

CITY OF STANWOOD

Regular Meeting/Study Session of the City Council

Thursday, April 22, 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, Andy Chappel, Timothy Loney, Arne Wennerberg, Leonard Kelley, Tim Pearce, and Conrad Ryer

Also present: City Clerk Melissa Collins, Finance Director Crystil Robinson, Public Works Director Andy Bullington, Community Development Director Rebecca Lind, Police Chief Ty Trenary, Fire Chief Mike Ganz, and Deputy Fire Chief Darin Reid.

3. Adjourn to Executive Session

Mayor White adjourned the meeting to executive session at 7:02 p.m. for one hour to discuss potential litigation.

4. Reconvene

The meeting reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

Councilmember Kelley was absent for the remainder of the meeting.

5. New Business

- a. Resolution No. 2010-1 Providing for the Submission of a Proposition to the Qualified Electors of the City to Increase the Regular Property Tax Levy in Excess of the Limit Established in RCW 84.55.010

Finance Director Crystil Robinson provided Council a handout with the ten-year history of property and EMS tax in the City. She then explained the two

resolutions that would allow the City to submit a proposition to the voters authorizing the City to increase the property tax, and provided scenarios on several proposed rates.

Council discussed the scenarios and what should be brought before the voters.

Ms. Robinson explained the difference between a temporary levy lid lift and a permanent levy lid lift and responded to questions from Council.

Motion by Councilmember Carlton, second by Councilmember Loney to adopt Resolution No. 2010-1 to submit to the qualified electors of the City at an election to be held by the City on November 2, 2010, a proposition authorizing to increase the regular property tax levy in excess of the limit established in RCW 84.55.010 to 2.6745 per \$1,000 of assessed property value for collection in 2011 and increase the levy each year thereafter as allowed by chapter 84.55 RCW to provide funds required by the City to continue to provide firefighter staffing and related costs for fire protection services. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Councilmember Carlton, second by Councilmember Loney to amend the resolution 2010-1 to correct the third paragraph to say "Whereas the City desires to maintain the existing level of fire protection service to the citizens and property owners within the jurisdiction". Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Resolution No. 2010-2 Providing for the Submission of a Proposition to the Qualified Electors of the City to Re-Authorize an Increase back to \$.50 for the Emergency Medical Services Levy

Councilmember Carlton requested the word *went* be changed to *gone* in the agenda staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Pearce, second by Councilmember Carlton to adopt Resolution No. 2010-2 to submit to the qualified electors of the City at an election to be held by the City on November 2, 2010 a proposition re-authorizing a permanent levy of a property tax to fifty cents per \$1,000 of assessed value in addition to its regular property tax levy for collection in 2011 and increase the levy each year thereafter as allowed by chapter 84.55 RCW to provide funds required by the City in order to continue providing emergency medical services. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Carlton requested a Finance Committee meeting with Finance Director Robinson to discuss some of the items brought up at this

meeting. Ms. Robinson stated that she would also like to discuss the quarterly report at that meeting. Councilmember Carlton agreed

c. Report on City Property

Community Development Director Rebecca Lind reported that she and Public Works Director Andy Bullington have been working together to provide a list of City property. The information was broken down into three categories, parcels that don't have an identified use, parcels with identified uses that may not need to be used by the City and parcels with identified public uses.

Mr. Bullington responded to questions from Council.

Ms. Lind stated that this is being presented at this meeting and is requesting that it be sent to Council committee. It was a consensus by Council to send to committee.

d. Discussion – Financial Outlook

Mayor White stated that no further discussion was required since the previous items included discussion on the City's financial outlook.


Councilmember Wennerberg asked staff to amend or rescind Ordinance 1270 pertaining to Emergency Management. Finance Director Robinson stated that the ordinance had to be in place to receive a grant. City Attorney Weed suggested that it be brought back to Council with recommendations from staff with possible language changes to clarify the ordinance and draft an emending ordinance if needed. It was decided this item would be discussed at the Public Safety Committee meeting.

6. Adjourn


There being no further business before the Council, Mayor White declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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ATTEST:



Dianne W. White, Mayor



Melissa A. Collins, City Clerk