

# CITY OF STANWOOD

*Regular Meeting/Study Session of the City Council*

*Thursday, February 25, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.*

*Stanwood-Camano School District Administration Building Board Room*

## MINUTES

### 1. Call to Order

Mayor pro tem Arne Wennerberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor pro tem Wennerberg advised Council of RCW 35A.12.060, which states that a council position shall become vacant if the councilmember fails to attend three consecutive regular meetings of the council without being excused by the council. He suggested council begin the process of making a motion to excuse an absent Councilmember.

*Motion by Councilmember Loney, second by Councilmember Carlton to excuse Councilmember Andy Chappel. Motion carried unanimously.*

Councilmembers present: Bill Carlton, Tim Loney, Arne Wennerberg, Leonard Kelley, Timothy Pearce, and Conrad Ryer.

Councilmember Andy Chappel arrived at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor Dianne White was absent.

Staff present: City Administrator Joyce Papke, City Clerk Melissa Collins, Finance Director Crystil Robinson, Police Chief Ty Trenary, Public Works Director Andy Bullington and Community Development Director Rebecca Lind.

### 2. Discussion Items

City of Stanwood Financial Outlook

Finance Director Crystil Robinson opened the meeting by reviewing the 2009 Year-End Financial Report and answered questions from Council.

City Administrator Joyce Papke went over Councilmember Carlton's request to review the facilities assessment. Ms. Papke spoke about last night's joint workshop with the Camano Island Fire Commissioners and also provided a recap of last month's financial outlook workshop.

Ms. Papke provided a few ideas to Council for possible future revenue increases and/or expenditure decrease options:

- Library Services as of 2011 – annexing the Library District the City could save \$1.4 million by the end of 2016.
- Reconsider raising the Utility Tax on cable by 3% beginning in mid-2010.
- Ask voters to raise the EMS Levy to .50 cents by the end of 2016 the City would receive \$600,000.
- Minor adjustment in staffing saving \$250,000 by 2016.
- Reduce 1% annual of Public Safety increase, beginning 2011 for a total of \$700,000 by 2016.
- Discuss with Unions and non-represented employees regarding health care premiums.
- Transportation Benefit District, \$715,000 by 2016.
- Park District.

Ms. Papke asked Council what their wishes were for next steps regarding the fire study. Councilmember Carlton responded he would like a breakdown of the EMS amendment costs prior to their vote at the March 11, 2010 meeting.

*Motion by Councilmember Carlton, second by Councilmember Kelley to reconsider the amendment to the contract of EMS Services for the committee of the whole to review for meeting on March 11, 2010. Motion passed unanimously.*

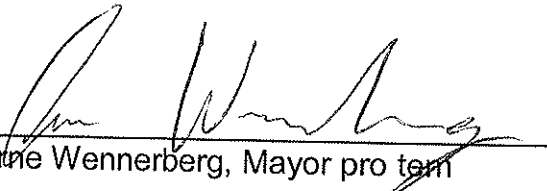
After a discussion it was decided that the Public Safety Committee will meet and provide a recommendation to council regarding the next steps on the fire study.

### 3. Adjourn

Mayor pro tem Wennerberg declared the meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

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ATTEST:

  
Alne Wennerberg, Mayor pro tem

  
Melissa A. Collins, City Clerk