

Longview City Council Agenda

March 9, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.

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01. **CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Dennis Weber
02. **INVOCATION/FLAG SALUTE** Pastor Charles Fischer, New Life Fellowship
03. **ROLL CALL** Councilman Anagnostou, excused
04. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – February 23, 2006
([LINK TO PAPERWORK](#))
05. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**
06. **PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS**
07. **CONSTITUENTS COMMENTS** – (30 MINUTES)
08. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**
09. **BOARD & COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**
10. **ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**
11. **MAYOR’S REPORT AND COUNCILMEMBERS’ REPORTS**
 - A. DISCUSS RETREAT AGENDA
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 - B. LONGVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT M&O LEVY
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12. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
 - A. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS
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 - B. LIABILITY CLAIMS
([LINK TO PAPERWORK](#))
13. **LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS**
 - A. NEW APPLICATION: KESLER’S BAR & GRILL
Kesler’s Sports Bar and Grill, Inc. and Leo Kevin Kesler have requested a Liquor License from the Washington State Liquor Control Board requesting to sell Spirits/beer and/or wine in a restaurant. This restaurant will be located at 1202 Commerce Ave.

The police department has no concerns with either the applicant or the location.

An extension until March 17, 2006 was granted by the Washington State Liquor Control Board due to the timing of the receipt of this request.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion as desired by Council.

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B. SPECIAL OCCASION: TOUTLE RANCH GUILD

The special occasion liquor license request shown on the exhibit is for the annual Toutle Ranch Lake Guild fundraiser for the LINK program, scheduled for April 29, 2006. The event will be held in the St. Rose Parish Center at 701 26th Ave from 5 pm to 8 pm. This event is a silent auction and wine tasting and Hors d'oeuvres will be served. The police department has had no problems with this event in the past and has no concerns in reference to this request.

An extension until March 17, 2006 was granted by the Washington State Liquor Control Board due to the timing of the receipt of this request.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion as desired by Council.

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14. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. NEIGHBORHOOD PARK GRANT AWARDS FOR 2006

After evaluating the requests from the seven applicants applying to receive the 2006 Neighborhood Park Grant Funds, the Parks and Recreation Board voted to recommend awarding grant funds to support the following projects: Go 4th Association - \$10,000 for completing 2/3 of the remaining Hemlock plaza project on the Nichols Blvd. side of Lake Sacajawea Park; Longview Soccer - \$8,000 for the purchase of 14 sets of portable goals for 7th Ave. Park; Longview Babe Ruth Baseball - \$2,800 for development of pitching warm up areas next to each of the dugouts at Roy Morse Park; Western Youth Baseball – \$2,200 for construction of a maintenance materials storage area and service drive at John Null Park; Longview Girls Softball – \$2,000 for purchase and installation of two scoreboards at 7th Ave. Park. The other requests were from Friends of the Fairgrounds for replacement picnic table materials for nine tables, and Central Youth Baseball for miscellaneous building and field improvements.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to approve the five projects and funding levels recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board under the Neighborhood Park Grant Program.

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B. LIBRARY MINI-DISTRICT CONTRACT FOR 2006-07

Cowlitz County Mini-Rural Library District Board wishes to extend the agreement with the City of Longview for the continuation of library Services from May 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007. (The original contract began on May 1, 1998.) The 2006-07 contract in the amount of \$293,997.00 provides for an increase of \$17,497 over the 2005-06 contract total of \$276,500.00 and represents the maximum levy increase allowable under the provisions of Initiative 747.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion as desired by Council.

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15. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

A. BUSINESS LICENSES

([LINK TO PAPERWORK](#))

16. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS:

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2006 AT 7 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2006 AT 7 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING

NEXT COUNCIL WORKSHOPS:

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2006 AT 7 P.M. – LAND USE REGULATIONS/COLUMBIA
THEATRE/ANNEXATION POLICY

****COUNCIL RETREAT****

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2006, 9 A.M., PORT OF LONGVIEW'S CONFERENCE ROOM,
REVIEW STATUS OF 2004-05 GOALS & SET GOALS FOR 2006-07

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
OF THE LONGVIEW CITY COUNCIL
HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2006

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Weber.

2. INVOCATION/FLAG SALUTE

The invocation was pronounced by Frank Morrison, Northlake Baptist Church.

3. ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor Dennis Weber
Councilman Kurt Anagnostou
Councilman Andy Busack
Councilman Don Jensen
Councilwoman Ramona Leber
Councilman Chet Makinster
Councilwoman Mary Jane Melink
City Manager Bob Gregory
City Attorney Dave C. Spencer
City Clerk Ann Davis

City Staff Present

David Campbell, Assistant City Manager; Tom Baylis, Fleet Manager/Downtown Coordinator; Richard Bemm, Director of Parks & Recreation; John Brickey, Director of Community Development; Jeff Cameron, Public Works Director; Judy Jones, Information Technology Director; Daryl McDaniel, Fire Chief; Alex Perez, Police Chief; Kurt Sacha, Finance Director; and Craig Bozarth, City Engineer.

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

On a motion duly made and passed, the reading of the minutes of the regular Council meeting held February 9, 2006, copies of which had been submitted to the Mayor and members of the City Council, was waived and the minutes were approved as if read.

5. CHANGES/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

No changes were made to the agenda.

6. PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

A. Proclamation: Literacy Week, 2/26 – 3/4/2006

Mayor Weber invited Cindy Donaldson, Children's Librarian at the Kelso Library, to come forward while he read the City's Literacy Week Proclamation. Proclaiming the week of February 26 through March 4, 2006, "Literacy Week" in the City of Longview, Mayor Weber detailed how reading is fundamental to all learning, and all children need to see that this community values reading.

After accepting the Proclamation, Ms. Donaldson thanked Altrusa for its support and encouraged everyone to support Literacy Week at the Library by attending some of the events.

B. Proclamation: Homeless Awareness Week, 2/26 – 3/4/2006

Pat Martin, representing the Community House on Broadway, came forward to accept this proclamation.

Declaring February 26 through March 4, 2006, “Homeless Awareness Week” in the City of Longview, the Mayor detailed the services the Community House on Broadway furnishes to homeless individuals and families. Community House on Broadway uses this week to promote its “adopt a bed” fund-raising campaign in addition to educating the public about the plight of the homeless in our community.

Mrs. Martin thanked Council for its continuing support, and encouraged residents to “buy a bed” to keep a bed available at their facility. She gave some statistics on the number of people who had taken shelter at Community House, the number of meals provided to these individuals, and told of Community House’s success rate in getting people back on their feet through meals, shelter, and counseling services.

7. CONSTITUENTS' COMMENTS

A. Flag Salute.

Florence Avenue resident Ken Spring objected to the omission of the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of the meeting. He observed it had been a custom with the previous mayor to recite the Pledge, and he hoped Mayor Weber would reinstate that custom.

B. Liberty.

L. S. Wagle, 1405 – 17th Avenue, shared his observations on Bastille Day, the Age of Reason, the Declaration of Independence, Jefferson’s Statute of Religious Freedom, and other topics, and concluded by stating this nation was founded “one nation under deism.”

C. Liberty.

Cody Wells, 862 – 8th, stated he was getting tired of listening to Mr. Wagle attacking this Country. Mr. Wells was proud to be an American and he is happy to pledge the flag.

D. Uncontrolled Pets.

Martin Wells, 1924 Olympia Way, reminded Council he had asked earlier for enactment of some type of leash law. To date, dogs are still running loose in the community. On the other hand, a cat owner may be fined \$236 if his cat makes a mess in someone else’s yard. Mr. Wells advocated not fining cat owners until the loose dog problem has been addressed.

E. Speeding Drivers.

Phillip Portwood, a Garfield Street resident, first thanked Council for the amenities of the Longview Public Library and the Columbia Theatre for the Performing Arts.

His primary point in addressing Council, however, was to inquire what it would take to stop school buses from racing down Garfield. He estimates they are traveling at least 30 MPH.

When asked by Councilman Anagnostou, Mr. Portwood said he had already been to a School Board meeting. He has been told the problem will be taken care of, but the situation has not changed. Whatever it would take, he would like to see “this problem settled.”

F. Meth Use.

Ken Spring, 1618 Florence Avenue, again encouraged Mayor Weber to open Council meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Spring’s purpose for coming before Council was to discuss the meth problem in our community. He alleged meth is the No. 1 problem facing our community. He spoke of the volume of criminal acts related to meth use and stated the Police Department is not adequate to handle the job. While he has resorted to carrying a shotgun at his storage facility, he asserted it is the City’s job to look after its citizens. He encouraged the creation of a meth task force, and said “somehow or another, we have to get more police on the streets.”

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG).

Police Chief Alex Perez gave details of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant that was awarded jointly to the City and Cowlitz County. Longview’s share of the grant funds is \$11,277, which will be applied toward the City’s share of cost of the School Officer program. No match is required with this grant.

A public hearing is a requirement for this grant; however, no Council action is required.

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:24 p.m. There being no comments, either written or oral, the public hearing was closed at 7:24 p.m.

No Council action was taken or required.

9. BOARD & COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS – None.

10. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 1825, Speed Hump Policy.

A Resolution establishing a policy for Speed Hump Installation and for the payment of the costs of such installation in the City of Longview, was introduced and read by title only.

Stating this Resolution reflects the consensus reached at last week’s workshop, City Manager Gregory referred a review of the development of the Speed Hump Policy to Director of Public Works Jeff Cameron.

Mr. Cameron gave a PowerPoint presentation that detailed the policy as initially agreed to by Council at last week’s workshop.

Changes to the Speed Hump policy as last discussed included a 60% approval support rate before an installation (or removal) would be effected. Boundaries for the approval area would

extend 500 lineal feet on either end of a series of humps. Regarding emergency vehicle response routes, staff recommended an alternative to the speed hump – a speed cushion. Speed cushions are essentially speed humps with grooves to accommodate fire-truck size tires and axles. Mr. Cameron displayed a video of a fire truck traversing a speed cushion; the vehicle did not show evidence of the chassis rocking normally created by a hump.

Mr. Cameron touched upon the payment provisions and the possibility of utilizing CDBG eligibility criteria to determine neighborhoods where the City would pay the entire installation costs. He recapped the series of steps to be taken to implement a speed hump installation, including location of the humps and their profile, and maintenance. A flow chart had been created showing the steps in the process.

The same petition process will be followed for removal of existing humps. The removal policy provides that the humps must be in existence at least 12 months prior to removal.

Another feature of the policy is to automatically remove speed humps when the ADT (Average Daily Trips) exceeds 5,000 vehicles per day or if the classification of the street is raised to arterial.

Mr. Cameron recommended Council adopt Resolution No. 1825 as discussed, and then give staff direction on the existing humps and those that have previously been approved and paid for but not yet installed.

Councilman Anagnostou expressed his opinion regarding new developments. He did not think it was necessarily appropriate to require speed humps be installed by the developer if a speeding problem were anticipated; he felt it might be better to let the development proceed without speed humps and let the residents petition for their installation, rather than have to petition for their removal if they decide they do not want them.

Councilwoman Melink moved adoption of the foregoing resolution which motion was seconded by Councilman Anagnostou.

Willow Place resident Frank Stratton spoke in favor of the lower Cascade Way humps that have not yet been installed. Mrs. Gloria DePriest, 2326 Cascade Way, asked a question about the discretion of the Public Works Director to determine an installation was appropriate if it did not exactly meet the criteria stated in the Speed Policy. Kirby Kee, 2829 Magnolia, suggested using temporary speed humps that could be moved from location to location.

County resident, Lynnette Bishop, residing at 4424 Ohio Street, asked a number of questions about the speed hump process and how she could go about getting a petition process underway. She described the drivers who speed by daily and the kids who have to jump into the ditch to avoid being hit. Ohio Street starts within the City limits, becomes a county road, then returns to city limits.

Mrs. Bishop was advised she would need to work with a city resident on a petition. As an estimated completion time, Mr. Cameron offered it might take 90 days from start to finish. In

this location, an installation may take longer since school would need to be in session to perform the traffic study, and coordination with the County might be required.

Mr. Gregory noted the City would not be able to install humps outside city limits; staff would need to work closely with Cowlitz County on any humps that, for effectiveness, should be established on the county road. During the signature gathering process, both city and county residents within the 500' of the hump installation would have to be contacted for their approvals.

Cascade Way resident Darla Walton strongly urged Council to amend the policy by requiring the City to send notification by U.S. Mail to ALL residents affected by the humps (within 500' of either end of the series) and requiring the petitioners pay the cost of this notification. Ms. Walton further encouraged increased police patrols on Cascade Way.

Mr. Gregory clarified that under the terms of the policy as it now stands, the City would review the completed petition and anywhere a resident has not signed "yes" or "no," city staff will contact that individual to make sure he is aware of the proceedings.

Pat Martin, another Cascade Way resident, thanked Council for investigating the speed humps so thoroughly, but again voiced her concern regarding the delay caused for emergency response vehicles.

L. S. Wagle stated his opinion that speed humps are a cost-effective way to slow drivers down.

Martin Wells voiced his opinion the City is wasting money by installing speed humps, and rather encouraged citizens to take back their neighborhoods and form Block Watches to take down the license plates of speeders and report them to the Police.

Once citizen comment was concluded, the Mayor recalled Council had a motion before them for consideration.

Councilman Jensen noted most of these details had been worked out at last week's workshop; however, he will be voting "no" on this issue because of the cost issue. He was unconvinced the City's contribution of installing the humps was not a gift of public funds; he would like to require the petitioners to shoulder the entire cost of the speed hump installation.

For the record, Councilwoman Leber observed she would have liked to see the policy go further and allow the City to install them wherever the Public Works Director deemed appropriate. However, she stated the policy is well written, and she would be willing to approve it.

Councilman Anagnostou again raised the situation of speed humps being required in the development phase. He felt this would be a subjective determination rather than an objective one. He stated he could not support adoption of Resolution No. 1825 unless the provisions for removal of the humps were the same whether developer-installed or petitioner-installed.

Councilman Anagnostou moved to amend the motion by striking the third paragraph of the Resolution under the section regarding Removal of Humps, and modify other sections

on that page to reflect the same procedure for removal of all speed humps installed under the policy. Councilman Busack seconded the motion to amend.

When asked what other traffic-calming alternatives could be utilized during the development stage, Mr. Cameron stated there were other devices besides humps that could be incorporated into the design. In fact, he preferred some of these other devices, yet noted they can be difficult to work into a site development plan. He stressed that if the humps are removed, they cannot be reinstalled until three years after their removal.

Upon a vote on the motion to amend noted above, the motion carried with five “aye” votes by Mayor Weber, and Councilmembers Anagnostou, Busack, Makinster and Melink, to two “nay” votes by Councilmembers Leber and Jensen.

Upon a vote on the main motion as amended, the motion carried with six “aye” votes by Mayor Weber, and Councilmembers Anagnostou, Busack, Leber, Makinster and Melink, to one “nay” vote cast by Councilman Jensen.

Mayor Weber asked for Council direction on the existing speed humps and humps in process.

Councilwoman Melink moved to grandfather-in the existing speed humps. Councilwoman Leber seconded this motion.

Councilman Anagnostou added the humps would be subject to the adopted policy regarding removal.

Upon a vote duly held, the motion to grandfather-in the existing speed humps was unanimously approved.

Councilwoman Leber moved to consider the Olympia Way speed humps (that had been removed by the Lowe’s contractor during construction) as existing, to reinstall them, and go grandfather them in. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Melink.

City Manager Gregory advised this reconstruction would be paid for by the Lowe’s contractor, not the City.

Upon a vote duly held, the motion was unanimously approved.

Regarding the uninstalled lower Cascade Way humps, Mr. Cameron stated several of these, the top two, could be converted to cushions. The humps higher up Cascade Way will be converted to cushions to comply with the adopted policy. He has not yet evaluated whether the lower humps could be shifted uphill to accommodate all three proposed devices. He thought the bottom hump might be a situation where a variance would be allowed and a hump permitted.

City Manager Gregory proposed Council could direct staff to take another look at the site and determine the best locations and designs for the situation.

Council debated this for a time, and generally concurred the Cascade Way humps should be installed in compliance with the new policy. The devices should be speed cushions, and they should be arranged on the street so all three cushions could be placed effectively.

Councilman Jensen moved to direct staff to proceed with installation of the lower Cascade Way speed humps after evaluating their final placement. This motion was seconded by Councilman Makinster.

Councilman Anagnostou expressed his opinion the humps should be compliant with the new policy. The humps should all be cushions, and they should be rearranged accordingly, if necessary. Councilman Busack concurred, yet asked Mr. Cameron if additional notification of residents and approvals needed to be obtained. Mr. Cameron replied this would be at Council's discretion. He believed the original boundary had been 250' past the hump site; he did not believe the humps would have to be moved very far. Mr. Cameron also stated if Council chose to direct staff to redraw boundaries and renotify people, that also would be at Council's discretion.

Councilman Anagnostou offered a friendly amendment to require the lower Cascade Way humps be installed as cushions or not installed at all. Councilwoman Melink concurred. Councilman Jensen and Makinster, who had made and supported the initial motion, agreed to this friendly amendment.

Noting this action might defeat the purpose of the petitioners, Councilwoman Leber noted she would prefer to rely on staff to do the right thing – whatever works best.

City Manager Gregory advised if Council should approve this motion, staff would look at a suitable site for a cushion, or no installation would be made at all.

Mayor Weber restated the motion, as modified by the friendly amendment, was to direct staff to proceed with installation of the lower Cascade Way speed humps as cushions, and if the bottom cushion cannot be situated as a cushion, then it would be dropped.

Councilman Makinster said he would really hope staff could work out the logistics and be able to construct the last speed cushion.

Upon a vote on the motion to continue with the installation of speed cushions at the lower Cascade Way site, the motion was unanimously approved.

At 8:33 p.m., Mayor Weber declared a brief recess. The meeting was reconvened at 8:41 p.m.

11. MAYOR'S AND COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

A. Discuss Installation of Lighted Crosswalk Sign at 15th Avenue LCC Student Center Crossing.

Mayor Weber asked Councilman Busack, who had sponsored this agenda topic, to introduce it to Council.

Councilman Busack referred to a recent fatality at the intersection on 15th Avenue between the LCC Student Center and the Triangle Mall. He felt these two crosswalks would only continue to receive increased pedestrian traffic due to improvements at the college and the construction of the Fine Arts Center. He encouraged the City to improve the crosswalk.

Councilman Anagnostou moved to consider installation of a lighted crosswalk at this location. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Melink.

Advising the State Patrol has not yet completed its accident investigation into the fatality, City Manager Gregory stated improvements to this intersection could be made after the completion of a traffic study, in order to determine what the specific problems are and how those problems could best be addressed. A light at the crosswalk may not be the most effective safety improvement.

Staff would complete a traffic study, design some improvements, and return to Council with a cost estimate and specific plan. Mr. Gregory said this study and development process could take about 60 days.

Councilman Makinster indicated his support for improvements at this intersection, stated the entire street needs to be made safer, and agreed it may take more than a light to effect this.

Councilman Jensen stated he also was in support of effecting changes here; however, he felt Councilman Anagnostou's motion was too restrictive. He would like staff to look at all the possibilities. City Manager Gregory stated he understood the motion to give staff direction to investigate all alternatives prior to coming back to Council.

Councilman Anagnostou agreed to a friendly amendment to change his motion to “*consider installation of enhanced safety features at this location.*” The seconder of the motion, Councilwoman Melink, agreed to this modification.

Donn Kirkwood, 1406 S. 9th Avenue, identified himself as the Associated Student Body President at LCC. In October, this dangerous intersection had been brought to the ASB's attention. An ad hoc committee was assigned to investigate and determine whether there actually is a safety problem present. The committee looked into vehicular, pedestrian and bicyclist safety.

Mr. Kirkwood relayed some of the committee's findings: the prior installation of a median on 15th Avenue has redirected all cars exiting the LCC parking lot to the right, thus sending all vehicular traffic through this intersection; visibility at this location is limited due to cars parked along all the curbs; the crosswalks are not lighted at all, and there is no yellow flashing warning light; the intersection is wide – including the two parking strips, a pedestrian has to cross seven lanes of street; and there are no bicycle lanes in this area. Mr. Kirkwood noted the speed limit in front of Mark Morris is 20 MPH, while it increases to 30 MPH in front of LCC. Since McDonald's has relocated its store, more students are crossing 15th Avenue for lunch.

Mr. Kirkwood concluded his statement by saying “we need to address it quickly.”

City Manager Gregory thanked Mr. Kirkwood for his good summarization of the things that need to be looked at.

Hank Sowerwine, 1307 Spruce, told of some of his experiences with traffic calming, and recommended the installation of turtles – small, hard-shelled bumps in the road. These devices alert inattentive drivers to a change ahead, in addition to waking up drivers who are veering off the highway.

Another LCC Student Jessica stated the traffic on 15th Avenue has increased since the construction of Winco. She further pointed out there are no street lights illuminating this crosswalk.

As initiator of the proposal, Councilman Busack encouraged his peers to act on this motion, and to urge staff to have a solution prior to commencement of the Fall Quarter.

Upon a vote duly held, the motion was unanimously approved.

Director of Public Works Cameron clarified he understood the motion to be specific to the intersection on 15th under discussion only; noting Councilman Makinster's concern the entire corridor needs safety improvements, he wanted to make sure he understood his direction and Council would not be expecting a recommendation encompassing the entire street.

B. Annexation Petition No. ANX 2005-4, Rick 60% Petition.

Councilmembers Melink and Makinster had proposed Council revisit this item which had been stalled at the February 9 meeting due to lack of a second. Councilwoman Melink advised the new members of the Council had not understood what their lack of action would do to the petition. She proposed the matter be revisited and a new public hearing held in order for Council to discuss the matter on its merits.

Councilwoman Melink moved to set another public hearing on Rick Annexation Request No. ANX 2005-4 for March 23, 2006, and direct that all property owners be notified by mail, and the property be posted with the Notice of Public Hearing; this motion was seconded by Councilman Makinster. Upon a vote duly held, the motion was unanimously approved.

C. Council of Governments.

Mayor Weber directed Council's attention to the Council of Government's billing contained in the Council agenda packet.

Councilman Anagnostou said COG had been reviewing its legislative issue list at its recent meeting. Since he will be attending NLC soon, he needs a list of the City's priorities to review with Senators and Congressmen in Washington.

12. CONSENT CALENDAR

There being no items the Council wished removed from the Consent Calendar, a motion was duly made and passed approving the items on the Consent Calendar as though acted on individually.

A. Accounts Payable

Based upon the authentication and certification of claims and demands against the city, prepared and signed by the City's auditing officer, and in full reliance thereon, it is moved and seconded as shown in the minutes of this meeting that the following vouchers/warrants are approved for payment:

Second Half February, 2006 A/P Claims \$985,551.30 (Check Nos. 262063 – 262482, inclusive)
First Half February, 2006 Payroll \$787,838.53 (\$149,662.33, Check Nos. 192860 – 192961, inclusive; \$368,317.63, direct deposits; and \$269,858.57, wire transfers)

B. Liability Claims

The claim(s) for damages listed below was/were received by the City and have been/are being researched and/or reviewed by Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA) and claim status is as noted:

- 1) *New*: Fairways Apartments, Property Damage - \$270.48
- 2) *New*: B. J. Cossette, Property Damage - \$86.10
- 3) *Settled*: Benjamin Guay, Property Damage - \$1,415.00
- 4) *Settled*: Nancy Craig, Property Damage - \$1032.85
- 5) *Denied*: Wendy Hill, Property Damage - \$363.13

13. LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

A. Assumption: Holt's Market

Simran K, Inc., and Shamsher Singh have applied for an assumption from Holt's, Inc., at 464 Oregon Way, of its liquor license for Grocery Store – Beer/Wine sales. Longview Police Department has investigated the parties involved and the location, and has expressed no concerns.

No Council action was taken.

B. Expanded Privileges: JT's Steak and Fishhouse.

John J Ramsbottom and Teri L Ramsbottom, dba JT's Steak and Fishhouse, had applied to include the service of spirits at their 14th Avenue Restaurant. The Longview Police Department expressed no concerns with this change in privileges.

No Council action was taken.

C. Renewals: May

The following establishments have liquor licenses that will be due for renewal during the month of May. A review by the Longview Police Department has revealed no problems with any of the establishments, and therefore no recommendations were made. The only exception to this was the renewal application for La Playa Mexican Restaurant, which has changed hands and the liquor license assumption by the new owners has already been before Council.

<i>Licensee</i>	<i>Business Name and Address</i>	<i>Privileges</i>
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Bon-Bon, Inc.	Boardwalk Tavern 1006 California Way	Tavern – Beer/Wine Off Premises
Chinese Garden Restaurant, Inc.	Chinese Garden Restaurant 1071 – 15th Ave.	Spirits/Br/Wn Rest Lounge
Washington Way Market	Washington Way Market 3357 Washington Way	Grocery Store – Beer/Wine
Kim, Justin C Kim, Yoonil	Yoon’s Market & Deli 3446 Pacific Way	Grocery Store – Beer/Wine
Mason Scout, Corp.	Prospector Liquidator 841 Third Avenue	Grocery Store – Beer/Wine
Gerloff, Frank E	Frank’s European Cellar 1338 Commerce, Suite G	Beer/Wine Rest – Beer/Wine Off Premises
T&J Parker Family, LLC	Parker’s 3225 Ocean Beach Highway	Spirits/Br/Wn Rest Service Bar
Trialley, Corp.	Triangle Bowl/Lindy’s Food 700 Triangle Center	Spirits/Br/Wn Rest Lounge
Weisner Enterprises LLC	Pizza Schmizza 100 Triangle Center, Ste 140	Beer/Wine Rest – Beer/Wine

No Council action was taken.

14. CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

A. Annexation Petition: ANX 2005-4, West Pine 10% Petition.

City Manager Gregory referred this item to Director of Community Development John Brickey for explanation.

Mr. Brickey reported the owners of property representing greater than 10% of the assessed valuation of a proposed annexation area have requested annexation to the City of Longview. The proposed annexation area consists of 61 parcels totaling approximately 82 acres in size. The properties are located generally west of existing city limits between Ohio Street and Pennsylvania Street and east of 48th Avenue. The area includes the Robert Gray Elementary School. Mr. Brickey presented an overhead depicting the area. Pine Street would be extended in order to allow access to new parcels for development.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for City Council to meet with the property owners seeking annexation and for the Council to determine whether or not to: 1) accept, reject, or geographically modify the proposed annexation area; and/or 2) require

simultaneous adoption of a proposed zoning ordinance; and/or 3) require the assumption of any existing City indebtedness by the area to be annexed.

This particular annexation request was initially begun in 2002, and had attained the 60% ownership participation required to proceed at that time. The State Supreme Court, however, ruled against the petition method for annexation. After the Supreme Court's decision was reversed, the applicants were forced to commence the process again, as their signatures of approval had expired.

Mr. Brickey advised the West Pine area is within the service area of city water and sewer. The area will have to be piped to accommodate stormwater runoff, and a stormwater detention facility may be required. There may also be some wetlands issues inherent in this parcel. A traffic study may be required when the area is developed. Pine Street currently ends at the eastern extent of the proposed annexation area. This portion of Pine Street meets current City street standards. Ohio Street, 48th Avenue, and Pennsylvania Street, for the most part, do not have curbing, gutters or sidewalks.

At present, the petitioners report they have acquired support by the owners of a total valuation of \$5,765,900 in favor of the annexation. The balance of the properties included in the annexation area but not voicing support for annexation comprise a total valuation of \$3,835,700. According to these figures, petitioners already have acquired the necessary 60% ownership in favor of annexation.

Dennis LaVoie, 4523 Pennsylvania Place, representing the petitioners, stated he wants to open up the Pine Street area and develop some lots. He thought the area would be a nice addition to the city.

It was moved by Councilman Jensen to accept the annexation as proposed; direct staff to coordinate with the applicant in preparing the 60% petition to be circulated by the property owners; and transmit the annexation request to the City Planning Commission for a recommendation on the zoning designation for the subject property. This motion was seconded by Councilman Anagnostou. Upon a vote duly held, the motion was unanimously approved.

B. Bid Review: Dump Trucks.

City Manager Gregory advised two dump trucks for the Street Maintenance Department had been sent out for bid. These vehicles will also be equipped with snow plows and sanding units. Three bidders responded to the solicitation, as follows:

DSU Peterbilt & GMC Truck, Portland, OR	\$159,760.00
Portland Freightliner, Portland, OR	\$159,854.00
Northside Truck & Equipment, Portland, OR	\$170,786.00

All bids submitted met or exceeded the specifications. City Manager Gregory recommended Council award the contract to the low bidder, DSU Peterbilt & GMC Truck, including the trade-in option.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Leber, seconded by Councilman Busack, and unanimously passed with 7 "Aye" votes by Mayor Weber and Councilmembers Anagnostou, Busack, Jensen, Leber, Makinster, and Melink, the City Manager's recommendation was accepted and approved.

C. Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Engineering Services with Gibbs & Olson, Inc. – General Sewer Plan Preparation.

Gibbs & Olson has been working on a west Longview general sewer plan and facilities plan for the City since February 24, 2005. The previous general sewer plan had been a regional plan that had been ordered by the Cowlitz Sewer Operating Board (CSOB). Creation of the new Three Rivers Regional Wastewater Authority (TRWWA) and its near completion of expanded sewer processing capabilities made it unnecessary for the TRWWA to prepare an update to the regional general sewer plan. Each participating entity will now prepare its own general sewer plan. Since Gibbs & Olson has already been working on the west Longview situation, it was felt this company would be uniquely qualified to expand the scope of its work to include the East Longview sewer system planning.

Mr. Gregory recapped the process of selecting consultants for professional contracts. Rather than a competitive bidding process, consultants submit a Statement of Qualifications, and staff chooses the company best suited to perform the work. When asked about progress on the work, Mr. Gregory stated this update work is normally an 18-month project; he stated Gibbs & Olson is currently on schedule.

On a motion made by Councilman Makinster, seconded by Councilman Anagnostou, and unanimously passed with 7 "Aye" votes by Mayor Weber and Councilmembers Anagnostou, Busack, Jensen, Leber, Makinster, and Melink, the City Manager's recommendation was accepted and approved.

D. Staff Presentation: 2006 Transportation Program Information.

Noting the City is currently experiencing an inordinate amount of growth, Mr. Gregory thought it advisable to give Council an overview of the transportation programs planned for 2006 and the impact those demands are having on staff. The City has been successful in obtaining a number of HES (Hazard Elimination System) grants for traffic safety projects. For the benefit of the new members on Council, Mr. Gregory wanted Mr. Cameron to provide Council with an update of the projects planned and the demands placed on the public works staff.

Director of Public Works Jeff Cameron noted all of this engineering work is being handled by public works staff consisting of one transportation engineer, supported by one city engineer, and two staff engineers. The Engineering Department has had some turnover this last year. Upon the retirement of the City Engineer, Mr. Cameron appointed one of the staff engineers, Craig Bozarth, to the City Engineer position. The department is just now up to full staffing level and ready to proceed with projects.

Mr. Cameron displayed a list of the fifteen priorities scheduled for engineering work in 2006. This list was included in the Council agenda packet. His presentation materials and discussion gave details on each project's location, its estimated cost, funding arrangements, and scheduled

construction dates. [A copy of that information has been preserved with the original Council Agenda Packet for February 23, 2006.]

15. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION ONLY

MEETING REMINDERS:

Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Thursday, March 9, 2006

Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Thursday, March 23, 2006

Workshop: 7:00 p.m., Thursday, March 16, 2006 – Columbia Theatre/Annexation Policy/Land Use Regulations

Goal-Setting Retreat: 9:00 a.m., Review Status of 2004-05 Goals & Set Goals for 2006-07, Port Longview's Conference Room

Councilman Anagnostou asked for an excused absence on March 9, as he will be attending NLC in Washington, D.C. He plans to make it to the March 16 workshop.

A motion was duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed appointing Councilman Anagnostou to be the City's voting delegate at NLC.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Weber declared a recess at 9:59 p.m. to an Executive Session to personnel matters.

The Mayor reconvened the Council meeting at 10:25 p.m.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at its regular session, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

THE CITY OF LONGVIEW

Ann Davis, City Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Mayor

**Longview City Council
Goal Setting Retreat – Port of Longview Conference Room**

- Agenda -

**Saturday
March 18, 2006**

8:00 Breakfast-TBD

9:00 Welcome and Introduction
• **Review Agenda**

**9:10 Review Vision 2015-How Does this Align with Current Council
Vision**

10:10 Break

10:20 Review Status of 2004/05 Council Goals

11:30 2006 Council Goal Setting

12:00 Lunch

12:30 Continue 2006 Goals Discussion

1:45 Break

2:00 Continue 2006 Goals Discussion

3:00 Break

3:15 Summarize 2006 Council Goals

4:00 Next Steps - Adjourn

CITIZENS FOR QUALITY SCHOOLS

P.O. Box 73
Longview, WA 98632

Ken O'Hollaren, Chairman

Pete Pickett, Treasurer

March 2, 2006

Received

MAR 2 2006

Executive Office

Mayor Dennis Weber
Longview City Council
CITY OF LONGVIEW
1525 Broadway Street
Longview, WA 98632

Dear Mayor Weber and Longview City Council:

On behalf of the Citizens for Quality Schools, I am requesting City Council endorsement and support of the Longview School District's replacement M & O levy. As you may know, the Longview School District's Board of Directors is asking voters to approve a three-year M & O levy. The current levy expires on December 31, 2006.

The local school levy is a critical piece of the total school district's general fund budget. In fact, it accounts for eighteen percent of the budget and pays for programs, staff and services that are important to Longview's students and families. Lower class sizes, technology, athletics, after school activities, and school safety, including the school police officer partnership with the City, all rely upon local levy funds. Other programs such as special education and transportation depend on local levy funds to subsidize inadequate state funding.

The current levy costs \$3.27 per thousand of assessed valuation. The proposed levy would provide a stable three-year estimated cost of \$3.30 per thousand of assessed valuation. This estimate was based on a very conservative two percent growth factor. Based upon current economic indicators, Longview's tax base is likely to exceed the two percent growth factor and, therefore, the school levy would be less than the estimated cost per thousand of assessed valuation.

The ballots have already been mailed to voters and need to be completed and returned to the county elections office by March 14, 2006.

Once again, your support would be greatly appreciated as we all work together to improve our schools and community.

Sincerely,



Ken O'Hollaren
Chair: Citizens for Quality Schools

cc: Council

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Based upon the authentication and certification of claims and demands against the City, prepared and signed by the City's auditing officer, and in full reliance thereon, it is moved and seconded as shown in the minutes of this meeting that the following vouchers/warrants are approved for payment:

Voucher (warrant) totals for First Claims of March 2006:	Total \$817,554.66
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Pay Period:

Payroll warrant numbers 192967 through 193089	Total \$214,590.49
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Payroll direct deposits	Total \$340,171.46
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Payroll wire transfers	Total \$508,750.69
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Total Payroll Amt	\$1,063,512.64
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Pay Period:

Debt service payments electronically wired for Month 2006:	\$6,660.00
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CLAIMS ACTIVITY

New Claims

	Claimant	Incident Date	Incident Description	Amount Claimed
1.	Kevin Brown	12/19/05	Claimant alleges out-of-pocket expenses incurred to clean up after sewer back-up caused by problem in city line.	\$2,163.47
2.	Daryl Erickson	1/27/06	Claimant alleges vehicle damage as a result of tree limb falling on car. Seeking reimbursement of insurance deductible.	\$60.00

Settled Claims

	Claimant	Incident Date	Incident Description	Amount Paid
3.	Gale Rambo	1/16/06	Claimant alleged out-of-pocket expenses incurred to clear sewer line when blockage was on City side.	\$350.03
4.	Dan & Cindy Ouelette	7/27/05	Claimant alleged out-of-pocket expenses incurred to clear sewer line when blockage was on City side.	\$1,575.24
5.	Dean Johnson	9/18/05	Claimant alleged out-of-pocket expenses incurred to clear sewer line when blockage was on City side.	\$3,152.12
6.	Fred Starkel	6/20/05	Claimant alleged property damage and out-of-pocket expenses incurred when Water Department hooked up new meter and turned water on; claimant had asked water NOT be turned on as faucets were open. First floor flooded.	\$13,612.55
7.	Harold Sawyers	10/25/05	Claimant alleged his sewer line quit draining shortly after a sinkhole appeared in the alley behind his house.	\$1,544.70
8.	John Stewart	7/20/04	Claimant alleged personal injuries as a result of sidewalk fall.	\$4,856.00
9.	Patricia Harrington	7/4/05	Claimant alleged personal injuries as a result of sidewalk fall.	\$7,000.00

Denied Claims

	Claimant	Incident Date	Incident Description	Amount Claimed
10	Margaret Baker	7/19/05	Claimant alleged personal injuries as the result of a fall on the sidewalk.	\$250,000
11	Charles DeVault	12/31/05	Claimant alleged high water situation caused sewer line to back up into residence.	\$91.89
12	Ronald Ramey	12/15/05	Claimant alleged vehicle damage as a result of striking new, unmarked circular curb on Ocean Beach Hwy near Safeway/Lowe's construction site.	\$750.00
13	Brenda Abbey	12/19/05	Claimant alleged vehicle damage as a result of striking new, unmarked circular curb on Ocean Beach Hwy near Safeway/Lowe's construction site.	\$287.60

AGENDA SUMMARY SHEET

Business of the City Council City of Longview, Washington

SUBJECT TITLE:

New Liquor License Application #088756

Agenda Item: _____

Dept. of Origin: _____ Police _____

EXHIBITS:

Washington State Liquor Control Board
Notice of Liquor License Application

For Agenda of: _____ March 9, 2006 _____

Clearances:

Originator: _____ Alex Perez, Chief of Police _____

COUNCIL GOAL ADDRESSED:

City Atty Review Necessary? _____

Date/Initials of City Attorney: _____

PRESENTED BY:

Robert J. Gregory, City Manager

Asst. City Manager: _____

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Kesler's Sports Bar and Grill, Inc. and Leo Kevin Kesler have requested a Liquor License from the Washington State Liquor Control Board requesting to sell Spirits/beer and/or wine in a restaurant. This restaurant will be located at 1202 Commerce Ave.

The police department has no concerns with either the applicant or the location.

An extension until March 17, 2006 was granted by the Washington State Liquor Control Board due to the timing of the receipt of this request.

Expenditure Required:	Amount Budgeted	Appropriation Required
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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion as desired by Council.

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NOTICE OF LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION

RETURN TO: WASHINGTON STATE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD
License Division - 3000 Pacific, P.O. Box 43075
Olympia, WA 98504-3075
Customer Service: (360) 664-1600
Fax: (360) 753-2710
Website: www.liq.wa.gov

TO: CITY CLERK OF LONGVIEW
RE: NEW APPLICATION

DATE: 2/13/06

UBI: 602-581-077-001-0001

License: 088756 - 1K County: 08
Tradename: KESLER'S SPORTS BAR AND GRILL
Address: 1202 COMMERCE AVE
LONGVIEW WA 98632-3027

APPLICANTS:

KESLER'S SPORTS BAR AND GRILL, INC.

KESLER, LEO KEVIN
1961-03-23

Phone No.: 360-423-7054 LEO KESLER

Privileges Applied For:
SPIRITS/BR/WN REST LOUNGE -



As required by RCW 66.24.010(8), the Liquor Control Board is notifying you that the above has applied for a liquor license. You have 20 days from the date of this notice to give your input on this application. If we do not receive this notice back within 20 days, we will assume you have no objection to the issuance of the license. If you need additional time to respond, you must submit a written request for an extension of up to 20 days, with the reason(s) you need more time. If you need information on SSN, contact our CHRI Desk at (360) 664-1724.

- | | YES | NO |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Do you approve of applicant ? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Do you approve of location ? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. If you disapprove and the Board contemplates issuing a license, do you wish to request an adjudicative hearing before final action is taken? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (See WAC 314-09-010 for information about this process) | | |
| 4. If you disapprove, per RCW 66.24.010(8) you MUST attach a letter to the Board detailing the reason(s) for the objection and a statement of all facts on which your objection(s) are based. | | |

DATE

SIGNATURE OF MAYOR, CITY MANAGER, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OR DESIGNEE

AGENDA SUMMARY SHEET

Business of the City Council City of Longview, Washington

SUBJECT TITLE:

Liquor License Request -
Toutle Ranch Lake Guild

Agenda Item: _____

Dept. of Origin: _____ Police _____

EXHIBITS:

Washington State Liquor Control Board
Special Occasion # 357264

For Agenda of: _____ March 9, 2006 _____

Clearances:
Originator: _____ Alex Perez, Chief of Police _____

COUNCIL GOAL ADDRESSED:

City Atty Review Necessary? _____

Date/Initials of City Attorney: _____

PRESENTED BY:

Robert J. Gregory, City Manager

Asst. City Manager: _____

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The special occasion liquor license request shown on the exhibit is for the annual Toutle Ranch Lake Guild fundraiser for the LINK program, scheduled for April 29, 2006. The event will be held in the St. Rose Parish Center at 701 26th Ave from 5 pm to 8 pm. This event is a silent auction and wine tasting and Hors d'oeuvres will be served. The police department has had no problems with this event in the past and has no concerns in reference to this request.

An extension until March 17, 2006 was granted by the Washington State Liquor Control Board due to the timing of the receipt of this request.

Expenditure Required:	Amount Budgeted	Appropriation Required
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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion as desired by Council.

WASHINGTON STATE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD-License Services
1025 E Union - P O Box 43075
Olympia WA 98504-3075

TO: MAYOR OF LONGVIEW

February 17, 2006

SPECIAL OCCASION # 357264

TOUTLE RANCH LAKE GUILD
103 VIRGINIA PL
LONGVIEW, WA 98632



DATE: APRIL 29, 2006

TIME: 5 PM TO 8 PM

PLACE: ST. ROSE PARISH CENTER, 701 26TH AVE, LONGVIEW

CONTACT: JONNIE BYBEE

360-423-8500

SPECIAL OCCASION LICENSES

- * License to sell beer on a specified date for consumption at specific place.
* License to sell wine on a specific date for consumption at a specific place.
* Beer/Wine in unopened bottle or package in limited quantity for off premises consumption.
* Spirituous liquor by the individual glass for consumption at a specific place.

If return of this notice is not received in this office within 20 days from the above date, we will assume you have no objection to the issuance of the license. If additional time is required please advise.

- 1. Do you approve of applicant? YES NO
2. Do you approve of location? YES NO
3. If you disapprove and the Board contemplates issuing a license, do you want a hearing before final action is taken? YES NO

Table with 2 columns: OPTIONAL CHECK LIST and EXPLANATION. Rows include LAW ENFORCEMENT, HEALTH & SANITATION, FIRE, BUILDING, ZONING, and OTHER.

If you have indicated disapproval of the applicant, location or both, please submit a statement of all facts upon which such objections are based.

DATE SIGNATURE OF MAYOR, CITY MANAGER, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OR DESIGNEE

AGENDA SUMMARY SHEET

Business of the City Council City of Longview, Washington

SUBJECT TITLE:

Neighborhood Park Grant Awards for 2006

Agenda Item: Manager's Report**Dept. of Origin:** Parks & Recreation Department**EXHIBITS:**Memo to City Manager
Grant Summary 1997-2005
Project Request Evaluation Results
Grant Rating Criteria**For Agenda of:** March 9, 2006**Clearances:****Originator:** Rich Bemm**City Atty Review Necessary?** No**COUNCIL GOAL ADDRESSED:**

Improve the quality of living in Longview by enhancing our parks, recreation and cultural activities, and facilities.

Date/Initials of City Attorney: _____**Asst. City Manager:** _____**PRESENTED BY:**

Bob Gregory, City Manager

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

After evaluating the requests from the seven applicants applying to receive the 2006 Neighborhood Park Grant Funds, the Parks and Recreation Board voted to recommend awarding grant funds to support the following projects: Go 4th Association - \$10,000 for completing 2/3 of the remaining Hemlock plaza project on the Nichols Blvd. side of Lake Sacajawea Park; Longview Soccer - \$8,000 for the purchase of 14 sets of portable goals for 7th Ave. Park; Longview Babe Ruth Baseball - \$2,800 for development of pitching warm up areas next to each of the dugouts at Roy Morse Park; Western Youth Baseball – \$2,200 for construction of a maintenance materials storage area and service drive at John Null Park; Longview Girls Softball – \$2,000 for purchase and installation of two scoreboards at 7th Ave. Park. The other requests were from Friends of the Fairgrounds for replacement picnic table materials for nine tables, and Central Youth Baseball for miscellaneous building and field improvements.

Expenditure Required:	\$25,000	Amount Budgeted	\$25,000	Appropriation Required
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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to approve the five projects and funding levels recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board under the Neighborhood Park Grant Program.

February 21, 2006

To: Bob Gregory, City Manager
From: Rich Bemm, Director of Parks and Recreation
Subject: 2006 Neighborhood Park Grant Summary

Since 1997, the Parks and Recreation Board has been evaluating and ranking 50% matching Neighborhood Park Grant requests from Community organizations, sports organizations, service groups, and homeowners groups for improvements to city parks. Recommendations for funding are then made to Council for final approval. This is a capital program initiated by the Council as a means of giving the community an opportunity to invest in their parks, and the city the opportunity to maximize its capital funds. The \$25,000 that the Council makes available each year on a competitive basis has been used for a wide variety of programs including the purchase of playground equipment, sports field improvements, facility construction such as batting cages and field lighting, picnic shelters, and park restoration. On occasion, the Council has approved the funding of projects that take place on school grounds, but only when there is no park in the neighborhood and the school serves as the neighborhood park. I have attached a list of past recipients and their projects to give you a perspective on how the funds have been allocated.

The Parks and Recreation Board reviewed the following requests for funding in 2006. The evaluations have been completed and the projects are listed in the order ranked by the Board.

<u>Applicants</u>	<u>Project Cost</u>	<u>Fund Request</u>	<u>Recommend. Award</u>
1. Go 4 th Association: Complete concrete pathways around Hemlock plaza bricks	\$ 20,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
2. Longview Soccer: Purchase 14 sets of portable goals	\$16,200	\$ 8,100	\$ 8,000
3. Babe Ruth Baseball: Construct pitching warm-up areas			
Option #1	\$ 5,600	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,800
Option #2	\$ 8,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 0
4. Western Youth Baseball: Construct maintenance materials storage area	\$ 6,845	\$ 3,422	\$ 2,200
5. Longview Girls Softball: Purchase and install 2 scoreboards	\$ 9,340	\$ 4,670	\$ 2,000
6. Friends of the Fairgrounds: Replacement materials for 9 Picnic tables	\$ 4,700	\$ 2,300	\$ 0
7. Central Youth Baseball: Miscellaneous building and field improvements	\$ 25,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 0
Total	\$ 87,685	\$43,792	\$25,000

A description of each of the projects and the point distribution can be found in the attached.

It was the consensus of the Board that the first five projects should receive funding as recommended. Central Youth Baseball failed to submit their application on time (8-days late) and since timeliness is a requirement for being considered for any funding, they were not selected. Friend's of the Fairgrounds' request was not considered for funding because the Board did not feel the fairgrounds serve as a neighborhood park.

Based on these results, the Parks and Recreation Board is recommending to the City Council funding approval of the five identified projects.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Attachments

c. Bob Gregory, Asst. City Manager

Neighborhood Park Grant Program Summary

1997

Central Youth Baseball	fencing	\$ 2,200
Robbins Residents	1 st phase development at Hoehne Park	\$ 9,800
Early Edition Rotary	1 st phase development (Rotary Park)	\$13,000

1998

Central Youth Baseball	Fencing, parking	\$2,800
Longview Soccer Club	new water meter/irrigation	\$5,000
Western Youth Baseball	asphalt surface	\$5,000
Babe Ruth Baseball	Concession/score booth bldg	\$8,200
Early Edition Rotary	2 nd phase dev., picnic shelter	\$4,000

1999

Western Youth Baseball	paving for paths	\$ 5,000
Central Youth Baseball	fencing	\$ 3,463.50
Longview Girls Softball	Irrigation	\$3,546.05
Longview Babe Ruth	2 nd phase: score booth bldgs.	\$10,000

2000

Noon Rotary	Paved path at south end of the Lake	\$7,000
Marilyn Hoehne	Picnic shelter at Hoehne Park	\$5,000
Longview Babe Ruth	Field improvements - Roy Morse	\$3,000
CVG Grade School	Handicap play equipment at school	\$7,500
Central Youth Baseball	Field fencing - Highland Park	\$2,500

2001

Longview Noon Rotary	playground equipment at south end of lake	\$7,500
Cowlitz Co. Slow Pitch	infield dirt for two softball diamonds	\$3,000
Lv Public Service Group	restoration of sunken gardens	\$6,530
Central Youth Baseball	field fencing at Archie Anderson park	\$2,457
Longview Kiwanis	picnic table	\$350
Longview Babe Ruth	backstop construction	\$3,400
Longview Girls Softball	exterior painting of concession building	\$1,763

2002

Longview Public Ser. Gp.	Japanese Island Bridge Project	\$8,000
Longview Soccer Assoc.	Soccer Goals for 7 th Ave. Park	\$1,300
Longview Public Ser. Gp.	Lighting for the sunken gardens	\$2,000
Columbia Hts. Elem. Sch.	Playground Equipment	\$8,000

Longview Girls Softball	Bleachers for 7 th Ave. Park Fields	\$2,400
Longview Babe Ruth	New backstop at Roy Morse Park	\$3,300

2003

Pathways 2020	Anderson Pk. Basketball court Improv.	\$6,000
Central Youth Baseball	Filed fencing improvements	\$ 343
Longview Babe Ruth	Safety netting at Roy Morse Pk Fields	\$2,750
Columbia Hghts Elem. Sch.	2nd phase of playground equip. replacement	\$6,800
Longview Soccer Assoc.	New clubhouse building construction	\$5,900
Longview Girls Softball	Bleacher and dugout bench improvements	\$1,667
Western Youth Baseball	Purchase of picnic tables	\$1,540

2004

Go 4 th Festival Assoc.	Lake Sacajawea Pk. Plaza Improvements	\$5,000
Longview Girls Softball	Picnic Shelters & Bullpens	\$3,000
Western Youth Baseball	Field Lighting & Electric Upgrades	\$10,000

2005

Longview Early Ed. Rotary	Spray Park Construction – Catlin Grounds	\$20,000
Chamber of Commerce	Electrical upgrades – R.A. Long Park	\$ 2,500
Babe Ruth Baseball	Safety fencing	\$ 2,500

PARK GRANT RATING SHEET 2006

PROJECT APPLICANT	NEED	COMMUNITY PRIORITIES	AVAILABILITY	COST BENEFIT	READINESS TO PROCEED	PARTNERSHIPS	TOTAL POINTS
1 Go 4th Association	45	32	38	15	19	16	165
2 Longview Soccer Club	48	34	22	14	16	11	145
3 Babe Ruth Baseball	45	20	20	12	19	11	127
4 Western Youth Baseball	30	22	14	11	16	13	106
5 Longview Girls Softball	24	18	16	12	8	8	86
6 Friends of the Fairgrounds	15	14	18	13	16	8	84
7 Central Youth Baseball	Were not timely in submittal of application, therefore ineligible						

Maximum Points Available*	60	40	40	20	20	20	200
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*Maximum points are based on the tabulation of the 4 evaluators' scores of each of the criteria shown above. Each criteria is scored between 0 and 5 points with Need having a multiplier of 3 and Community Priorities and Availability having multipliers of 2.

Description of Projects

Go 4th Association - Request funds to complete 2/3 of the remaining plaza project on the Nichols Blvd. side of Lake Sacajawea Park. The work would include additional stamped concrete surface.

Longview Soccer Club - Request funds to purchase 2-sets of full size goals, 6-sets of mid size goals, and 6-set of small size goals, all to be portable to maximize field use at 7th Ave. Park.

Babe Ruth Baseball - Request funds to construct pitching warm up areas adjacent to the dugouts at both fields B1 and B2 at Roy Morse Park. They proposed two different design options: #1 - 4, 10'x12' backstops, pitching rubbers, and plates. #2 - 4 10'x12' backstops with side panels and roofs, pitching rubbers and plates.

Western Youth Baseball - Request funds to construct storage areas for field maintenance materials at John Null Park, which are currently stockpiled in the open grass area between the fields, and a gravel path to the storage area.

Longview Girls Softball - Request funds to purchase and install two scoreboards for fields #1 & #2 at 7th Ave. Park.

Friends of the Fairgrounds - Request funds to purchase materials and construct 9 replacement picnic tables for the Cowlitz County Fairgrounds. Existing tables are in poor shape.

Central Youth Baseball - Request funds for improvements to their indoor batting cage, addition of an outdoor pitching/batting cage, yellow safety capping on all fencing, additional infield soil for the major field, and a new bullpen for the major field at Archie Anderson Park.

Neighborhood Park Grant

EVALUATION FOR AWARD CONSIDERATION

The following should be considered when evaluating the merits of projects brought before the Parks and Recreation Board

Need. What is the community's need for the project?

Consider the number of existing facilities in the area/community, number of individuals who will benefit from this project, is there a significant unserved or under-served user group, and what is the demand.

1. No need is demonstrated(0 points)
2. Modest need is demonstrated(1-2 points)
3. Strong need is demonstrated(3-4 points)
4. Unusually high or urgent need is demonstrated.....(5 points)

Community Priorities. To what extent does this project satisfy the community's need for such a project?

1. No evidence that the proposed project satisfies the community needs(0 points)
2. Little or modest evidence that the proposed project satisfies the community needs.....(1-2 points)
3. Adequate or strong evidence that the proposed project satisfies the community needs...(3-4 points)
4. There is overwhelming evidence that the proposed project satisfies the community needs.....(5 points)

Availability. Upon project completion, what is the anticipated availability of the project during a calendar year?

1. Availability is restricted to "special interest" population(0 points)
2. Availability is limited to 1 or 2 seasons and day light hours(1-2 points)
3. Available for 3 or more seasons and extended hours(3-4 points)
4. Available year round and includes evening use(5 points)

Cost Benefit. Do the benefits of the project outweigh the costs? (Benefits include economic impact and community development; additional opportunities for play in the community, and reduction in youth-related social problems.

1. No evidence there is a net benefit(0 points)
2. Little or modest evidence there is a net benefit(1-2 points)
3. Adequate or strong evidence there is a net benefit(3-4 points)
4. Significant or substantial evidence there is a net benefit(5 points)

Readiness to Proceed. How soon after the grant is approved can the project begin?

Evidence that the applicant can move swiftly towards project completion by demonstrating availability of the 50% match; permits secured; needed labor pool - paid or volunteer, is available.

1. Significant barriers exist before the project can proceed(0 points)
2. A number of barriers exist but steps are underway to eliminate the barriers(1-2 points)
3. Few barriers exist and are readily removed(3-4 points)
4. The project is ready to move forward immediately(5 points)

Partnerships. Does the applicant have partnership arrangements? If so, what value does the partnership(s) bring to the project?

1. None(0 points)
2. The applicant has a partner, but there are few additional resources or little additional value as a result(1-2 points)
3. Partnership offers some value toward completion of the project(3-4 points)
4. The partnership will result in outstanding value for the project(5 points)

AGENDA SUMMARY SHEET

Business of the City Council City of Longview, Washington

SUBJECT TITLE:

Cowlitz County Mini-Rural Partial Library District –
Extension & Renewal of Agreement for Library Services

Agenda Item: _____

Dept. of Origin: _____ Library _____

EXHIBITS:

Contract for Extension and Renewal of Library Services.

For Agenda of: _____ March 9, 2006 _____

Clearances:

Originator: _____ Chris Skaugset _____

COUNCIL GOAL ADDRESSED:

Cooperation in the providing of Library services.

City Atty. Review Necessary? _____ Yes _____

PRESENTED BY:

Robert J. Gregory, City Manager

Date/Initials of City Attorney: _____

Deputy City Manager: _____

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Cowlitz County Mini-Rural Library District Board wishes to extend the agreement with the City of Longview for the continuation of library Services from May 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007. (The original contract began on May 1, 1998). The 2006-07 contract in the amount of \$293,997.00 provides for an increase of \$17,497 over the 2005-06 contract total of \$276,500.00 and represents the maximum levy increase allowable under the provisions of Initiative 747.

Expenditure Required:	Amount Budgeted	Appropriation Required
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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to



Memorandum

March 6, 2006

TO: Bob Gregory, City Manager

FROM: Chris Skaugset, Library Director

SUBJECT: Brief History of Cowlitz County Mini Rural Library District

The Longview Public Library is a city-owned and operated library, and is funded in part by city property taxes. As such, the Library provides “free” cards to persons residing in Longview. Persons residing outside the city limits must pay the equivalent of monies paid by city residents through their taxes, which has been calculated to be approximately \$100 per year.

In November of 1996, Cowlitz County residents in the Beacon, Coal Creek, Columbia Heights, Industrial Way, Lexington, Lone Oak, Mt. Solo, Nevada, Olson, Scenic, Sparks, Stella, Sunset, and View voting precincts, voted to tax themselves for library services, creating library service for nearly every Longview and some Kelso addresses. A Cowlitz County Mini Rural Library District was formed, and a Board of Trustees was created. The Board decided to contract with the City of Longview for library services, rather than go to the expense of building and supplying a new library.

The first annual contract for library services between the Mini District and the City of Longview began on May 1, 1998 and expired on April 30, 1999. During the January 8, 1998 Council meeting, there was some debate between the Longview City Council and the Mini District Board on the levy rate, with the Board offering to pay \$.34 per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation, and the Library Director advising that a payment of \$.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation would be necessary for the Library to break even, since more staff would have to be hired and more materials purchased to accommodate Mini District patrons. The City Council decided to compromise, and the first Mini District contract was approved for a tax rate of \$.42 per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation, or \$221,549.

Each year since 1998, with the exception of 2005-06, the City Council has renewed the annual agreement with the Cowlitz County Mini Rural Library District at a levy increase of 1%, the maximum allowed by law. Because of service reductions in 2003-04 due to the City’s economic problems, the City Council allowed the Mini District to contract for that year at the previous year’s rate.

Residents in the Mini District have consistently comprised 20-22% of the Library’s cardholders and circulation.

**EXTENSION AND RENEWAL OF
AGREEMENT FOR LIBRARY SERVICES**

THIS EXTENSION AND RENEWAL AGREEMENT, is entered into this _____ day of _____, 2006, by and between the CITY OF LONGVIEW, WASHINGTON, a code city of the State of Washington, (hereinafter referred to as "City") and COWLITZ COUNTY MINI-RURAL PARTIAL LIBRARY DISTRICT, a political subdivision of the State of Washington, organized and existing under and by virtue of RCW 27.12.080, (hereinafter referred to as "District"):

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the City owns, maintains, and operates a Public Library, including real property, the Public Library Building, and including an extensive collection of books, periodicals, papers, documents, films, video tapes, audio tapes, and magazines, as well as computers, software, furnishings, and fixtures, all of which was originally provided as a gift from Robert A. Long and Ella M. Long, and all of which has been maintained, improved and operated by funds derived from taxes imposed upon the residents and citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, heretofore, the City has permitted non-residents of the City to purchase the use of "Library Cards" and use the facilities of said Library, including the privilege of removing books and other materials for their temporary personal use; and

WHEREAS, the District was created to provide library services for its residents, and said District entered into an agreement with the City for such services to its residents for the period commencing May 1, 1998 and ending April 30, 1999; which said agreement has been renewed and extended annually; and said District now desires to extend and renew said agreement for the period commencing May 1, 2006 and ending April 30, 2007, by which the City will agree to provide library services to the residents of said District in the manner that such services are provided to residents of the City, and the voters of said District have approved an ad valorem tax levy in the sum of \$.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value of taxable real property within the boundaries of said District to pay for the privilege of such services to such residents; and

WHEREAS, said District has heretofore incurred certain indebtedness that should be paid from the ad valorem taxes described above; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of said City has agreed to extend and renew said AGREEMENT with said District for a period of one (1) year, commencing May 1, 2006 to provide Library Cards to the qualified residents of said District in order that they may use the facilities of said library and obtain the privilege of removing books and other materials therefrom for their personal use, subject to all of the rules and regulations of regarding the use of said library and those relating to the removal and return of such books and materials;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby, in consideration mutual benefits to be derived therefrom, the parties hereto hereby promise and agree as follows:

1. LIBRARY CARDS: The City will issue Longview Public Library cards to residents of the District who meet the same qualifications as residents of the City, except for the residence qualification. Such Library Cards shall each be for a term of one (1) year, may be renewable and may be of a distinctive color or configuration to identify them residents of the District.

2. LIBRARY SERVICES: Holders of Longview Public Library cards, issued pursuant to this EXTENSION AND RENEWAL AGREEMENT shall be entitled to all of the privileges of Library use that are accorded to residents of the City except for "outreach services". For purposes of this EXTENSION AND RENEWAL AGREEMENT the term "outreach services" means such services as Bookmobiles, and the delivery and/or retrieval of library materials.

3. PAYMENT FOR SERVICES: The District shall pay to the City an amount equal to the proceeds of an ad valorem tax levy on all of the taxable real property situated within the District, levied at the rate of \$0.4017 (40.17 cents) per \$1,000 (one thousand dollars) of assessed value as determined by the Cowlitz County Assessor, but not less than the sum of \$293,997. Payment of all such taxes collected prior to May 10, 2006, shall be made on or about the 20th day of May, 2006; and payment of all such taxes collected after May 10, 2006 and prior to November 10, 2006, shall be made on or about November 25, 2006. Any such taxes thereafter collected shall be paid as and when received.

4. TERM OF AGREEMENT - EXTENSIONS: This EXTENSION AND RENEWAL AGREEMENT is for a term of one (1) year, commencing on the 1st day of May, 2006, and ending on the 30th day of April, 2007. Any books, materials, or other property of the Longview Public Library, then in the hands or possession of residents of the District who possess Library Cards, shall be returned to said library within the time required by the rules and regulations of the Longview Public Library. The City shall monitor the costs of providing services under the terms of this Agreement, and periodic reports shall be provided to the City Manager. Subject to a review of such costs by the City Council for rendering library services hereunder, and subject to the sole discretion and determination of the City Council of the City, this EXTENSION AND RENEWAL AGREEMENT may be extended for additional annual terms by an Extension Agreement or Agreements, executed by the District and by the City, and containing any additional agreements of the parties hereto, including any increases or decreases in annual payments to the City and the amount of any future ad valorem taxes levied within the District.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2006. Dated this ____ day of _____, 2006.

COWLITZ COUNTY MINI-RURAL
CITY OF LONGVIEW, WASHINGTON PARTIAL LIBRARY DISTRICT

By: _____
City Manager

By: _____
Chairman

Attest:

City Clerk

Attest:

(title)

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

New Business License Applications

03/02/2006

ALPINE CAPITAL CORP.
740 WAUKEGAN RD SUITE 205
DEERFIELD IL 60015

VINCE RINALDI
LEASING OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT

B & L ENTERPRISES
97828 TITUS LN
HARBOR OR 97415

LINDA POLLARD
RETAIL SALES OF JEWELRY

BUMBLEBEE TOWING & RECOVERY
520 7TH AVE
LONGVIEW WA 98632

RANDAL KNAPP
TOWING AND RECOVERY OF VEHICLES

C & R TRACTOR & LANDSCAPING
1226-A 3RD AVE
LONGVIEW WA 98632

CASEY HEATON
GENERAL CONTRACTOR

COMFY K-9 CREATIONS
3373 TORI LN
LONGVIEW WA 98632

REBECCA WOOLDRIDGE
MAKING AND SELLING DOG AND CAT ACCESSORIES

DEE @ TOTAL IMAGE
1061 14TH AVE
LONGVIEW WA 98632

IDA NEAL
HAIR STYLIST

DIANE SPEED LMP
1615 DELAWARE ST
LONGVIEW WA 98632

DIANE SPEED
MASSAGE THERAPY

FLOURISH SKIN AND LASER LLC
3314 LAUREL RD
LONGVIEW WA 98632

MARY BOAGLIO
SKIN CARE PRODUCTS

HAIR BY TLC
1321 HEMLOCK ST
LONGVIEW WA 98632

TAMARA CHAMBERS
HAIR STYLIST

JAN RAUTH EDUCATIONAL CONSULTING
5 ASH
LONGVIEW WA 98632

JANICE RAUTH
EDUCATIONAL CONSULTING

JASON SIMON
167 SCHAFFFRAN RD
CASTLE ROCK WA 98611

JASON SIMON
LAWN MAINTENANCE

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03/02/2006

KEN'S ENGRAVING EMPORIUM INC.
1234 COMMERCE AVE
LONGVIEW WA 98632

KENNETH FALTER
CUSTOM ENGRAVING

L & T FROST INC.
2926 MADRONA DR
LONGVIEW WA 98632

LYNNE FROST
REAL ESTATE SALES

LOCKYEAR COMPUTERS
2953 FLORIDA ST
LONGVIEW WA 98632

NICK LOCKYEAR
COMPUTER REPAIR

MINT FARM ENERGY CENTER LLC
1200 PRUDENTIAL BLVD
LONGVIEW WA 98632

SCOTT MAGIE
ELECTRIC GENERATION FACILITY

NG PROJECT SERVICES
157 MC CORMICK RD, SPUR #2
CASTLE ROCK WA 98611

NELSON GRAHAM
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

PRO MOWING
1045 17TH AVE
LONGVIEW WA 98632

SHAD COFFMAN
LAWN MAINTENANCE

PS ENTERPRISES
3281 MT PLEASANT RD
KELSO WA 98632

PAUL NICHOLS
JANITORIAL SERVICE

SLEEP COUNTRY USA
200 TRIANGLE CENTER SUITE 290
LONGVIEW WA 98632

RICH THOMAS
MATTRESS AND BEDDING RETAIL

WEST COAST EXTERIORS
12817 NE 17TH ST
VANCOUVER WA 98684

CHRIS CONAHAN
SIDING REPLACEMENT
