

CITY OF STANWOOD

*Regular Meeting of the City Council
Thursday, March 11, 2010 – 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: Bill Carlton, Timothy Loney, Arne Wennerberg, Leonard Kelley, and Tim Pearce.

Motion by Councilmember Loney, second by Councilmember Wennerberg to excuse Councilmembers Chappel and Ryer. Motion carried.

Councilmember Conrad Ryer arrived at 7:03 p.m.

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, City Attorney Grant Weed, and Student Advisor Teague Nelson.

3. Staff Announcements

Deputy Fire Chief Darin Reid, along with Police Chief Ty Trenary, announced the upcoming Amtrak mass casualty training drill. The event will be a fire and EMS rescue event on Saturday and a law enforcement event on Sunday with fire providing support. Chief Trenary stated that they have used all the media outlets available to notify local citizens and businesses.

4. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

5. Approval of the Agenda

Mayor White announced there would be an executive session.

Councilmember Carlton asked if the executive session will apply to the Verizon bill and voiced his concern about it being public information and Council not being notified by staff sooner.

City Attorney Grant Weed responded that the item mentioned is on the executive session agenda and explained that there are issues that could result in potential litigation. He expressed that he would like the opportunity to discuss the legal issues with Council in Executive Session and if Council chose to take action concerning the matter it would happen in an open public meeting following the executive session.

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

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Payroll Checks and Vouchers
- b. Minutes of the January 28, 2010 Regular Meeting/Study Session
- c. Minutes of the February 11, 2010 Regular Meeting
- d. Minutes of the February 24, 2010 Joint Workshop
- e. Authorize Mayor White to enter into Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Snohomish County District Court

Motion by Councilmember Kelley, second by Councilmember Loney, to approve the consent agenda to include items a through e; voucher checks #15543 through #15564 in the amount of \$275,804.85; voided checks #15539, #15584, #15589, 15599, #15604 and #15614 and Payroll checks warrant #17101 through #17187 in the amount of \$240,209.34 and voided check #17011. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Old Business

- a. Authorize Mayor White to sign the 2010 Amendment to Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Medical Services with Island County Fire Protection District No. 1

Finance Director Crystil Robinson provided the staff report and advised Council of a change to Appendix A regarding transport fees and provided the corrected information to Council.

Ms. Robinson reported that staff brought the agreement forward at the January 14, 2010 Council meeting. At that meeting, Council motioned to defer to the first meeting in March so it could be reviewed by committees. The committees reviewed the agreement and a joint workshop was held with the Camano Island Fire Commission.

Motion by Councilmember Carlton, second by Councilmember Kelley to authorize Mayor White to sign the 2010 Amendment to Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Medical Services. Motion carried unanimously.

8. New Business

- a. Ordinance 1262 Approving Application LZCA 09-04 Amendments to SMC Chapter 17.110 Signs, Chapter 17.20 Definitions & Title 3 Chapter 3.30 Fee Schedule

Community Development Director Rebecca Lind presented the staff report and provided a PowerPoint presentation on the sign code ordinance. She reported that the ordinance reorganizes and clarifies the existing sign code and explained the details of the changes. Ms. Lind responded to questions from Council. A discussion ensued regarding permit fees and language for sign changes.

Councilmember Carlton suggested that this item be brought back at the March 25, 2010 meeting and requested that Community Director Lind provide a list of placement fees and a simple definition of replacement. Council and Mayor concurred.

9. Report of Officers and Committees

- a. Mayor's Report

There was no Mayor's Report.

- b. Committee Reports

Councilmember Wennerberg reported that the Public Safety Committee recently met to discuss the next steps for the Fire Department and a contract with Jack Lyons.

City Administrator Joyce Papke responded to questions from Council. A discussion ensued amongst Council. Mayor White suggested this topic be added to the agenda at a future meeting.

Councilmember Kelley reported the Finance Committee met and he is acting as chair of the committee.

c. Councilmember Reports/Questions

There were no Councilmember Report/Questions.

d. City Administrator Business

There was no City Administrator report.

e. Student Advisor Report

Student Advisor Teague Nelson reported on the following:

- High School Proficiency Exams are taking place in the next two weeks.
- Seniors are currently applying for the Stanwood Camano Area Foundation Scholarships.
- The high school basketball team did well at State.
- The science team took first place at their regional competition.

10. Citizens Closing Comments

There were no Citizens Closing Comments.

11. Adjourn to Executive Session

Mayor White adjourned the meeting to executive session at 8:26 p.m. for one hour to discuss four items; three regarding potential litigation and one regarding real estate, with possible action required on two items.

Those attending were Councilmembers, City Attorney Weed, City Administrator Papke, Public Works Director Bullington, Community Development Director Lind, and Finance Director Robinson.

At 9:30 p.m. City Attorney Weed announced the session would be extended for 15 minutes.

12. Reconvene and Adjourn

The meeting reconvened at 10:00 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Wennerberg, second by Councilmember Loney to authorize Mayor White to enter into a Possession and Use Agreement with

Washington State Department of Transportation and then a purchase agreement.
Motion carried unanimously.

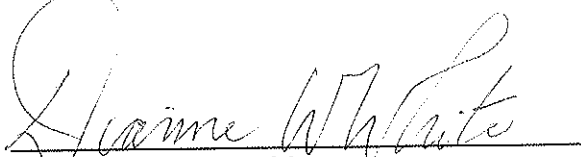
Motion by Councilmember Carlton, second by Councilmember Kelley to authorize the Mayor to execute a Joint Defense Agreement with the firm Ogden Murphy Wallace concerning the Verizon claim. Councilmember Carlton, yes; Councilmember Loney, no; Councilmember Wennerberg, no; Councilmember Kelley, yes; Councilmember Pearce, no; Councilmember Ryer, yes; Mayor White, yes; Motion carried 4-3.

Councilmember Carlton voiced his concern about timely communication between staff and Council, specifically the Verizon billing issue and the January monthly financial statement. City Administrator Papke and Finance Director Robinson responded and provided a timeline and details of staff action on both items.

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor White declared the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

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ATTEST:



Dianne W. White, Mayor



Melissa A. Collins, City Clerk