



Work Session
October 6, 2008

Call to Order / Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pro Tem Seibert called the October 6, 2008 work session of the Marysville City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. at Marysville City Hall. 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: Councilmember Jeff Seibert

Council: Councilmember Jon Nehring, Councilmember Lee Phillips, Councilmember Carmen Rasmussen, Councilmember John Soriano, Councilmember Jeff Vaughan and Councilmember Donna Wright

Also Present: Chief Administrative Officer Mary Swenson, Finance Director Sandy Langdon, Commander Rob Lamoureux, Public Works Director Kevin Nielsen, Senior Planner Chris Holland, City Clerk Tracy Jeffries, and Recording Secretary Laurie Hugdahl

Mayor Pro Tem Seibert requested a moment of silence in memory of Public Works employee Kyle Anderson who recently passed away.

Committee Reports

Councilmember Carmen Rasmussen attended the Snohomish County Urban County Consortium Interlocal Agreement Review which reviews the interlocal agreement that governs the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding dispersion. She explained that there is a provision that they were not aware of that the CDBG funding is allowed to be distributed to cities for economic development, but the county currently doesn't have any goals in the area of economic development for CDBG funding. Most of the cities expressed an interest in returning the economic development category back to CDBG. There was discussion about a better way to go through the process of the funding and allocation. One of the ideas was that cities should have the opportunity to vet any project that is currently or proposed to be in their city. Councilmember

Rasmussen explained that Marysville will be governed by the interlocal agreement until 2012 since the agreement was automatically renewed early.

Councilmember Rasmussen also attended the Snohomish County Housing and Homelessness Policy Oversight Committee meeting with Commander Lamoureux. There was an overview of Housing Within Reach with discussion regarding challenges to affordable housing. There was also a presentation on a plan of action to address manufactured housing. Councilmembers Mike Cooper and Brian Sullivan presented a work plan for affordable mobile home park housing. Councilmember Rasmussen noted that copies of this presentation will be distributed to Council.

Councilmember John Soriano reported on the Public Safety Committee meeting from September 24th. Bob Dolhanyk and Chief Smith reviewed a spreadsheet showing data from call cards that the officers are filling out. This information will be used by the crime analyst to determine what the trends are for each beat. Chief Smith also discussed the City's take-home vehicle policy. This may need to be readdressed due to fuel costs, benefits analysis, etc. Commander Krusey gave a presentation about the Indian Ridge Jail facility. There was discussion about the possibility of a regional jail facility. Chief Administrative Officer Mary Swenson added that after 2012 there will be limited jail space and the City is considering other options along with other jurisdictions. She discussed the property that is available.

Councilmember Jeff Vaughan gave a report of the Graffiti Task Force meeting last Thursday. At the meeting there was a review of recent arrests. Commander Lamoureux reported that of all the individuals that have been arrested in the last year there have not been repeat offenders. This is encouraging news. The school district continues to have problems with vandalism, especially etching. There was significant discussion regarding the upcoming gang awareness training which will be held on November 6 and 7.

Presentations

Discussion Items

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of September 22, 2008 City Council Meeting Minutes.
2. Approval of October 6, 2008 City Council Work Session Minutes.

Consent

3. Approval of September 17, 2008 Claims in the Amount of \$633,020.28; Paid by Check No.'s 50123 through 50315 with Check No.'s 49328, 49876 and 49960 Voided.
4. Approval of September 24, 2008 Claims in the Amount of \$1,623,026.37; Paid by Check No.'s 50316 through 50447 with no Check No.'s Voided.

5. Approval of October 1, 2008 Claims.
6. Approval of September 19, 2008 Payroll in the Amount of \$747,707.60; Paid by Check No.'s 20414 through 20480.
7. Approval of October 3, 2008 Payroll.

Review Bids

8. Award Bid for the Grove Street and Alder Avenue Intersection Improvements Project to Signal Electric in the amount of \$168,817.06.

Public Works Director Kevin Nielsen stated that this is by the public safety building. The City received a more favorable bid price this time around. Staff is recommending awarding this and moving forward.

Public Hearings

New Business

9. Acceptance of the Jennings's Parking Lot Overlay Project to Start the 45-Day Lien Filing Period for Project Closeout.

Director Kevin Nielsen stated that staff is recommending project acceptance.

10. Acceptance of the Grove and 67th Intersection Improvements Project to Start the 45-Day Lien Filing Period.

Director Nielsen stated that all the signal improvements are in and complete.

11. Acceptance of the Strawberry Fields Drainage Project to Start the 45-Day Lien Filing Period.

Director Nielsen reported that the project is complete and preliminary tests show that it will work very well.

Councilmember Nehring asked when this would be playable again. CAO Mary Swenson replied that it might be ready in January, but they need to wait for the grass to grow in. She added that this has been communicated to the sports organizations.

12. Hotel/Motel Tax Grant Program.

Councilmember Lee Phillips reported that the Hotel/Motel Committee met on September 29 to review funding applications and there was enough money to approve every application. He remarked that they now have the ability to grant money towards capital items that have a direct relation to tourism.

City Attorney Grant Weed added that there has been some question about whether the grant can be used for capital items, but this recent decision by the legislature clarifies the issue.

There was some discussion about getting the word out to more people in order to get a more diverse group of applications.

13. Professional Services Agreement – Supplemental Agreement No. 2 with Northwest Management Systems for a Time Extension on the Update of the City's Pavement Management System.

Director Nielsen stated that this is a time extension until December, but no extra cost is involved.

14. Professional Services Agreement – Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with Berger/Abram Engineers Inc., in the Amount of \$602,489 to Complete the Final Design Phase of the 156th Street Overcrossing for the Lakewood Triangle Access Project.

Kevin Nielsen stated that this will take the City from preliminary design to final design on the 156th Street Overcrossing. This overcrossing is very important to the Master Plan and other projects in the north end.

Mayor Pro Tem Seibert discussed the proximity of some of the businesses on the east side. He asked if there was any chance of negotiating with the property owner that now has expanded his business quite a bit to allow access to the backside of the property. Kevin Nielsen indicated that will look at options related to this.

15. An Ordinance of the City of Marysville, Washington, Amending Chapter 11.52 of the Marysville Municipal Code Relating to the City's Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) Plan, in Accordance with the Washington State Legislature's 2006 Commute Trip Reduction Efficiency Act, which Amended the Requirements of RCW 70.94.521-555.

Chris Holland discussed the Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) Plan amendments. This has been reviewed by the CTR board and Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC). The city has set a goal of reducing drive alone trips by 10% and vehicle miles travelled (VMT) by 13% for all major employers.

Councilmember Rasmussen referred to item 15-17 (page 11), under Transit, where there is an indication of adding bike lanes along 4th and 64th Street. She thought that the plan now was to make Grove Street the main arterial for bikes. Senior Planner Holland indicated he would double check this and amend it if needed.

16. Interplan Health Group Base Participating Payor Agreement.

City Attorney Grant Weed explained that providing health care services to inmates has been a significant cost. This agreement is with a California-based company that provides those services at a reduced cost.

Councilmember Rasmussen asked if they have experience working with jail facilities. Mr. Weed indicated they would find out the answer to this.

Legal

Mayor's Business

Staff Business

Rob Lamoureux:

- He distributed information regarding burglaries over the last several months and discussed the data. The police department has substantial leads on recent burglaries. Mary Swenson stated that they have plans to have a community meeting to discuss this with residents. Councilmember Vaughan is getting a lot of feedback from people who are frustrated with the lack of information they have gotten from the City. John Soriano thanked the new crime analyst Don Castanares who provided information to share with his neighbors.
- He gave a budget update. He reported that Homeland Security funds have recently been procured and will be used to obtain some of the items previously requested in the budget.
- He reported on the Tracking Team, members of the Tactical Entry Team who have been through specialized technical training. They have been called out three times recently as a group to investigations with other jurisdictions. He discussed recent successes they have had. The team has done exceptionally well in recent competitions, even beating the British Army Special Forces in a team competition in Moses Lake. There has been some discussion about starting a regional team in order to share expenses.

Kevin Nielsen gave a report on traffic improvements. He noted that Verizon is all over town right now and any calls received regarding them should be directed to him. He was pleased to report that they are two months ahead of schedule.

Councilmember Lee Phillips asked if it would be possible to put a detour sign on State Avenue sooner so people are able to do the detour. Director Nielsen stated that they would look into this.

Mary Swenson:

- She regretfully informed the Council of the recent passing of former Arlington official Dick Larson and City employee Kyle Anderson.
- The staff meeting with Bill Wilkerson regarding the UW Campus went well.
- The staff is working on getting positive press out regarding graffiti in Marysville.
- They City had a clean audit with no findings.

- Finance Director Sandy Langdon was just appointed as president of Washington Finance Officers Association (WFOA). CAO Swenson commended the outstanding work that Director Langdon does.

City Attorney Grant Weed reported that the legislature recently passed a bill that created a new offense of gang-related graffiti. He will be bringing back an ordinance that references that legislation by reference. He discussed the need for a short executive session regarding a personnel matter for 10 minutes.

Chris Holland reported that the Planning Commission will finalize recommendations this month for Comprehensive Plan amendments.

Sandy Langdon announced that the Finance Committee meeting scheduled for next Wednesday will be cancelled due to the budget meetings.

Call on Councilmembers

Carmen Rasmussen reminded everyone that this Saturday is Serve Day with local churches working at Asbury Field. She applauded the staff that did a fabulous job with the UW campus information.

Jeff Vaughan commended the conference room and setting where the UW presentation was held. He expressed appreciation to Jim Ballew for letter he wrote to the high school student who had suggested the graffiti wall.

Donna Wright congratulated Sandy Langdon on her new position.

Jon Nehring:

- He congratulated Sandy Langdon on the clean audit.
- He received a concern from a citizen about a hazardous tree on city property. Director Kevin Nielsen indicated that they would look into that.
- The Neopolis ribbon cutting was fabulous.
- The Grove Street Elementary School dedication was incredibly well-attended.

John Soriano commended Sandy on the audit. He extended thanks to Commander Krusey and Don Castaneres for the information regarding burglaries.

Lee Phillips had no comments.

Jeff Seibert:

- He wondered if there might be a relationship between the cleanup of the tunnel and Everett trying to locate a UW branch campus there.
- He congratulated Sandy Langdon on her new position and the clean audit.
- He commended staff for their presentation.
- He brought up the controversy over the airport. Mary Swenson said that staff hopes to discuss this with Council next week. She stated that the focus needs to be on mitigating impacts to residents.

Rob Lamoureux added that they have made 31 arrests year to date on graffiti-related arrests.

Mary Swenson added that the trees at the library may need to be removed.

Adjournment

Council recessed at 8:20 into Executive Session which was scheduled to begin at 8:25 and last for 10 minutes to discuss one personnel item. No action was expected.

Executive Session

A. Litigation

B. Personnel – one item

C. Real Estate

Adjournment

Seeing no further business, Mayor Kendall adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Approved this 13th day of October, 2008.



Mayor
Dennis Kendall



Asst. Admin. Svcs. Director
Tracy Jeffries