that all train station platforms be constructed at a height to accommodate the disabled. He said this item has now been resolved. Mr. Frederickson stated the second issue was Burlington Northern Santé Fe's requirement for additional state funds for a longer railroad siding north of Stanwood to accommodate a 7,000 foot freight train, which was not in the budget. He stated that Senator Haugen was able to negotiate with other legislators for the funding.

Mr. Frederickson went on to say the trains will be scheduled to stop in Stanwood four times daily and if funds are available from the project, they will try to construct a simple restroom facility at the site.

#### **4. Staff Announcements**

City Administrator Joyce Papke introduced Mike Nicholson, Interim Director of Planning and Community Development. She said she is delighted to have him with the City. He has 23 years experience in the field and 17 years experience as a director.

#### **5. Citizen Comments**

Quentin Mitchell, 22314 Marine Drive, Stanwood, WA  
Mr. Mitchell asked questions regarding the permanence of the Washington State Department of Transportation Agreement on the train station platform requirements. Mayor White responded stating that due to the number of stations that are affected, it can be considered a permanent agreement.

#### **6. Approval of the Agenda**

Mayor White announced there would be an executive session regarding potential litigation.

*Motion by Councilmember Loney, second by Councilmember Klasse to approve the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.*

#### **7. Consent Agenda**

- b. Approval of Payroll Checks and Vouchers
- c. Minutes of the December 20, 2007 Regular Meeting
- d. Minutes of the January 03, 2008 Regular Meeting
- e. Minutes of the January 17, 2008 Regular Meeting

*Motion by Councilmember Carlton, second by Councilmember Loney to approve the consent agenda to include items b through e; voucher checks #12543 through #12602 in the amount of \$143,620.58; voided checks #12546 through #12549 and #12576; and payroll checks #4877 through #4946 in the amount of \$97,164.58. Vouchers and payroll warrants were reviewed by the Finance Committee and found no errors. Motion carried unanimously.*

## 8. New Business

### a. Stanwood Community and Senior Center Grant Application

Human Resources Director Mathew Pruitt presented the staff report. He said that this is a one-time expenditure with no future costs considered. Mr. Pruitt also clarified that this item has not gone before the Human Services Committee as stated in the staff report.

*Motion by Councilmember Carlton, second by Councilmember Loney to delay the vote until after item C; Harvest Jubilee.*

*Loney: Yes; Chappel: Yes; Wennerberg: Yes; Klasse: Yes; Ryer: No; Carlton: No. Motion carried 4-2.*

### b. Resolution 2008-3 Declaring Stanwood to be Military Family Friendly

Director Pruitt presented the staff report introducing the resolution and stated that this initiative has gone to several communities throughout the region.

Councilmember Loney introduced Commander Donald Leingang from Naval Station Everett and Caldie Rogers of the Marysville Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Rogers explained the need for the resolution, which addresses the problem of discrimination in hiring military family members and presented many examples of discrimination against military family members in Snohomish County. Commander Leingang said they are working to bring the initiative to different states as well.

Councilmember Loney read the resolution.

*Motion by Councilmember Loney, second by Councilmember Klasse to declare Stanwood to be Military Family Friendly. Motion carried unanimously.*

Ms. Papke stated that the City of Stanwood would never discriminate in our hiring practices in any way including with respect to military families.

### c. Harvest Jubilee and Stanwood/Camano Farm Tour

City Administrator Papke presented the staff report and said the Harvest Jubilee Committee is requesting \$1,000.00 in funding along with the use of City traffic cones and barricades, as well as staff time to hang a banner. In the past, the City has hung banners on a first come, first serve basis and will continue to do so for now. Ms. Papke explained that the City may need to develop a policy in the future and suggested the City not lend cones and

barricades to outside organizations, especially because funds have not been budgeted for this event.

A discussion took place regarding the dollar amounts budgeted for various types of grants and events and how to allocate those funds between Human Services and Economic Development.

Director Pruitt added that the City would need two separate policies, one for Human Services and one for community events.

*Motion by Councilmember Loney, second by Councilmember Carlton, Having identified the public purpose as "tying in with our farm heritage for Stanwood and supporting the future of our farm heritage", and having established an adequate level of public benefit, to provide all items requested by the Harvest Jubilee Committee at no charge, and request that staff develop a contract to provide for the fulfillment of the public purpose identified.*

*Loney: Yes; Chappel: Yes; Wennerberg: No; Klasse: Yes; Ryer: Yes; Carlton: No. Motion carried 4-2.*

d. Stanwood Community and Senior Center Grant Application (from item a)

*Motion by Councilmember Klasse, second by Councilmember Wennerberg, to send the Senior and Community Center proposal back to the Human Services Committee for further discussion.*

*Loney: Yes; Chappel: No; Wennerberg: Yes; Klasse: Yes; Ryer: No; Carlton: Yes. Motion carried 4-2.*

**9. Report of Officers and Committees**

**a. Mayor's Report**

Mayor White reported that she is glad to be back in Stanwood after being on the east coast welcoming her new grandson.

**b. Committee Reports:**

**• Finance/Economic Development Committee**

Councilmember Carlton reported on his attendance at the April 4<sup>th</sup> Snohomish County Economic Development meeting.

**• Public Works/Parks Committee**

No report was given.

- **Public Safety Committee**

No report was given.

- **Community Development/Human Services/Municipal Campus Committee**

Councilmember Klasse reported she will be meeting with the new Community Development Director to discuss traditional neighborhoods.

- **Personnel Committee**

Councilmember Chappel reported that the Personnel Committee met to discuss the Military Family Friendly resolution, which was presented at tonight's meeting.

- **Student Advisor Report**

No report was given.

## **10. Citizen Closing Comments**

Michelle Johnson, Stanwood Community and Senior Center

Ms. Johnson clarified that the Stanwood Community and Senior Center proposal is for programs, not operating funds. She spoke about the programs offered at the Senior Center. She reviewed funding from the City for the past 30 years. It has not been consistent. The Center has expanded its services and programs to meet the needs of the community. Councilmember Loney requested that they expedite the Human Services committee to establish a policy.

Vivian Henderson, Coordinator, Harvest Jubilee

Ms. Henderson handed out the Harvest Jubilee logo to Council and stated that Stanwood is the place to be on September 20<sup>th</sup>. They are marketing and getting the word out about the festival.

## **11. Adjourn to Executive Session**

Mayor White adjourned the meeting to executive session at 8:40 p.m. City Attorney Weed announced there will be an executive session regarding potential litigation with no action being taken.

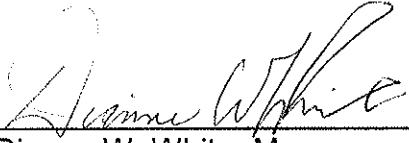
Those asked to attend included the City Council, Mayor White, City Administrator Papke, Public Works Director Bullington and City Attorney Weed.


**12. Reconvene And Adjourn**

The meeting reconvened at 9:08 p.m. There being no further business before the Council, Mayor White declared the meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

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ATTEST:

  
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Dianne W. White, Mayor

  
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Melissa A. Collins, City Clerk