

Work Session
July 6, 2015

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Nehring called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Mayor: Jon Nehring

Council: Steve Muller, Kamille Norton, Jeff Seibert, Michael Stevens, Rob Toyer, and Donna Wright

Absent: Jeff Vaughan

Also Present: Chief Administrative Officer Gloria Hirashima, Finance Director Sandy Langdon, Police Chief Rick Smith, City Attorney Jon Walker, Public Works Director Kevin Nielsen, Parks and Recreation Director Jim Ballew, Fire Chief McFalls, Associate Planner Angela Gemmer, and Recording Secretary Laurie Hugdahl.

Mayor Nehring commented that Council President Vaughan had requested an excused absence since he is out of town.

Motion made by Councilmember Muller, seconded by Councilmember Stevens, to excuse the absence of Council President Vaughan. **Motion** passed unanimously (6-0)

Approval of the Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Stevens, seconded by Councilmember Norton, to approve the agenda. **Motion** passed unanimously (6-0).

Introduction – Updates are limited to the most recent version of plans which have been adopted.

Vision – Amendments consist of updates to reflect expansion of, and major changes within, the City from 2005 to 2015.

Public Participation – Amendments consist of a new section which outlines the general public participation process for Comprehensive Plan amendments and a description of the public participation process for the current update.

Land Use Element – Updates were made to the population and employment information consistent with PSRC's Vision 2040 Regional Growth Strategy. Maps were updated to reflect current city boundary and major infrastructure projects. There are no area-wide zoning changes or major policy changes proposed.

Citizen Rezone Request 2 – NW corner of 51st Avenue NE & 144th Street NE – This is presently zoned Neighborhood Business (NB) and was requested to be rezoned to R-18 or R-28. Staff's recommendation is to rezone it to R-18 to be consistent with the surrounding properties.

Citizen Rezone Request 3 – West of I-5 and BNSF railroad, and north of 140th Street NE – The owner is requesting rezoning, but staff's recommendation is to retain the existing Public Institutional (PI) designation as there are concerns about traffic. Staff is recommending identifying it as eligible to rezone to R-4.5 subject to a traffic analysis that assesses 140th Street as well as the future connector from 140th Street to 172nd Street including its alignment.

Citizen Rezone Request 4 – 4321-4407 84th Street NE – This is presently zoned R-6.5 Single Family High Density. The request is to rezone to R-18 or R-28. Staff's recommendation is to rezone to R-12 to serve as a transition between surrounding multi-family on the west and part of the north and single family zoning along the rest of the north and the east.

Citizen Rezone Request 5 – 3824 88th Street NE – This includes four parcels which are presently zoned 88-MU with a request to rezone to R-28 Multi-family, High Density. Staff's recommendation is to retain 88-MU zoning since it is consistent with staff's vision for the area.

Staff-Initiated Rezone 1 – 4011 81st Place NE – The recommendation is to rezone these to be entirely General Commercial to be consistent with how the property is currently developed.

Staff-Initiated Rezone 2 – 4025, 4027, and 4107 80th Street – Staff's recommendation is to rezone from R-6.5 to General Commercial to align the zoning and the use.

Councilmember Muller asked if staff ever looked into tax implications. Ms. Gemmer replied she contacted the assessor that holds the portfolio and was told they were taxed

Capital Facilities Plan – This covers the City’s capital construction and purchases for the six year period from 2014 to 2020.

Glossary – Amendments consist of additional definitions pertaining to housing and housing affordability; recreation; and essential public facilities.

Ms. Gemmer reviewed the process to date for the Comprehensive Plan update summarizing that the Planning Commission has recommended adoption of the Plan to the City Council.

Councilmember Muller asked if Master Builders provided any input. Ms. Gemmer was not aware of any concerns of Master Builders specifically related to the Comprehensive Plan. Councilmember Muller asked for staff’s feelings about the rate of growth of apartments in the multi-family zones. CAO Hirashima replied the apartment growth over the past few years has been rather rapid, but it is in concert with the plan designations. One thing they need to update is the Lakewood area because the 2005 density estimate needs to be increased. She explained there have been extensive discussions by the Planning Commission about how to improve the quality of development that is seen in the City. Design standards are an area they will continue to focus on. Councilmember Muller then referred to the EPA exercise and asked if there were any comments that might affect the downtown area. CAO Hirashima said the EPA had complimented the City on the steps they are taking. In fact a lot of their recommendations were around how to reinforce and expedite changes that the City wants to see in the downtown area.

Mayor Nehring thanked Ms. Gemmer for an excellent presentation and staff for all their hard work.

Discussion Items

Approval of Minutes *(Written Comment Only Accepted from Audience.)*

1. Consider the June 1, 2015 City Council Work Session Minutes
2. Consider the June 8, 2015 City Council Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Seibert referred to the motion made on page 5 of 8 and commented that it appeared there was a mistake. Mayor Nehring stated that staff could look into it.

Consent

3. Consider the June 19, 2015 Payroll in the Amount of \$1,053,646.56; Paid by Check Numbers 28976 through 29026
4. Consider the June 17, 2015 Claims in the Amount of \$1,124,491.95; Paid by Check Numbers 100738 through 100902 with Check Number 88540 Voided

Director Nielsen explained that Blue Marble is the waste and recycling program. The City won't be able to get grant money until September, but staff is recommending approval of this agreement now in order to keep it going.

Councilmember Seibert asked if Blue Marble is working with Waste Management and Allied. Director Nielsen stated they would be coordinating with Waste Management for schools, but the City is also focusing on multi-family and commercial.

11. Consider the Supplement 2 to the City's agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc.

Director Nielsen commended Mayor Nehring for all his work on the transportation package which was approved in Olympia. One of the City's projects in that package is SR529 which is slated in the years 2017-2019. This is for the final design so the City will be shovel-ready in 2017 and maybe even a little earlier.

Councilmember Seibert asked if WSDOT will be involved in the process. Director Nielsen replied they will be part of the design team because they will take it over for construction.

12. Consider an **Ordinance** Amending MMC 14.07.090 Establishing Procedures for Water and Sewer Latecomer Reimbursement Contracts; Providing for Severability; and Effective Date

City Attorney Jon Walker explained this is for latecomer fees. The legislature has now made these mandatory, and it also increases the amount of time for recovery.

Councilmember Seibert asked about a letter from Pat Anderson at Weed Graafstra and Benson. City Attorney Walker explained his opinion that street latecomer fees are different than water and sewer latecomer fees. He doesn't think the City needs to pass a separate ordinance for each property if there are ordinances specific to the entire city.

Legal

Mayor's Business

Mayor Nehring had the following comments:

- It's really good news about the transportation package. It looks like the City will have a 529/I-5 interchange, a 116th interchange, and a 156th interchange in the package in addition to possibly some work on 88th. There is also money for the shoulder lane on I-5 between Marine View Drive and Exit 199 which will help traffic during peak hours. He is very pleased and impressed with the investment in the community. He expressed appreciation to Senator Steve Hobbs, Representative Robinson and Representative Sells. Representative Christianson was also very helpful.

Jim Ballew:

- It looks like the City will receive funding from two sources for Qwuloolt to total about \$840,000. This means the City will be able to start construction in August or September.
- Free Fit Saturdays will be starting this Saturday at Totem as part of the City's free exercise program.
- Poochapalooza will also be at Totem.
- Farmers Market will be held at City Hall again on Saturday.
- Junk in the Trunk will be at the Marysville Court.
- Concerts and movies also start this weekend.
- New banners were installed along State.
- A light was installed at the welcome gateway.
- Last week there was a meeting with about 45 people in the community surrounding Mother Nature's Window.
- The Waterfront Park was the only park impacted by fireworks.

Sandy Langdon:

- Finance Committee will be meeting next Wednesday.
- She was in Wenatchee before the 4th of July and saw the devastation from the fires there.

Police Chief Smith:

- He reported on fireworks-related police activity. Overall it was successful in that they talked to a lot more people. It was a lot better for police this year than it has been in the few previous years. Only one citation was written, but a lot of warning letters were given. He spoke in support of banning fireworks.
- Police are gearing up for National Night Out which will be near Comeford Park on August 4 from 6 to 8 p.m. He reminded everyone that National Night Out against Crime was originally for neighborhoods to acknowledge law enforcement and public safety within the neighborhoods. He spoke in support of moving back to the model of police going into the neighborhoods rather than the City putting on a big event. He thinks it is much more personal and effective if officers, command staff members, and supervisors go out to meet and talk with the community in that setting rather than at a big event.

Fire Chief McFalls:

- There were 79 fire responses on July 4 which was over last year's grand total of 72. Overall, he stated it was very successful with most of the fires being out or nearly out by the time crews arrived. He credited people's preparation with water sources and shovels and an increased sense of awareness.
- He discussed the I-5 fires and other fires around the city.
- He commented that there was an ice cave collapse today with several injuries.
- He also spoke in support of banning fireworks.

Michael Stevens:

- AWC conference was very nicely done.
- The Farmers Market ribbon cutting will be exciting.

Jeff Seibert:

- Thanks to Police, Fire, and Public Works for their work related to fireworks.
- He acknowledged a new magazine called *Marysville-Tulalip Living*. He was impressed with the publication. Mayor Nehring concurred.

Donna Wright:

- AWC Conference in Wenatchee was well presented. A wastewater treatment plant was highlighted which had sculptures, screenings, and plantings with a brand new Hilton hotel being built right next to it. There was an emphasis at the conference about transitioning to LED lighting which will save cities lots of money. Director Nielsen concurred and noted the City is already transitioning most of their lighting. Marysville was awarded a Well City Award and City of Excellence Award.
- She agreed with Chief Smith about making National Night Out more of a neighborhood event.
- She commended staff on the transportation package and the ALEA Grant.

Steve Muller:

- He commended Mayor Nehring and staff for the transportation package and the Qwuloolt funding.
- He received a lot of calls about noise from the Relay for Life going past midnight.
- He agreed that the City was noticeably quieter this year closer to the 4th.
- He went kayaking at the slough on July 5 and spotted a lot of garbage down by the boat launch which his wife and her friend picked up.
- He asked the Council to consider a \$65,000 donation to the Historical Society for completion of the museum. Mayor Nehring noted that if Council was interested it could be taken out of the Capital Reserve Fund. Councilmember Muller added that this would be a community building. There was consensus to put this on the agenda for the Finance Committee.
- Thanks to police and fire for all their hard work with the fireworks.

Adjournment

Council recessed from 9:20 to 9:25 before reconvening into Executive Session to discuss one pending litigation item for five minutes with no action and then into closed session to discuss one labor issue after the meeting adjourned.

- A. Litigation – one item, RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)**
- B. Personnel**
- C. Real Estate**