

CITY OF STANWOOD

*Regular Meeting of the City Council
Thursday, March 26, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.
Stanwood-Camano School District Administration Building Board Room*

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor pro tem Arne Wennerberg 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: Andy Chappel, Arne Wennerberg, Bill Carlton, Timothy Loney, and Shelley Klasse.

Mayor Dianne White, Councilmembers Leonard Kelley and Conrad Ryer were excused.

Also present: City Administrator Joyce Papke, City Clerk Melissa Collins, Community Development Director Rebecca Lind, Human Resources Director Mathew Pruitt, Finance Director Crystil Collins, Police Chief Ty Trenary, Deputy Fire Chief Darin Reid and City Attorney Craig Knutson.

3. Staff Announcements

Finance Director Crystil Collins handed out the 2008 year-end financial report to Council. She said she will be back at the April 9, 2009 meeting to answer any questions. She also mentioned that she has been working with FEMA for the past three weeks applying for reimbursement for the flood disaster and is now waiting for the final approval. There are eight other projects they are applying for as well as starting the process for reimbursement for the snow disaster.

Deputy Fire Chief Darin Reid advised Council and staff that on April 24, 2009 at 9:05 a.m. there will be a DUI emphasis drill being conducted at Stanwood High School. The fire department will be bringing in a car crash for an under the influence type event in conjunction with the Police Department and other agencies.

Community Development Director Rebecca Lind reported the Planning Commission is working on the Traditional Neighborhood Overlay and

Neighborhood Business Zone. These two items will be included in a Public Hearing scheduled for April 13, 2009.

Ms. Lind asked Council if they would like to have more staff work done on fully contained communities. Councilmember Carlton commented on the Snohomish County Planning Commission meeting he attended regarding the communities and stated the Snohomish County Council will not be going forward on the fully contained communities at this time. Council agreed that no other staff work is needed at this time.

Public Works Director Andy Bullington reported that the Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission will hold a hearing seeking public comment regarding the Logan Road closure. The hearing will take place Monday, March 30, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Public Utilities District office in downtown Stanwood.

4. Citizen Comments

Chris Easter, 4035 Barry Blvd. Camano Island
Mr. Easter commented on the car wash sign in Stanwood.

5. Approval of the Agenda

Mayor pro tem Wennerberg announced there will be an executive session.

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

6. New Business

- a. Ordinance 1245 Implementing Zoning Text Amendments to the SR 9.6 Zone
2nd Reading and Adoption

Community Development Director Rebecca Lind presented the staff report and stated the ordinance affecting the zoning code amendments is necessary for resolving the zoning issue for the Mineral Point Development that was reviewed by Council as part of the comprehensive plan amendments and development agreement.

Motion by Councilmember Carlton, second by Councilmember Loney to adopt Ordinance 1245, an ordinance of the City of Stanwood, Washington, amending Chapter 17.35 SMC and the Single Family Residential 9.6 Zone Standards to Establish Lot Size and Setback Standards for Lots Vesting to County Zoning Standards. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Authorize Mayor White to sign the Interlocal Agreement with Island County Fire District #1 for the Purpose of providing Officer Firefighter Services.

Human Resources Director Mathew Pruitt presented the staff report and reported a vacancy was created in the Stanwood Fire Department due to a resignation. He said the normal procedure is to promote from within the organization. This option doesn't exist for the City at this time. The other option is to recruit from the outside. Mr. Pruitt stated that after considering the cost of recruitment and the costs associated with overtime coverage during the recruitment process an alternative solution was proposed. This would be entering into an Interlocal Agreement with Camano Island Fire and Rescue to provide a full time officer until another solution can be reached. The agreement states that the District will furnish and assign one full time officer ranked no lower than lieutenant to cover the vacated shifts; the officer assigned will understand and operate under all City policies, procedures, processes and work rules; the City reserves the right to request a different officer be assigned; the City will pay a monthly fee not to exceed \$8,750 per month that will increase or decrease proportionately with wages and benefits.

The cost of this proposal is approximately \$78,750 in 2009. This is a cost savings of \$30,000 in the 2009 budget. The Fire Department is currently paying overtime costs in order to fill the vacant shifts. Mr. Pruitt responded to questions from Council.

Motion by Councilmember Klasse, second by Councilmember Loney to authorize the Mayor to sign the interlocal agreement with Island County Fire District #1 for the purpose of providing officer firefighter services. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Report of Officers and Committees

- a. Mayor's Report

No report was given.

- b. Committee Reports

Councilmember Carlton reported that the Finance Committee met regarding partnerships for events when organizations are requesting funds from the City. He said this item will come before the entire Council sometime in April.

- c. Councilmember Reports/Questions

Councilmember Carlton questioned City Administrator Papke about the \$750,000 award for construction of the 68th Street Project. He suggested

other projects be pushed forward with the funds available. Public Works Director Andy Bullington responded to his questions and a discussion took place among Council. Mr. Bullington clarified how the Federal stimulus award can be used and timelines required for new projects. Councilmember Loney recommended taking it to the Public Works and Finance Committees to discuss the issues of starting other projects. City Administrator Papke responded and recommended that it be referred to the Public Works Committee. Council discussed and agreed that it should be brought to the Committee as soon as possible. Councilmember Klasse stated it will be added to the Public Works Committee agenda.

Councilmember Wennerberg requested that the sign code issues be brought forward to the Planning Commission. Council discussed and agreed that the code should be clarified. City Administrator Papke said the recommendation from the City Attorney is that it be limited to the off-premises advertising portion of the code. Community Development Director Lind will write up a work program for Council review and send to the Planning Commission.

d. City Administrator Business

City Administrator Papke updated Council on the following:

- The Washington State Department of Transportation Highway 532 Project is progressing. Staff has been meeting weekly and has been making progress on the drainage facility and c-curbing on the west end of town.
- The train station permit applications have been submitted, but more information is needed to approve the applications. Ms. Papke responded to questions from Council.
- The special event application for Twin City Idlers Car Show has been submitted. They are requesting assistance that needs a Council decision. The Finance Committee is working on a process for future requests. This request will be brought forward with a recommendation by the Finance Committee at the April 9 meeting.

8. Citizens Closing Comments

Carol Ronkin, 8029 272nd Street NW
Ms. Ronkin commented on the following:

- County Planning Commission meeting against Fully Contained Communities
- 72nd and Bryant Road

- C-curbing on Highway 532
- \$750,000 stimulus funding

9. Adjourn to Executive Session

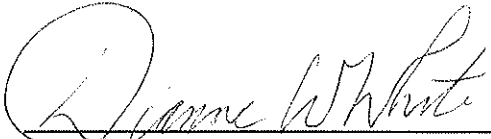
Mayor pro tem Wennerberg adjourned the meeting to executive session at 8:10 p.m. for one hour to discuss two items: potential litigation and labor negotiations. No action will be required.

10. Reconvene and Adjourn

The meeting reconvened at 9:35 p.m. There being no further business before the Council, Mayor pro tem Wennerberg declared the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

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ATTEST:



Dianne W. White, Mayor



Melissa A. Collins, City Clerk