

MARYSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

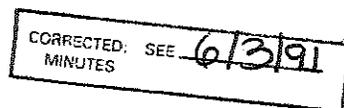
MAY 28, 1991

6:30 p.m.

Council Chambers

Present: Rita Matheny, Mayor (excused)Councilmembers:

Ken Baxter, Mayor Pro Tem
 Dave McGee
 Dave Weiser
 Donna Pedersen
 Donna Wright
 Lee Cundiff
 Bob Lashua

Administrative Staff:

Carolyn Sanden, City Administrator
 Mike Corcoran, City Planner
 Grant Weed, City Attorney
 Phil Dexter, Finance Director
 Doug Ronning, City Fire Chief
 Dave Zabell, Public Works Director
 Wanda Iverson, Recording Secretary

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:30 to 7:45 (Litigation).CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pro Tem Baxter called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. and led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

Finance Director/City Clerk Dexter called the roll with all members present/absent as indicated above.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Councilor Pedersen noted in the minutes of 5/13/91, on page 4, the second paragraph should be reworded: "The public hearing on the proposed water and sewer rates was opened for public testimony. No one in the audience spoke in favor or against the proposed rate increases. The public hearing was closed and Council discussion opened." She noted that in the last paragraph on page 4, "this public hearing" should be "Council discussion" (to be continued).

Councilor McGee then moved and Councilor Pedersen seconded to approve the 5/13/91 minutes as corrected. Passed unanimously.

There being no corrections to the 5/20/91 minutes, Councilor Cundiff moved to adopt them as written, with Councilor Lashua seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Bill Roberts, 4129 76th St. NE, addressed Council, stating he is representing some people whose property is outlined on the handout map in pink. There are 17 lots in this subdivision, known as the Griffore Annexation, he explained, and he noted annexation was proceeded with but then the sewer moratorium came along and now a water moratorium has been placed by PUD. He said they are now stuck in the process and would like to continue with the preliminary plat. He said the Dept. of Health is declaring this area to be "disputed" as far as water is concerned and there is a water moratorium until the City, PUD and Dept. of Health can come to an agreement. He said his clients' hopes are that they could at least determine the necessary action it would take to "get the ball rolling." He stated they have talked with Craig Thompson of PUD and they are willing to allow the City to put in a water line as long as it doesn't cost PUD any money. He said they are

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looking for direction from City Council as this applicant has been sitting on a preliminary plat for two years.

Public Works Director Zabell stated the Utility Committee met and drafted a proposal to PUD about 2 weeks ago. He said they are still waiting to hear from Craig Thompson on the written proposal presented to PUD.

Mr. Roberts said PUD was not too happy with the City's proposal and it's the feeling of the applicants that they would like a specific decision from the City, regardless of the resolution between the City and the PUD. The Dept. of Health says this can be resolved on a case by case basis he pointed out and added that he thinks this is the only way to get on with the processing of the preliminary plat.

Public Works Director Zabell said the only way he can see an agreement is if it's agreed that the City provide sewer and PUD provide water. Mr. Roberts agreed and added they would just like their preliminary plat processed and the only way is to have some agreement from the City.

Councilor Pedersen said she would like to see something back from PUD so City Council has something to talk about.

Public Works Director Zabell said he would like to see some response (in writing) to the City's proposal to PUD.

Mr. Roberts said he thinks they can get a response within a week. He asked if the City is asking the applicant to wait through the whole process or if there is some way they can proceed in the meantime.

Councilor Pedersen stated she could not speak for the other Councilmembers but could not answer that question until she saw something from the PUD.

Mayor Pro Tem Baxter pointed out that the City rejected an offer PUD made months ago and if they have not changed their position, then probably the City hasn't either.

Mr. Roberts said he sees his role at this point as "prodding" the issue along but Public Works Director Zabell stated he felt some progress is being made between PUD and the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Baxter said he thinks there's been some progress made, too and changes in attitudes.

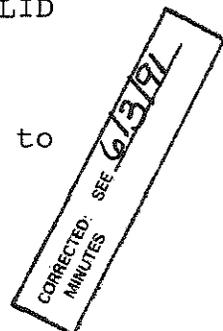
Councilor Pedersen pointed out that it's a little tough to accept their offer or reject it when it's not known what the offer is.

Councilor Weiser asked if the City needs an approval from DOH to extend water lines within City limits and City Administrator Sanden said they are talking specifically about a disputed area, in this case.

City Attorney Weed said he recently wrote a letter to the State asking this same question and has not had a response as yet.

Councilor Weiser asked how the lines got put in the ground in the first place and Public Works Director Zabell stated it was an LID and it's a 6" water line.

Mr. Roberts quoted from the June 1991 letter from the Dept. of Health and he concluded that the PUD and the City need to come to



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an agreement. He said he and his clients are willing to "play messenger" and bring back PUD's response to the City.

John Friel of Marysville addressed Council, stating he represents a property owner of 2-1/2 acres, in a similar situation as Bill Roberts' clients. He said he echoes Mr. Roberts' comments and his client (Mill's Addition) has put in dry sewers and is also trying to secure water service from the PUD.

Bud Darling, 1916 Grove St., addressed Council, noting that he has lived in Marysville for 61 years. He mentioned he was part owner in the Griffore Annexation property referred to by Bill Roberts and said this recent water moratorium is a very serious problem. He stated they have tried to push this to resolution, that PUD received the letter from Dave Zabell, they had a meeting with their commissioners and he said he hopes this can be worked out between the City and PUD. He added they annexed into the City and now they have another problem and would like to see it solved.

Bruce McKinnon, Belmark Industries, 505 Cedar, addressed Council stating they have a piece of property also--a 37 lot plat with a utility commitment letter which grants sewer from the City and water from PUD. He said they would prefer City water but if necessary, will go with the commitment letter they already have.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Mayor Pro Tem Baxter announced there are no public hearings scheduled this evening, specifically no public hearing on the sewer moratorium, which he thought he should bring to the attention of all the developers in the audience, he said.

City Attorney Weed explained there was a public hearing two weeks ago with regard to the Pollution Control Hearing Board decision and there is a revised ordinance under Current Business on tonight's agenda.

Brent Carson addressed Council, stating he strongly objects to Council not taking anymore public input because Draft 5 is a total rewrite.

Mayor Pro Tem Baxter asked him to wait until Current Business to make his comments.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Claims Check No. 1911 through No. 2087 in the amount of \$270,156.06 and Check No. 1746 in the amount of \$1,448.52.

Councilor McGee asked about Voucher #1974 (phone charges) and City Administrator Sanden said she would check further on this with regard to a break down of charges. He also asked if it was legal for him to vote on the Consent Agenda Item #1, with a check payable to his father. City Attorney Weed said it was OK.

Councilor Pedersen moved to approve Consent Agenda #1, approving payment of the claims checks and Councilor McGee seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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2. 1991 Strawberry Festival Permit Proposal Submitted by Maryfest, Inc.

Councilor Cundiff moved and Councilor Wright seconded to approve Consent Agenda Item #2. Passed unanimously.

REVIEW BIDS: None.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance Imposing Temporary Restrictions on New Sewer Connections & Repealing Ordinance No. 1795 (continued from May 13, 1991)

Mayor Pro Tem Baxter announced that he would allow some brief questions regarding this, but no public testimony.

City Attorney Weed stated the matter was not advertised as a public hearing tonight and the City Council can schedule a public hearing if they wish. It would be inappropriate to take additional public testimony this evening, however, he explained. In review, he noted that 2 weeks ago the Pollution Control Hearing Board decision was considered and an ordinance was proposed, allowing only 10% of vested lots to be developed. This generated a lot of concern, he noted, and City Council requested a revised ordinance which is being presented here. This will allow 100% of vested lots to be honored, 66% for applications with prior approval (200 hookups), 150 hookups for everyone else--up to 50% on a first come, first served basis and 40 hookups in reserve. He noted the ordinance has a 90 day review period clause and an 18 mo. sunset clause. As a result of this draft, he said he understands there are now some other changes desired.

Councilor Pedersen stated she didn't feel the entire ordinance is exactly what they had in mind and suggested another draft be drawn up. Councilor Weiser asked about another public hearing.

City Attorney Weed explained the process, the legal requirement to advertise a public hearing, the need for more direction from City Council at this point, etc.

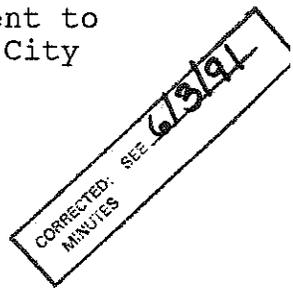
Councilor Pedersen moved to authorize the Mayor to extend Ordinance 1795 to 6/10/91 until another ordinance is adopted. Councilor Cundiff seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Baxter stated he would entertain short, brief, specific questions regarding the draft ordinance and there was some discussion among Council. City Attorney Weed recommended no public input/testimony and it was agreed there would just be questions allowed.

Bob Canaan of Brier addressed Council, noting there are a lot of people with plats and no sewer commitment letters and it is a condition of the plat to get something from the City in the way of a commitment letter or promise that sewer hookup is going to be allowed.

Councilor Pedersen said she would like developers' comments in writing prior to the public hearing on 6/10/91, for review.

Brent Carson of Seattle addressed Council, representing Dujardin and Belmark. He said he appreciated the Council having another public hearing and said his main concern is where the basis is to support the number of estimated hookups--i.e., how close to 940 is the City going to come with vested properties, etc. as per the new ordinance.



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Bernie Sigler of Everett/Edmonds addressed Council and stated that there is a presumption that Marysville is at capacity and he said he would like to hear something about how the treatment plant is working specifically.

Bruce McKinnon addressed Council again, stating he felt a no net increase should represent an unconditional hookup, not a conditional one. He asked how Marysville is moving toward DOE requirements at the plant.

Bill Binford of Kirkland addressed Council and asked if the 940 was given as a minimum or a maximum number of connections.

City Attorney Weed said the decision was for 940 allocations with a provision that with new and significant information, that number could be adjusted upward.

Mr. Binford asked if there has been a study done by the City to substantiate that number and City Attorney Weed said there were a number of people who testified during a two week hearing and the PCHB arrived at the number by virtue of settlement discussions, he believed.

Mr. Binford said he felt a consultant should be brought in to verify the numbers or come up with another one.

Public Works Director Zabell said the 940 was based on testimony from DOE, Withers & R/L Associates experts, City staff, in the judge's findings.

City Administrator Sanden pointed out that the City exceed the threshold and has been ordered now by way of a calculation of the judge to grant/allocate the connections.

Mr. Binford asked if that number is totally inflexible and City Attorney Weed said it's a number that Marysville is bound by by the PCHB without new and significant information.

Mr. Binford asked if it was the intent of the ordinance to specifically set the 18 monthly deadline regardless of where you are in the process. He pointed out that some of the lower categories are still waiting to be processed and with the staff having a heavier time frame, that should have been considered, i.e. two different time frames considered in the ordinance, depending on the circumstances.

City Attorney Weed said no, a reasonable period of time for all property owners was the intent with all property owners allowed a specific time limit.

Mr. Binford referenced section 11 of Draft 5, noting the possibility of 940 being altered and City Attorney Weed said that's a guarantee of a minimum number of connections. He explained that City Council could either give direction to the City Attorney or the City Administrator at this point or else, perhaps, have another workshop on this.

Councilors Pedersen and McGee indicated they would be providing written comment by next Monday as to the changes they wished to see in the proposed ordinance.

Councilor Pedersen moved to establish a public hearing for 6/10/91 in order to review and/or extend the sewer moratorium ordinance at that time. Councilor McGee seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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2. Utility Capital Improvement Charges.

Larry Wade of Hammond, Collier, Wade, Livingstone addressed Council and reviewed his presentation that was made two weeks ago. He explained that legislation in 1989 requires a calculation of fees including consideration for existing facilities, planned facilities within the next ten years, and it is important that a Comprehensive Water Plan and Comprehensive Sewer Plan be in place for that time period; needed capital improvements must also be considered in the rate structure. He reviewed the city water, rural water, city sewer and rural sewer capital improvement charges for residential, multiunit housing, mobile homes, motels, commercial, industrial, schools and churches as per the proposed ordinance in the packets. He also utilized overhead transparencies to review projected revenues for the capital facilities program and mentioned the use of a 7% compounded interest rate in his calculations. He also compared the proposed increased rates and fees with surrounding cities and noted that Marysville's highest (rural sewer) connection fee of \$1,000 is still within mid-range of surrounding cities.

Councilor Cundiff asked if the method used here was pretty standard and Mr. Wade said yes, that he thought this method pretty basic. He added that they had to consider also in the calculations outstanding bonds, future facilities that are being constructed for the benefit of the new users--it's basically the same principle, he said.

Councilor Weiser asked if this is for the next 10 or 20 years and Mr. Wade stated 10 years. Public Works Director Zabell pointed out that grants have been applied for on the sewer treatment plant and Mr. Wade noted that the yearly construction fund was not included in the calculations, either.

Councilor Weiser asked when the last time was that Marysville raised the fees and Mr. Wade said it was in 1985.

Brent McKinley of Arlington addressed Council and said he sees a Catch 22 with the sewer moratorium and the water moratorium. He pointed out that he has not had an opportunity to pay the capitalization fees and now with the new fee structure, he is not sure how this is going to work. For example, he said, their shopping center fee is \$10,000 but it may jump to \$100,000 with the new fee structure and he said he is wondering if the City would consider an effective date so that the vested properties don't have to pay the higher rates, perhaps a window of time.

Public Works Director Zabell agreed with the concept of including a window and suggested one week after the sewer moratorium is amended.

Councilor Cundiff asked about current homes as vested properties and there was discussion about impacts to the Planning Dept., cut off dates, effective date of sewer moratorium lifting. If the new ordinance is passed 6/10/91, City Attorney Weed pointed out that would be the effective date of the sewer moratorium amendment.

Public Works Director Zabell noted that the City would want to limit the window so there is not too much of a diluge for the Bldg. Dept./applications/approvals, because it could really be a headache to process.

City Planner Corcoran pointed out that Brent McKinley's utilities are in the ground.

Councilor Cundiff asked about grandfathering in the old connection fee and Public Works Director Zabell said once you pay your connection fee, he didn't believe there is a time limit in the MMC.

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City Attorney Weed added that only when you pay the fee do you have a binding contract and he said he didn't believe there is a time limit for hooking up for the rate in effect at that time. A window (a small one) would be appropriate, he said.

Mr. McKinley said if the new sewer moratorium is enacted with a 5 day time limit, he thought that would be adequate for vested lots. Another alternative is to make the old rates available to those who have building permits issued, he said.

Councilor Pedersen asked if the wording could be "5 days after" rather than have a date specific and City Attorney Weed said yes, but in the unlikely event a successor ordinance comes in, this one would have to be revisited in order to make a specific effective date of the first ordinance.

There was discussion about making the decision on the 10th, effective date of this ordinance.

Councilor Pedersen moved to approve Ordinance #1841 effective five days after the effective date of the sewer moratorium ordinance including changes that Larry Wade brought to City Council's attention in the new rates. Councilor Cundiff seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

4. Utility Variance 4903 Grove St. - Gregory Gosch.

City Planner Corcoran explained there's evidence of a failed septic service here and staff recommends approval of the request for a variance, subject to receipt of the letter from the Dept. of Health certifying that the septic has failed. He noted that there are two connections and there was discussion about location of the property and how long it takes to get the letter from the Dept. of Health.

Gregory Gosch, 7825 47th Av. NE, addressed Council, and handed out a picture of the Sears 1940 system referred to in the supporting letter in packets. He noted that sewage is backing up into the renter's house. He stated the DOH inspected 5/21 but Peter Jorgenson did mention that they have a backlog of letters to get out. He said he also has certification from Ace Acme that the septic system has failed.

Councilor Cundiff moved that the variance be approved subject to staff conditions and findings of fact. Councilor Lashua seconded.

Discussion followed concerning whether the City should verify by phone and allow the variance on that basis or if they should wait for the official letter. It was pointed out that a resolution still needs to be drafted for next Council meeting and it was the consensus that Dave Zabell should follow up and pursue the letter from the Dept. of Health. The motion passed unanimously.

1, 2, 3 - Surplus Vehicles - Fire Dept., Police Dept. & Drug Assets.

Fire Chief Ronning addressed Council and explained how they wished the vehicles to be declared surplus (they are not repairable). He said there are two or three other vehicles to be included in the auction process, which originated in the Police Dept., and would be turned over to a public auctioneer. He said the money would be turned back to the Fire and/or Police Dept.

Mayor Pro Tem Baxter asked about the previous system.

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Dennis Peterson, Marysville Police Dept., addressed Council and stated they only have a police auction about every 3 or 4 years. He expressed the concern about the inoperable vehicles sitting in parking lots, having no value to the City and the public auction method is a quick way to get rid of the vehicles.

There was discussion about circulation of the information to other City departments, percentage to the auctioneer, where auctions are held.

Kathleen Wishart addressed Council, stating she is interested in the auctions, wants to take a look at the vehicles and possibly make a bid.

There was more discussion about keeping the vehicles in the local community, sealed bidding process, auction process, age/mileage of vehicles preempting them from being used as emergency vehicles, taking sealed bids, establishing a minimum bid, past auctions at the Utility Dept.

Councilor Weiser moved that Resolutions 1477 & 1478 be approved/adopted for the four vehicles to be surplused with the City Clerk to accept sealed bids on same up to 4 p.m. on 6/10/91. Same to be advertised in the 6/5/91 paper. Councilor McGee seconded and the motion passed with City Attorney Weed noting that the motion would be incorporated in the resolution.

Councilor Wright then moved and Councilor Lashua seconded that if no bids are received for a vehicle, then it will go to public auction. Motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Ordinance of the City of Marysville Declaring its intent to join and be annexed by the Sno-Isle Regional Library District.**

Cindy Lyons, Librarian, addressed Council, stating the ordinance has been drafted by the City Attorney.

City Attorney Weed explained this concept has been approved by the library board and if approved would go to the regional library board and then to county council for placement on the primary election ballot.

Councilor Cundiff asked who pays for the cost of putting it on the ballot and City Attorney Weed said he assumed it would be the City's responsibility.

Councilor Weiser moved to adopt/approve Ordinance 1842 to put the library district on the ballot in September. Councilor Pedersen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Lyons expressed her appreciation to the Council.

2. **1991 Budget Amending Ordinance.**

City Administrator Sanden referred to the pay scales in the packets and explained this is in regards to implementation of settlement and salary adjustments for non-union employees.

Councilor Weiser asked if there will be another budget amendment when the police and fire departments complete their negotiations and City Administrator Sanden suggested this be discussed in executive session.

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Councilor McGee moved that Ordinance #1843 be approved/adopted for the 1991 budget amendment. Councilor Cundiff seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

LEGAL MATTERS/ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

City Attorney Weed explained the subject had come up about considering an earlier starting time for City Council and said he had prepared an ordinance changing the starting time from 7:30 to 7 p.m.

There was discussion about the new starting time as well as moving Staff Business and Call on Councilmembers forward on the agenda. It was the consensus that this would be put on the agenda next week and comments were made on how to make the public aware of the new starting time.

Councilor Pedersen moved to approve/adopt Ordinance 1844 changing City Council meeting time to 7:00 p.m. effective 7/1/91, with changes in the order of the agenda as suggested. Councilor Weiser seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Weiser said he felt Staff Business, Mayor's Business and Call on Council should come right after Approval of Minutes and prior to Audience Participation. This was the consensus and it was thought that by doing this, the regular business would begin about 7:30 p.m., the previous starting time.

City Administrator Sanden suggested the possibility of putting Hearing Examiner decisions under Consent Agenda, also.

City Attorney Weed then brought up the matter of FRANCHISING AGREEMENTS and stated he did some research and found out that there is no consistent policy. He noted that this came up when AT&T was recently allowed to install a fiberoptic cable without a franchising agreement. He said he would like some direction from Council on this with respect to PUD and other purveyors; it's an issue that needs to be addressed in the near future, he noted.

There was discussion about tearing up and restoration of streets, noting that Seattle restores and charges back to the person who tore up the street, minimum time limits, notification, temporary patching, requiring proper repairs, compacting before patching, conditioning right of way permits with performance and maintenance bonds, what other cities do.

City Attorney Weed noted that on the Grove St. project, one of the parcels owned by Mr. Sogge has been agreed to at appraised value and he asked City Council to approve at this time as Mr. Sogge is elderly and may pass away soon. He noted that a Deed of Trust has already been signed by Mr. Sogge for the right of way.

Councilor Cundiff moved and Councilor Wright seconded to authorize the City Attorney to proceed with Mr. Sogge's right of way property acquisition/sale. Passed unanimously.

CALL ON COUNCILMEMBERS:

It was noted that the Mayor is on a business trip. Councilor Wright moved and Councilor McGee seconded to excuse her this evening. Passed unanimously.

Councilor McGee reported that last Friday he and his father picked up 38 garage sale signs and on Saturday, he picked up another 62--took them off utility poles and disposed of the signs. He asked about the possibility of Seniors Against Crime issuing citations.

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There was considerable discussion on this issue--how prevalent the problem is, it's against state law, it comes down to leadership and public education, public property issues, real estate signs just as prevalent as garage sale signs, there being exceptions to the sign ordinance but not on utility poles, being the responsibility (or they can be fined) to take the signs down after the advertised event is over, police have to actually see the sign being put up because this is considered a misdemeanor.

Officer Peterson suggested a letter be sent to the people to re-inforce the law/code and there was more discussion about personal contact, getting the seniors in the law enforcement business not a good idea in case of a confrontation, hiring someone as an enforcement officer, nails hazardous, misdemeanors have to occur in presence of officer, sending out letters on MPD stationery to the address on the sign, public education, giving people acceptable alternatives to advertise.

Councilor McGee said he talked with Mary Swenson about the uncollected fines and they are somewhere around \$50,000 to \$80,000 and he asked about ways to collect that money.

There was discussion about commercial collecting, collection fees being added on to court fee, previous discussions about this, having a maximum collection fee, Evergreen District Court vs Cascade Dist. Court policies, renewal for tabs being tied in with this? City Attorney Weed said he would check with regard to the state statute allowing a municipal court to hold up vehicle tab renewal on account of delinquent fines. There were further comments regarding whether or not this is considered in the budget process (the outstanding \$50,000), and it was the consensus to do something in the way of trying to collect the outstanding fees, such as following up similar to the way Evergreen District Court does. City Administrator Sanden said she would come back with a proposal to Council.

Councilor Weiser reported that Officer Peterson did a Communications Impact Analysis with regard to the merging of Fire Dist. 12 and MFD and he invited Councilmembers to read the document and comment on it. He commended Officer Peterson on the thorough and extensive research that he did.

Councilor Pedersen mentioned the equipment in the Marysville Dispatch Center and asked how that would be disposed of.

Officer Peterson noted that MFD has in the past backed up Snopac but can also shut down independently. He said Snopac would have no use for our equipment at this point--it has to be maintained on a regular basis and upgraded to be state of the art and this proposal was mainly for City Council, he said. He added that there are three options proposed as far as direct and related costs and discussion followed concerning allowing further time for Councilmembers to read the presentation, although there is a sense of urgency on both sides and they would like to get going. It was noted that once the figures are discussed by the commissioners, eg, they will become pretty well cast in concrete.

Officer Peterson said he believes the City system is a full service system, part of Marysville's identification, and offers our citizens an excellent service. He said they recognize there have been problems in the past but are emphasizing more training for the new dispatchers, advanced training for the ones that have been employed.

Councilor Pedersen asked about the AWC Convention, updating of code books and pictures for City Hall. City Administrator Sanden said she spoke with the photographer and will follow up.

Councilor Pedersen asked about the post office traffic problem and Public Works Director Zabell said he is trying to get the opportunity to discuss an alternative idea with the postmaster--of putting an island in on Columbia for mail drop boxes.

Councilor Pedersen followed up regarding the TCI Encore Channel (negative option marketing) and asked what the City's position is.

City Attorney Weed said as long as the state or local government has not preempted our banning, the City could take the stand of not allowing the programming. He added there is a lawsuit TCI is involved in right now with the State.

Councilor Pedersen asked about the Green River Ordinance being enforced in Marysville and City Attorney Weed said he could follow up on this because different cities enforce it differently.

Councilor Pedersen asked about the rewriting of no protest agreement wording and City Attorney Weed said he would follow up on this also, that he had come across another letter from another attorney regarding old covenants which needs to be considered in the rewrite.

Councilor Pedersen asked about the progress on the pipeline and City Administrator Sanden said she had met with Bob Ellis, has more information and that can be given to Councilmembers on a one to one basis, she suggested.

Public Works Director Zabell said he would follow up and have something/someone at the Friday Briefing.

Councilor Cundiff said he would like to follow up on the need for a City Purchasing Agent. He said he spoke with a couple of larger business owners in the Everett area and the consensus was that the purchasing agent would pay for their own salary three times over. The businesses he spoke with had budgets of around \$1 million, he stated.

Councilor Lashua said he agreed and asked if all departments order stationery, eg, independently. He said maybe the City just needs a PO system, or maybe both a PO system and a purchasing agent.

Councilor Pedersen said she felt this should be looked into seriously and that we may not want to wait until budget time, even though it does represent the possibility of hiring another staff person.

City Administrator Sanden said her only concern is funds for salary. She added that staff did an analysis and initial calculation is that we would need a 50% savings in order to pay for the salary.

Mayor Pro Tem Baxter pointed out that probably it is more like 25% if you consider time in each department for ordering supplies.

City Administrator Sanden reiterated her concern about going into a down time and hiring a new person.

Discussion followed concerning the savings that could be achieved, storage of supplies, interchangeable parts and service, state auditor recommending central purchasing, ball park dollar figure for all supplies for all departments to be followed up on.

Councilor Lashua suggested that another thing a purchasing agent might do is write specs for equipment and relieve Dave or Lloyd from that duty, eg. He mentioned that Chauncy Christofferson and Lloyd Taubeneck have met on the historical signs and it's going forward.

Councilor Pedersen commended Lloyd's & Dave's fast reaction to getting up a very much needed middle school sign recently.

Mayor Pro Tem Baxter mentioned the City Hall Roof Committee meeting tomorrow afternoon with the short list. He also mentioned how he would like to see the Council read and review the Critical Water

Study document. He said the next Critical Water Meeting is Thu., 6/17. He mentioned Urban Growth Boundaries being of major concern and there was discussion regarding the Snohomish County Tomorrow meetings.

Councilor Weiser commented on Marysville's good representation at Snohomish County Tomorrow meetings and there was further comment about how important it is for people to get involved and not just let the "final draft" be railroaded through.

Mayor Pro Tem Baxter stressed again the importance of reviewing the Critical Water Study and said people need to be aware of what this document and others like it contain.

Councilor Weiser said he was glad to see the Planning Commission minutes in the packets and would like to see as many as possible.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:50 p.m.

Accepted this 3rd day of June 1991.

Pete Matheny

MAYOR

Phillip E. Dexter

CITY CLERK

Nanda A. Iverson

RECORDING SECRETARY