

ORIGINAL

MARYSVILLE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

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February 17, 2004

7:00 p.m.

City Hall

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / INVOCATION

CORRECTED: SEE 2/23/04
MINUTES

Mayor Dennis Kendall called the February 17, 2004 work session to order at 7:00 p.m. He then led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance. There was no invocation.

ROLL CALL

Chief Administrative Officer Mary Swenson called the roll. The following staff and councilmembers were present.

Mayor: Dennis Kendall

Council: Mayor Pro-Tem Jon Nehring, Councilmembers Lee Phillips, Jeff Seibert, John Soriano, Lisa Vares, Jeff Vaughan and Donna Wright.

Staff: Mary Swenson, Chief Administrative Officer; Bruce Keithly, City Attorney; Gloria Hirashima, Community Development Director; Phil Williams, Interim Public Works Director; Larry Larson, Public Works Superintendent; Robert Carden, Chief of Police; Robb Lamoureux, Police Commander; Sandy Langdon, Finance Director; Bill Spies, Fleet and Facilities Manager; Jim Ballew, Parks and Recreation Director; Doug Buell, Community Information Officer; and Laurie Hugdahl, Recording Secretary.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jeff Vaughan reported on the **Park Board** meeting last week. The projects that were discussed were: Strawberry Fields, Phase II; the Waterfront project; tree removal at Comeford Park; gazebo relocation at Comeford Park; and the changing format of Rec Express due to a shortened summer vacation for students. Councilmember Nehring inquired how the school district issues would influence the parks budget. Jim Ballew responded that they would be saving on the expense side, but also are focusing on increasing revenues.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Economic Development Council – Model Permit Process.

Community Development Director Gloria Hirashima explained that the community development department has been working with the EDC to improve the permit process. The City is pursuing various improvements to the permitting review process and wants to continue the EDC process for a second year focusing on civil and building permitting.

Mary Swenson commented that she was supportive of this. She cited examples of Marysville being held up as a model of permit streamlining. Councilmember Nehring asked where the money would come from. Ms. Hirashima replied that she thought it could come from money that had been allocated toward a vacant position in their department. Councilmember Nehring congratulated Ms. Hirashima and her department for the improvements they have made. Mary Swenson also commended the work that Ms. Hirashima has done and how she has recognized her employees as well. Ms. Hirashima stated that the comment cards they have received back have reflected positively on the commercial industrial permitting process.

B. Marysville Community Television Advisory Committee.

Mary Swenson reviewed the history of the Television Advisory Committee. She stated that its original purpose had been the development of rules and procedures. As this was accomplished, the meetings became less frequent and eventually disbanded six years ago. There was now discussion about resuming the committee. Community Information Officer Doug Buell reviewed successes over the past years. He noted that some of the things that needed to be discussed included the composition of the committee and term lengths.

Councilmember Soriano noted that the narrative would need to be updated. Ms. Swenson agreed and stated that anything to do with the channel number would need to be changed. Mr. Soriano then brought up the issue of what should be allowed on the channel. There was some discussion about this. Doug Buell explained that technically the channel is a Public Educational Government Channel (PEG). There was also discussion about the school district's channel and how they might be involved. Councilmember Lee Phillips noted how they are hoping the channel will evolve into something better than it currently is. Mary Swenson commented that due to budget constraints they would need to work with the school district in order to get better quality programming. There was then discussion about the two sets of rules governing the content of the channel – Character Generated Rules and Comcasting Rules. One of the main functions of the Television Advisory Committee would be to make decisions about the content of the programs on the channel.

There was consensus that the committee would be composed of five members including (1) Councilmember, (1) school district member, (2) non-profit and/or community service groups, and (1) representative of the community at large. The Councilmember would serve as chairperson. Council would choose the Councilmember and the other representatives would be appointed by the Mayor. Councilmember Lee Phillips indicated an interest in serving on this committee.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Approval of February 11, 2004 Claims.**
- B. Approval of February 17, 2004 Claims.**
- C. Approval of February 20, 2004 Payroll.**

D. Approval of New Liquor License for Fred Meyer #209.

Mayor Kendall explained that this was a new application due to a name change. There were no comments or questions.

E. Approval of Liquor License Renewals for 7-Eleven #2306-18861E (1114 State Avenue) and First Stop Food Mart (70 State Avenue).

There was no discussion regarding this item.

F. Accept the Kellogg Marsh Reservoir Demolition Project MP-0323 as Complete and Begin 45-Day Lien Filing Period.

There was no discussion regarding this item.

G. Authorize Mayor to Sign Annual Renewal Repair and Maintenance Contract for Telemetry and SCADA System.

Councilmember Seibert commented that he had noticed something in the agenda schedule about this topic coming up in the next few months. He wondered if this would affect that. Mary Swenson explained that this is just an annual maintenance contract and would not have any effect on the upcoming issue. Phil Williams explained the difference between telemetry and the SCADA system.

CURRENT BUSINESS**A. Community Participation – Expanded Outreach & Vision Workshops for Comprehensive Plan.**

Gloria Hirashima explained that several of the economic development committees had expressed an interest in hiring a consultant to complete a citizen participation effort and vision document for the City's comprehensive plan update. This would need to be completed by April in order to be incorporated into the City's GMA Comprehensive Plan. Staff was recommending including one of the chairs from the land use and permitting committee, image and identity committee, and tourism and recreation committee in the selection process. Mary Swenson added that this would help to produce a visual product that could be included in the comprehensive plan process.

Councilmember Nehring questioned the need to hire another consultant after the City had already completed the Gardner Johnson report. Mary Swenson stressed the importance of utilizing a consultant in order to get an outside look at the community and to solicit input from the community. By using the committees, the work they have already done would be folded into the consultant process. Staff felt that including an outside consultant would also give validity to the process. Ms. Swenson noted that the committees had been struggling a bit with not knowing the vision of the City and that this might assist them. Councilmember Nehring commented that the committee process seemed to have stalled. He noted that the atmosphere in the City was now capable of achieving some success, but they were not sure what to do next. Mary Swenson added that the consultant aspect

would go one step further than the Gardner Johnson report. She stated that the committees had already been and would continue to be extremely helpful to the City, but agreed that they do need some refocusing. She commended the enthusiasm among the chairs.

Councilmember Vares commented that a fresh perspective from a talented professional would be invaluable especially since they would be using the groundwork that has already been done. This would allow the City to decide how it wants to develop instead of development deciding how it wants the City to develop.

Councilmember Seibert discussed the perspective of the land use committee. He stated that having pictures would really help them in their planning. He commented that the focus of the committees needs to be driven by the committees themselves, not the staff, Council, or the Mayor. Councilmember Soriano stated that he felt this would re-energize the committees and that it would be money well spent.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Variance Request from Pacific Coast Feather.

Public Works Superintendent Larry Larson explained that Pacific Coast Feather had requested a variance allowing them to discharge flows in excess of 250,000 gallons per day (gpd) on a monthly average, but not to exceed 350,000 gallons on any given day. They had also requested that the variance be granted for a period of four years. He then explained that due to the impact on the system, staff was recommending denial of the variance and the four-year variance. Instead, they recommended that the existing variance be extended until July 31, 2005.

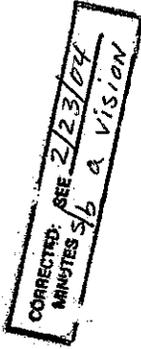
B. 100th Street Annexation – Notice of Intent; PA 0201006.

Gloria Hirashima explained that they have been reviewing and responding to numerous requests of applications which were pending prior to the Supreme Court's decision. She distributed a letter from another resident to the north who wished to be included in the above-mentioned annexation. There was discussion about expanding the boundary further, but it was noted that they needed 60% to pass the annexation. There seemed to be consensus that this probably would not be achieved if the boundary was expanded.

C. Marysville Capital Facilities Plan 2004-2009; PA 03025.

Gloria Hirashima reviewed the Capital Facilities Plan. She noted that this was an attempt to consolidate various plans for capital construction and purchases for a six-year period. Planning Commission was recommending adoption by ordinance. They felt it was very helpful to have all the information consolidated into one document. Ms. Hirashima then solicited input from the Council.

There was discussion about where funding would come from on many of the projects. Ms. Hirashima explained that it was a balancing act of putting things in the Plan to achieve funding, but also being realistic. She noted that the annual review process would allow the City to be more realistic in the future.



Councilmember Seibert had several suggestions. He stated he would prefer to replace some of the items on the list, especially those that were in the County. Finance Director Sandy Langdon commented that the items he mentioned were scheduled to be jointly funded with the County although either party had not yet committed the funds. Mary Swenson added that they are planning to put some pressure on the County to participate in the funding of certain projects.

D. Budget Amendment Request – Public Safety Remodel.

Police Chief Robert Carden explained their intent to purchase some furniture and equipment necessary for the police department. He noted that the funding would come from the Drug Enforcement Account and the Tribal Gaming Account. Mary Swenson noted that although the funds were available for this purpose, they needed to be authorized by Council in order to be allocated. Councilmember Seibert commended the job that had been done on the remodel. There was general consensus to approve the request with a with a budget amendment to come at the next meeting.

E. SNOPAC/Marysville CAD/RMS Services Contract.

Commander Lamoureux stated that this was a renewal of an old contract, but there were significant differences in the costs for Marysville. He reviewed the revised contract amounts and noted that payment would now be based on a cost share percentage of the overall system usage. This would result in a significant reduction in fees. He also noted that with this contract they would be taking over some of the equipment. He explained what this would entail for the police department.

INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Mayor's Business

Mayor Kendall stated that he and Mary Swenson had attended the Economic Forecast Meeting last week. He was encouraged by the positive economic forecast. He also noted that people are very aware of what the City is doing to promote economic development.

He then reminded Council of the upcoming Marysville University at the Ken Baxter Senior Community Center on February 18 and 19.

B. Staff Business

Phil Williams had no comments.

Gloria Hirashima noted that they are continuing to pursue the issue of the development at the old Hewlett Packard plant.

Sandy Langdon reminded Finance Committee members of a meeting on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.

Jim Ballew had no comments.

Robert Carden brought up the issue of some citizen complaints regarding traffic enforcement in certain areas of the City. He clarified that this was being done by the Sheriff's Department and not the City. He then was pleased to report that they had received a \$1,200 donation from the Marysville Globe for the K-9 program.

Bruce Keithly commented on the pleasant atmosphere at the work session.

Mary Swenson discussed the TRAP meeting on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. that would be celebrating the 172nd Street funding.

C. Call on Councilmembers

John Soriano reported that he had attended the Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Board Policy Meeting last Thursday and had found it very interesting.

Jeff Seibert noted that it was nice to see Bruce Keithly at the meeting. He then reported a speed limit sign hanging upside down on 80th Street across from the school district building. He thanked Commander Krusey for the tour of the Public Safety remodel. He then referred to a groundwater contamination issue. Jim Ballew explained the status of that matter. Next Mr. Seibert asked about a problem with the installation of the water line on 152nd. Phil Williams indicated he would look into that.

Jeff Vaughan had no comments.

Jon Nehring thanked Public Works for the detailed reports. He stated that they had been very informative. He then commented that he had attended the Marysville Jr. High civics group. He felt that there had been good questions and he was very impressed with the students. He brought up the idea of a student advisory council.

Lee Phillips had no comments.

Lisa Vares stated she was glad to be back. She then referred to graffiti on the water tower. Jim Ballew explained they are working on that issue, but they are waiting for the paint and also for the appropriate weather conditions.

Donna Wright commented on the T-Bird Institute at the Marysville Jr. High. She also had been impressed with the good questions and attentiveness of the students. She noted that the National League of Cities is promoting youth involvement and they have an action kit for local leaders. She then noted that she would be out of town next Monday and requested an excused absence.

Jeff Seibert brought up an issue with two new commercial permits. Gloria Hirashima said she would check on that and bring back more information.

D. Effluent Transfer Pipeline – Contract A; Change Order 2 & 3.

Phil Williams reviewed the Change Orders 2 and 3, which would result in a reduction in cost. He explained the progress of this project and the reasons for the Change Orders.

E. Park Board Minutes; January 14, 2004.

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There were no comments or questions regarding the minutes.

F. Purchase of two (2) Solid Waste Trucks from City of Tacoma Contract.

Fleet and Facilities Manager Bill Spies reviewed the planned replacement of two Solid Waste trucks that had been authorized with the 2004 Budget.

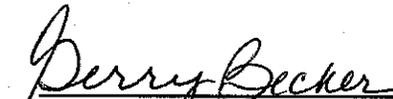
ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m. There was no executive session.

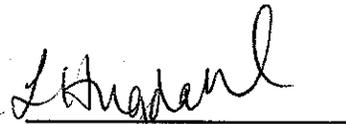
Approved this 23rd day of February 2004.



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