

MARYSVILLE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

January 16, 2007

7:00 p.m.

City Hall

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Jon Nehring called the January 16, 2007 work session of the Marysville City Council to order at 7:04 p.m. He then led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Chief Administrative Officer Mary Swenson gave the roll call. The following staff and councilmembers were in attendance.

Mayor Pro Tem: Jon Nehring

Council: Carmen Rasmussen, Jeff Seibert, John Soriano, Jeff Vaughan, and Donna Wright

Staff: Mary Swenson, Chief Administrative Officer; Grant Weed, City Attorney; Sandy Langdon, Finance Director; Gloria Hirashima, Community Development Director; John Turner, Interim Chief of Police; and Laurie Hugdahl, Recording Secretary.

Mary Swenson commented that Mayor Kendall was out ill. She also noted that Councilmember Lee Phillips had informed her that he would be unable to attend because of the snow.

Motion made by Councilmember Soriano, seconded by Councilmember Rasmussen, to excuse the absence of Councilmember Phillips. Motion passed unanimously (6-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Jeff Vaughan reported on the Graffiti Task Force:

- There had been a presentation by Ursula Ranke of the Marysville School District regarding socioeconomic factors that play in to the graffiti problem.
- Action items within the committee are moving forward.
- They were able to meet with Marysville Seniors Against Crime (MSAC) and watched them in action as they worked on graffiti removal.
- The committee will be bringing an ordinance to Council at the first work session in February.

Councilmember Carmen Rasmussen commented that the Cable TV Advisory Committee met, but said she would let Councilmember Phillips give that report when he returned.

PRESENTATIONS – None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **Approval of January 2, 2007 City Council Work Session.**
2. **Approval of January 8, 2007 City Council Meeting Minutes.**
3. **Approval of January 16, 2007 City Council Work Session Minutes.**

CONSENT AGENDA

4. **Approval of January 3, 2007 Claims (Period 13) in the Amount of \$526,521.90; Paid by Check No. 36186 through 36301.**
5. **Approval of January 3, 2007 Claims (Period 1) in the Amount of \$3,923.48; Paid by Check No. 36302 through 36321.**
6. **Approval of January 10, 2007 Claims (Period 1).**
7. **Approval of January 10, 2007 Claims (Period 13).**
8. **Approval of January 5, 2007 Payroll in the Amount of \$1,121,985.22; Paid by Check No. 17266 through 172344.**
9. **Approval of New Liquor License; Marysville Deli & Video, 922 State Avenue.**
10. **Approval of Final Plat; Berrywoods Phase II.**

There were no comments or questions regarding this item.

11. **Authorize Mayor to Sign Professional Services Agreement with Jay Group for Design of Jennings Memorial Park Entrance Renovation.**

Councilmember Soriano wondered why the Jay Group was giving them a 35% discount. Parks and Recreation Director Ballew explained that Mr. Jay is a member of the Rotary Club who wishes to discount his rate. Additionally, his son is a student who frequently uses that path.

Mayor Pro Tem Nehring asked if Gellerson Fund would be used. Mr. Ballew stated that they would.

12. Authorize Mayor to Sign the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Whatcom County for the Northwest Minichain Services.

Mayor Pro Tem Nehring asked about the cost for this. Chief Turner assured him that the cost would be at least half the price of the City doing this independently. This agreement allows the City access to a statewide network for the purpose of transporting prisoners.

REVIEW BIDS – None.

PUBLIC HEARING – None.

CURRENT BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

13. Approval of Committee Recommendation for Gateway Master Plan.

Mayor Pro Tem Nehring noted that Councilmembers Soriano, Vaughan and Phillips were all on the committee that developed this. Councilmember Soriano commented that the recommendation is essentially guidelines and there is much room for variance. Councilmember Vaughan concurred. He commended the input that went into this and the consultant for doing a good job with conceptualization.

Councilmember Rasmussen stated that she really enjoyed seeing this vision. She felt it was very well done. She asked about the gateway at 88th Street and I-5. Since this is an important gateway she was wondering why it was smaller than the others. Community Development Director Gloria Hirashima commented that they had viewed some gateways as more urgent because of new development. Additionally, there was a concern that there wasn't very much right of way at 88th so they had chosen to look at something more vertical for that area. Councilmember Vaughan added that they also had to consider the sight distance as drivers come off the freeway.

Councilmember Rasmussen then referred to the proposal for the gateway at State Avenue and the bridge. She suggested designing something that actually attached to the bridge. Director Hirashima said that they had discussed that and it looked like they would be doing that.

Director Hirashima noted that Makers would be doing a presentation at the next meeting as well as any committee members who would like a chance to address the

Council. Their recommendation is to implement the gateways over time via developer incentives, regular maintenance/replacement of signs, and construction by the City's own sign shop. A total of ten gateways were suggested. Mayor Kendall had also recommended adding SR 92 and Highway 9.

Councilmember Seibert asked where the sign would be at 4th and State. Ms. Hirashima replied that it would be on the southeast corner. Councilmember Seibert recommended keeping the signs up high to avoid accidents and vandalism.

Councilmember Seibert asked if they would be using the City's existing logo. Director Hirashima explained that they had tried to capture essential elements from the logo and incorporate it into this. They tried to minimize what was on the signage to simplify it. Councilmember Seibert felt that that was fine on the larger signs, but thought that the logo should be on the smaller signs. Councilmember Vaughan explained that the existing logo is very difficult to see on a directional sign. That is why the developers had taken elements from it and used those. Gloria Hirashima added that the simplified elements allowed for better readability. Councilmember Seibert concurred. He expressed appreciation for the hard work that went into this.

Mayor Pro Tem Nehring commented that he likes the idea proposed for Comford Park since this is such an important location for the residents of the City. He questioned the high price of the reader board. Ms. Hirashima informed him that it was accurate and that they are very expensive.

Councilmember Seibert suggested making the reader board large enough to be readable for cars or small enough not to be a distraction for cars since they would probably try to read it.

Councilmember Rasmussen suggested using Homeland Security money for a reader board since it could be useful in an emergency situation.

LEGAL

14. **Recovery Contract for Sewer; Robinett Management Company; Willow Park, LLC.**

There were no comments or questions regarding this item.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS – None.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS – None.

STAFF BUSINESS

Gloria Hirashima announced that they had held a Whiskey Ridge community meeting last week. There were a lot of questions that staff was able to help answer. There will be a final public hearing on January 23.

The census for the Whiskey Ridge area is complete and the final tally was 2600. This brings the total population to about 36,000. Ms. Hirashima thanked the many staff members and MSAC volunteers who helped with the census.

Sandy Langdon said that people would be receiving surface water letters regarding new commercial information. She also reminded Council that there would be a Finance Committee meeting tomorrow.

Jim Ballew said there would be a Parks Board Meeting on Wednesday at the library. The Healthy Communities Advisory Council will be meeting on Thursday and will be putting an Action Plan out for a kick off.

Chief Turner commented that there were a lot of accidents today. He noted that since the jail is continuously full or overflowing, he feels that the City is reaching a point where they need to establish a maximum capacity. Several homes in the Sunnyside area have been identified as abandoned. They are looking at conducting some fire practice up there because it is becoming an attractive nuisance. Barclays is being very cooperative.

Doug Buell announced that the Basic Guide to Utilities would be going to the printer on Wednesday. It is already posted on the website.

Grant Weed said he had one real estate item for Executive Session. No action would be required and it was expected to take ten minutes.

Mary Swenson commented that the budget for snow and ice removal is gone. She commended the streets crews for their work. She noted that Lake Stevens would be rescheduling the meeting that was cancelled this morning. She gave Council the unfortunate news that an employee's home had burned down over the weekend. Nobody was hurt, but everything was destroyed and staff is collecting donations to help.

CALL ON COUNCILMEMBERS

Carmen Rasmussen thanked the streets crews, the police and everyone else for dealing with the weather.

Jeff Vaughan stated that he was contacted by a citizen near Allen Creek Elementary School regarding some trees that were leaning toward his house from the park. Jim Ballew indicated he would follow up on this.

John Soriano thanked the road crews, officers and EMS personnel.

Donna Wright stated that she would like to attend the National League of Cities' Congressional City Conference in Washington D.C. in the spring. There was general consensus to allow her to attend.

She then announced that she would be out of town the following week.

Jon Nehring commended Doug Buell for the work he does on the *Messenger*. He said he continually receives positive comments about it from residents.

INFORMATION ITEMS

15. **Marysville Library Board; December 14, 2006.**

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Nehring recessed at 8:00 p.m. into Executive Session which began at 8:05 p.m.

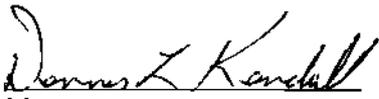
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council met in Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss one real estate item.

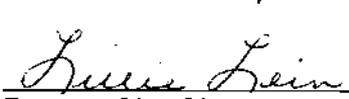
ADJOURNMENT

Council reconvened into Regular Session at 8:15 p.m. , and seeing no further business, Mayor Pro Tem Nehring adjourned the meeting.

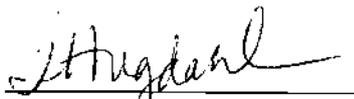
Approved this 22nd day of January, 2007.



Mayor
Dennis Kendall



Deputy City Clerk
Lillie Lein



Recording Secretary
Laurie Hugdahl