

CITY OF STANWOOD

Regular Meeting of the City Council

Thursday, December 10, 2009 – 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: Leonard Kelley, Conrad Ryer, Arne Wennerberg, Bill Carlton, Timothy Loney and Shelley Klasse.

Councilmember Andy Chappel was excused.

Also present: City Administrator Joyce Papke, City Clerk Melissa Collins, Finance Director Crystil Robinson, Public Works Director Andy Bullington, Community Development Director Rebecca Lind, Police Chief Ty Trenary, Deputy Fire Chief Darin Reid, and City Attorney Grant Weed.

3. Staff Announcements

Mayor White discussed recent events with law enforcement and thanked the uniformed staff.

Public Works Director Andy Bullington announced that Gina Melander has received her Operator Trainer Certificate and passed her Operator I and II license and recognized her hard work.

Finance Director Crystil Robinson stated the third quarter financial report will be available for pickup on Thursday December 17.

Community Development Director Rebecca Lind reported that the first Shoreline Master Plan meeting was held on Wednesday December 9. The next steps will be to try to get together with business owners in the area and encourage collaboration on expansion within the State's guidelines.

4. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

5. Approval of the Agenda

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

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Payroll Checks and Vouchers
- b. Minutes of the November 12, 2009 Workshop
- c. Minutes of the November 12, 2009 Regular Meeting
- d. Minutes of the November 19, 2009 Workshop
- e. Authorize Mayor White to Enter into Proposed 2010 City Attorney Retainer Agreement with Weed, Graafstra and Benson, Inc., P.S.
- f. Authorize Mayor White to Enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County Corrections for the period of January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2014

Motion by Councilmember Kelley, second by Councilmember Loney to approve the consent agenda to include items a through f; voucher checks #15118 through #15218 in the amount of \$453,071.53; voided checks #15086, #15164, and #15169; Payroll checks warrant #16831 through #16922 in the amount of \$248,485.34; Payroll checks warrant #15869 through 15966 approved at \$138,478.76, corrected amount is \$273,478.76. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Old Business

- a. Ordinance 1258 Cable Television Utility Tax Increase for the Year 2010
2nd Reading & Adoption

Finance Director Crystil Robinson presented the staff report. She stated the current tax rate is 3%, this ordinance will raise the tax to 6%. A public hearing was held on November 30, 2009 for public comment. There was no public comment at that time. If approved, the financial impact will be an increase in revenue of approximately \$30,900 for the year 2010 if effective January 2010.

Motion by Councilmember Kelley, second by Councilmember Ryer to approve Ordinance 1258 amending Section 5.01.040 of the Stanwood Municipal Code increasing cable television utility tax to 6%. .

Kelley: Yes; Ryer: Yes; Wennerberg: No; Carlton: No; Loney: No; Klasse: No. Motion failed 4-2.

b. Ordinance 1257 Adopting the 2010 Budget
2nd Reading & Adoption

Finance Director Robinson provided the staff report and gave an overview of the 2010 budget and the budget process and stated that a public hearing was held during the November 12, 2009 Council Meeting. She provided details of each fund and the budget changes from 2009. She stated the total appropriation for all funds is \$24,759,159.00. Ms. Robinson responded to questions from Council.

Mayor White commented that she thought Ms. Robinson did a great job getting through this difficult process.

Several Councilmembers stated their concerns with not having a balanced budget and concurred that it was a difficult budget process and thanked the finance director and department heads for all of their hard work.

Mayor White stated that she is optimistic and believes the revenue projections won't be as dire as predicted.

Motion by Councilmember Loney, second by Councilmember Klasse to adopt Ordinance No.1257 setting forth in summary form the totals of estimated revenues and appropriations for each separate fund and the aggregate totals for such funds combined.

Kelley: Yes; Ryer: Yes; Wennerberg: No; Carlton: Yes; Loney: Yes; Klasse: Yes. Motion carried 5-1.

8. Report of Officers and Committees

a. Mayor's Report

Mayor White reported on the following:

- Visited her grandchildren and thanked Councilmember Wennerberg for filling in while she was away.
- Rode in the Merrill Gardens bus with her father to Everett to ride the train to Stanwood for the train station ribbon cutting.
- Participated in the tree lighting ceremony with Design Stanwood on December 5.
- Rode the train with Senator Haugen to Vancouver BC to attend an international conference on transportation.

b. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

c. Councilmember Reports/Questions

There were no Councilmember reports.

d. City Administrator Business

City Administrator Joyce Papke thanked Council for passing the budget and congratulated them for a successful budget process. She is looking forward to hearing their suggestions for further budget reductions. She also reported on the following:

- Wrote waiver regarding her contract as suggested by Councilmember Kelley.
- Reminded Council that it is time to make committee requests for 2010.

9. Citizens Closing Comments

There were no citizens closing comments.

10. Adjourn to Executive Session

Mayor White adjourned the meeting to executive session at 7:40 p.m. for 10 minutes to discuss pending litigation with action required.

11. Reconvene and Adjourn

The meeting reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Kelley, Second by Councilmember Loney to suspend the next regularly scheduled meeting for December 24.

Kelley: No; Ryer: Yes, Wennerberg: No; Carlton: Yes; Loney: Yes; Klasse: Yes. Motion carried 5-1.

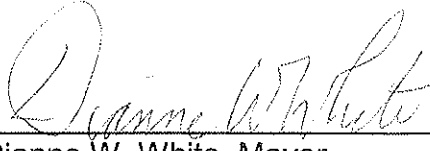
Motion by Councilmember Klasse, second by Councilmember Wennerberg to authorize the Mayor to execute the settlement agreement with Carlson Brothers, Inc. dated November 23, 2009 as discussed in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Carlton bid his farewell to Councilmember Klasse and wished her well.

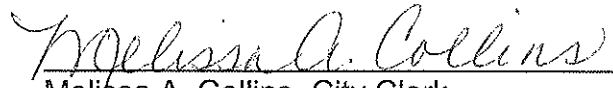
There being no further business before the Council, Mayor White declared the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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ATTEST:



Dianne W. White, Mayor



Melissa A. Collins, City Clerk