

MARYSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

00175

SEPTEMBER 10, 1990

7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers

Present: Rita Matheny, Mayor
Councilmembers:
 Ken Baxter, Mayor Pro Tem
 Dave McGee
 Dave Weiser (excused)
 Donna Pedersen
 Donna Wright
 Bob Lashua
 Lee Cundiff
Administrative Staff:
 Carolyn Sanden, City Administrator
 Jim Allendoerfer, City Attorney
 Phil Dexter, Finance Director
 Doug Ronning, Fire Chief
 Dave Zabell, Public Works Director
 Duke Carrier, Sanitation Superintendent
 Wanda Iverson, Recording Secretary

CORRECTED: SEE	9/24/90
MINUTES	

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Matheny called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

City Clerk/Finance Director Dexter called the roll with all members present/absent as indicated above. Councilor McGee moved and Councilor Wright seconded to excuse Councilor Weiser as he was out of town. Motion passed unanimously.

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MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Councilor Pedersen noted in the minutes of 9/4/90 that on page 3, at the end of the second paragraph, the word "another" should be deleted because the drain field is currently on Lot 3.

Councilor Lashua noted on page 8, in the last line of the last full paragraph, "Schilding" should be spelled "Schilde".

Councilor Pedersen moved and Councilor Lashua seconded to approve the minutes of the 9/4/90 meeting as corrected. Motion passed unanimously.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mabel Crowley of 7332 73rd St. NE addressed Council and said when she moved in, they were told the property next to hers was to be turned into a park (on the corner of 73rd & Grove) and she said she is wondering mainly when it's going to be cleaned up because it is such a mess.

Public Works Director Zabell explained that her previous call to City Hall was referred to him, that they hadn't realized this was happening and there and had not worked 73rd & Grove into any maintenance schedule previously. Recently, personnel has been very busy with the sewer lagoon/treatment plant and so Jim Ballew of the Parks Dept. has been asked to help clean up the corner. He noted that the Parks Dept. will be going in and cutting the grass very soon.

Ms. Crowley expressed disappointment in the City for allowing the corner to get so bad, noting that the tall grass is causing a fire hazard and also looks very unsightly. She said people think it's her responsibility and she has to tell them it's the City's. She said she was also of the understanding wildflower seeds were going to be planted there and it's just been let go.

Public Works Director Zabell explained the developer did dedicate it to the City but it was not big enough for a park so didn't get included in the Parks Dept. regular maintenance scheduling. He reassured Ms. Crowley that the City will be taking care of the problem very soon.

PRESENTATION:

City Fire Chief Ronning made a presentation on behalf of E-911 regarding street name changes. He handed out an excerpt from the MMC and noted that under 12.04.014, it is recommended that the extension of the Third Street N.E. alignment from 47th Avenue N.E. to Cherry Tree Lane housing division be hereafter known and designated as 61st St. N.E., and east of Cherry Tree Lane, it shall be known and designated by Snohomish County as Sunnyside Blvd. N.E.

He explained that they hoped this was the last of the street name changes, that it had been discovered that previous name changes had created address duplications. He pointed out that this is in the best interest of safety, even though the street name changes may not be popular, and that the post office is working well with the fire department regarding implementing these changes. If approved by City Council, he stated the changes would go in effect immediately.

Councilor Lashua asked about notification to the people whose addresses will change and Chief Ronning stated the post office has already sent out some notices; unfortunately, they have sent out the wrong addresses on the notices, so this needs to be corrected as soon as possible.

Councilor Baxter moved and Councilor Cundiff seconded to approve the street name changes as presented regarding Third Street. After some additional clarification by the City Attorney, the motion passed unanimously.

City Fire Chief Ronning then presented another street name change for Cedarcrest So. Division II--changing 67th Drive to 71st Pl. NE. This will affect 18 residences and Chief Ronning stated he would be willing to go door to door to explain the necessary change to those people involved. Without the change, duplications of addresses have been created again, it was noted.

Councilor Wright moved and Councilor McGee seconded to approve the changes as presented by Chief Ronning. Passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Payroll Check Nos. 19527 thru 19829 in the amount of \$374,229.65.
2. Claims Check Nos. 21215 thru 21354 in the amount of \$230,270.48.

After a brief discussion regarding the purchase of office products, Councilor Cundiff moved and Councilor McGee seconded to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 & 2. Passed unanimously.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: None.

REVIEW BIDS: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan 1991 - 1996.

Public Works Director Zabell explained this is the annual update of the six year Transportation Improvement Plan as per state and federal law. He highlighted some of the projects which will be receiving state funds and explained that there are some projects not listed because they are in the 1990 plan.

There was no audience participation and the Council proceeded to discuss. Councilor Lashua asked about the reference to "various sections" of 67th and Public Works Director Zabell explained that part of 67th has been done and the improvement will go as far north as the LID. He added that they have been working on 73rd Place which comes out of local funds.

Councilor Pedersen asked if the priority of #1 and #2 could be switched to #2 and #1 and Public Works Director Zabell explained that #2 is mostly maintenance and is local funds, that the priority depends on receipt of the funding. For example, he stated #3 - 88th to 94th on State (including signalization), they are hoping for a grant and also, right of way is still required on that project.

Councilor Baxter moved and Councilor McGee seconded that the 6 Year TIP for 1991-96 be adopted as presented. Passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Directional Change of the Alley Between State Avenue and Columbia Avenue, 300 Block.

Public Works Director Zabell explained that Peter Controvadis, who is the owner of the building at 4th & State, would like to see this change and has received a favorable response from the neighboring businesses; it would allow traffic to go east.

Discussion followed regarding traffic flow in the alley and how the alley was changed originally to prevent trucks from turning right into the alley, how it takes two lanes to get in or out of the alley, the fact that there are fewer trucks using the alley now (just a flour delivery truck for the bakery).

Councilor Lashua moved and Councilor Wright seconded to approve the directional change of the alley.

City Attorney Allendoerfer then pointed out that the City code already says it's a two way alley, with no access from State.

There was more discussion about trucks coming out on State, the alley presently being posted as one way, Carr's Hardware parking, maybe it should remain two-way with no entrance from State, the same as 2nd & 3rd, new signage required only (?), the fact that a one way westbound sign has been put up in error just so people would not access State from the alley because it's dangerous (not because it's illegal).

Councilor Lashua and Councilor Wright withdrew their first and second to the motion.

Bill Roberts, 4129 76th St. NE, addressed Council, representing Mr. Controvadis, and presented a parking lot plan which had been prepared but stated it sounded like they didn't have to do anything now except to change the signage in the alley. He said he spoke with Earl Hansen (owner of Cascade Music) and he is agreeable to easterly traffic in the alley.

It was the consensus that no action was required of Council at this time.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

2. Recycling Proposal.

Finance Director Dextor explained that a Request for Proposals has been prepared and the City would like recycling in effect by 12/1. He said Duke Carrier has contacted the three providers in the area as well as the City of Arlington (who are basically in the same position as Marysville) regarding rates and the possibility of a joint contract with the City of Arlington.

Sanitation Superintendent Carrier highlighted the Request for Proposals in the packets, noting that a preliminary check on the cost per household per month for picking up recyclables revealed: Rubatino \$3.25, Waste Management included, Mill Creek and Mount-lake Terrace (Fibres International) - \$2.50.

Councilor Cundiff asked about a limit on yard waste and Sanitation Supt. Carrier stated within reason, there would be no limit, but that it can't be picked up with the garbage trucks anymore. He pointed out that due to the sporadic nature of yard waste, it could be set up on a weekly basis during the summer and monthly during the cold months. He added that it is predicted that there will only be a 5% drop in garbage weight once recycling starts.

There was considerable discussion concerning everyone sharing in the cost of recycling, rates are to be negotiated, other city input to be sought, recycling newspapers, reduction in solid waste, each household having different needs, commercial needs as opposed to residential needs, locking dumpsters, special yard waste containers, plastic milk jugs not being recyclable at this time because there is no market for them, curbside and/or alley collection, recycling for businesses, cardboard recycling (bales go to Japan), advertising about recycling, possibility of going in with surrounding communities, authorization needed to proceed with the Request for Proposals/negotiations.

Councilor McGee moved to approve and authorize staff to proceed with the Request for Proposals/negotiations with Arlington as proposed. Councilor Lashua seconded.

Discussion followed about reduction in garbage pick ups, local garbage problems, etc. and the motion passed unanimously.

1. Snohomish County Tomorrow.

City Administrator Sanden explained that Snohomish County Tomorrow is looking for City Council support, that the City Attorney's comments are in the packets but in view of the fact that City Council probably has not had time to review thoroughly, it is staff's recommendation to continue this discussion to next meeting.

Councilor Lashua said he would be in agreement with staff's recommendation and moved to continue to next meeting. Councilor Baxter seconded the motion.

City Administrator Sanden stated this would allow time to get other cities' input also and City Attorney Allendoerfer asked if Marysville's concerns were going to be simply looked at as a minority opinion and in fact, the "majority" has been cast in concrete, prior to a public hearing at the county level.

City Administrator Sanden noted this is what happened with the solid waste issue and the county ended up changing the process.

City Attorney Allendoerfer stated that Councilor Lashua should probably get in touch with Claus Schilde at the County with regard to Marysville's concerns.

Councilor Pedersen asked what a "less than fee simple purchase" is and City Attorney Allendoerfer explained it refers to the concept of buying development rights, eg. buying the farming rights only from a farmer.

The motion passed unanimously.

LEGAL MATTERS:

1. DOT Contract for Inventory of Street Signs.

Public Works Director Zabell explained that a grant was applied for with regard to the DOT taking a signing inventory and this may identify specific needs for federal/state funds, he said.

Councilor Baxter moved and Councilor Wright seconded to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with DOT. Passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

1. Ordinance relating to Parks Dept., Golf Dept., Utilities Dept. by increasing the pay grade for the Groundskeeper, Greenskeeper and Utilities Secretary positions.

Councilor Baxter clarified whether these increases are as per the union contract and City Administrator Sanden said yes, through a comparable worth study that was done.

Councilor Baxter moved and Councilor McGee seconded to approve the pay grade changes. Passed unanimously. (Ordinance #1799)

2. Resolution authorizing encroachment by a building wall over a public sidewalk on the south side of Fourth Street N.E.

Councilor Lashua moved and Councilor Wright seconded to approve/adopt Resolution 1443. Passed unanimously.

3. Resolution denying a sewer moratorium variance for the Kotilainen short plat.

Councilor Lashua moved and Councilor Cundiff seconded to approve/adopt Resolution 1444. Passed unanimously.

STAFF'S BUSINESS:

City Administrator Sanden made a presentation regarding a \$20,000 request for City Hall. She stated she has spoken with a number of cities who have done a space and programming projection and/or other plans and she said she feels the best approach would be to have someone come in and look at City Hall needs and make an assessment of them. She said she would also like a consultant to come in and look at the feasibility of having a recreation district and do a public opinion survey and feasibility study with regard to direction to take regarding City Hall. She pointed out that one possibility is to have a community center in Marysville and the location of City Hall needs to be carefully studied. She stressed the importance of receiving public input regarding these issues, especially if any monetary/financial support is needed in the future.

Councilor McGee said he was very much in favor of a public survey being done as soon as possible and then doing the City Hall feasibility study at a later time.

Councilor Pedersen said she agrees with the survey being done first but would like to see a space and programming consultant brought in also. She noted that a professional consultant may be more costly than doing it in-house but pays off with the more objective point of view.

Councilor Lashua said he agreed with City Administrator Sanden's proposal, noting that this should have been done two years ago!

Councilor Cundiff said he agreed with Councilor McGee's comments.

City Administrator Sanden thanked Council and said they would proceed with the survey regarding City Hall first.

City Attorney Allendoerfer announced three upcoming meetings of interest: next Monday night, the BRB public hearing regarding the Firstmark Corp. annexation into Marysville (county opposing); Wednesday--Griffore Annexation meeting; 11/7 trial date for R/L Assoc. vs. City of Marysville regarding delay damages lawsuit.

Public Works Director Zabell reported that Larry Wade met with Quil Ceda Tanning last week regarding their BOD violation and they now have a temporary permit from DOE. He noted Quil Ceda Tanning is using Marysville water for restrooms only and the City will be metering how much they are using from the creek.

Councilor Lashua asked about Quil Ceda Tanning's right to pump water out of the creek and Public Works Director Zabell stated they have a permit and must have water rights, but that he could check further on that. Discussion followed regarding the history of the tannery, BOD tests, other violators, sewer lagoon problems, vested sewer rights, ULIDs.

CALL ON COUNCIL:

Councilor McGee asked City Administrator Sanden about the personnel issues that were mentioned at the Friday Briefing.

City Administrator Sanden explained there has been a re-evaluation of the City Clerk position as well as the City Secretary. It is being proposed that the City Secretary (Mary Swenson) be changed to "Administrative Assistant" with the Business License Secretary to be changed to "Records Management" under the Administrative Assistant, plus bring in one more secretary. She cited several things which have resulted in the increased workload over the past couple years including a full time mayor, more citizen input, need for follow up of complaints, clerical support for better coordination between departments. She said she would like a comparable worth study done, that she would expect some change in salary but with very little overall impact. She concluded that most cities of comparable size have an Administrative Asst. and there is documentation supporting this need.

Councilor Baxter asked about the City Hall roof and City Administrator Sanden confirmed that it is in very poor repair and a flat roof is almost impossible to keep from leaking. The recommendation is to have a new roof put on in 1991--\$50,000 for a sloped, metal roof.

Councilor Baxter questioned Voucher #21335 for purple t-shirts and Finance Director Dexter said he would check into this with Jim Ballew.

Councilor Baxter asked about the golf course fence on 67th and Public Works Director Zabell said he is still checking on it.

Councilor Baxter asked about a problem with a Mr. Callas and City Attorney Allendoerfer explained it is a sewer moratorium problem.

Councilor Baxter stated a local realtor has suggested sending Dave Zabell and/or ?? to California (at the realtor's expense) to look at how they have handled sewer lagoon/treatment plants in southern California with the use of an additive.

City Administrator Sanden pointed out that the DOE has not been very receptive to the idea of additives but Councilor Lashua said there are many great testimonials from cities who have used this method.

City Attorney Allendoerfer expressed sympathy for the developers trying to come up with a cure for the sewer crisis, however the method being used in southern California is probably not designed for a different type of (wet) climate such as we have here, he said.

City Administrator Sanden added that Marysville's sewer lagoon has too many organics already and it is her understanding we need more oxygen.

There was further discussion about the Public Works Director coming here from California, the fact that Brown & Caldwell are well versed with different methods that work in this area. City Attorney Allendoerfer said he didn't see sending someone from here by the realtor as a conflict of interest, but that he was not sure of the effectiveness of the additive.

Councilor Lashua stated he understood the additive would run about \$8,000 per month and one real estate company has offered a donation of \$10,000 however there were certain conditions mentioned and then another offer came up without strings attached, and that's something we might look at, he said.

City Attorney Allendoerfer pointed out that this might be an action that the City could take to prove that we are interested in developers' innovative ideas, but Public Works Director Zabell pointed out that the innovative ideas have to be accepted by DOE, who has not been very receptive to date. He added that we are going to have to go to Steamboat Slough, according to DOE and Marysville needs to clean up the influent mainly.

Councilor Baxter said he felt the City Engineer should be the one who goes to California because he has the necessary knowledge and it would prove that Marysville is trying to come up with a solution to the sewer lagoon dilemma.

There was discussion about the fact that very few people were interested in showing up to the EIS scoping meeting for the sewer lagoon/water comp plan, that there needs to be better communications.

Councilor Pedersen asked about the communications consultant, Jerry Burke, and City Administrator Sanden said she has set up a mutually agreeable schedule for him to come in on the 25th, 26th and 27th. The first session would be for 3 hrs. with the City Council and Planning Commission, another 3 hour session with the police, animal control and reserves, two sessions for office and field operations personnel and a four hour session with department heads. She noted that his program includes a video entitled "Grow or Die", deals with communications and changing roles in city government and also addresses a certain evolution that has taken place over the years in serving the public.

The consensus was that the first session would be from 2-5 p.m. on Tue. Sept. 25 for City Council and Planning Commission.

Councilor Pedersen asked about another joint meeting with the Planning Commission and City Administrator Sanden said she would check with Mike Corcoran.

Councilor Wright commented on the great Saturday workshop.

Councilor Cundiff asked about striping on Armar Rd. for bicycles and Public Works Director Zabell stated it hasn't been done for years, that he would check with the county. He noted that the west side is for parking and was striped originally in error, he thought.

Councilor Lashua asked about the storm water/sewer project completion date and Public Works Director Zabell said it's tied in now, about 99% complete. He said the sand will be cleaned up so it won't go into the storm water sewers.

Mayor Matheny mentioned the upcoming Association of Snohomish Co. Cities & Towns regular meeting 9/27/90.

Mayor Matheny appointed Councilors Baxter, Weiser and Pedersen as the three Council representatives for the Joint Fire Board.

ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 10:00 p.m.
(Real Estate and Pending Litigation)

RECONVENE & ADJOURNMENT: Approx. 11:15 p.m.

Accepted this 24th day of September, 1990.

MAYOR

Phillip E. Baxter

CITY CLERK

Nanda A. Iverson

RECORDING SECRETARY

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