

COUNCIL



MINUTES

Regular Meeting
May 19, 2008

Call to Order / Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Seibert called the May 19, 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

Finance Director Sandy Langdon gave the roll call. The following staff and councilmembers were in attendance.

Mayor Pro Tem: Jeff Seibert

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Finance Director Sandy Langdon, Public Works Director Kevin Nielsen, Assistant Administrator Paul Roberts, Parks and Recreation Director Jim Ballew, Commander Rob Lamoureux, City Clerk Tracy Jeffries, and Recording Secretary Laurie Hugdahl

Finance Director Sandy Langdon reported that Mayor Kendall and Chief Administrative Officer Swenson were attending a mall convention in Las Vegas.

Committee Reports - None

Presentations

1. Prevention of Underage Drinking, North Youth Council.

Chris Jury, Youth Coordinator for Snohomish County Health and Safety Network and the North Youth Council comprised of David, Jes, Gagan, and Spencer gave a presentation. The presentation included:

- What the North Youth Council has been doing

- Environmental Strategies – Regulation and Change Community Norms - Methods such as reminder labeling on alcohol & signs; window clings; newspaper articles; school campaigns. They are also looking at reduction of availability; restricting advertising; media campaigns.
- Data regarding youth drinking
- Benefit/Cost Ratio for Environmental Interventions
- Businesses that are participating in the North Youth Council's Media Campaign

Donna Wright commended the youth for their actions. She asked for more information about the data showing that 31% of youth get alcohol from their friends. Mr. Jury said that they only knew it came from their friends, but they assumed that it was coming from friends or friends' friends who were over 21.

Jon Nehring applauded them for their positive activities. He asked what actions they are taking with the retail stores. Mr. Jury explained that right now they are focusing on the having stores display the window clings.

Councilmember Jon Nehring asked the youths how their peer group has responded to their efforts. Gagan responded that he thinks they are making a tremendous impact on their peers.

John Soriano asked if this has been presented at the Marysville Community Coalition. Jim Ballew replied they it has not, but thought this would be an excellent idea.

Councilmember Carmen Rasmussen commended the youths for standing up for positive activities and making a difference.

City Attorney Weed applauded the youths for their window clings. He encouraged them to consider adding information stating that it is also a crime to purchase alcohol for minors. Mr. Jury concurred.

Councilmember Jeff Seibert thanked the group for coming tonight.

2. Puget Sound Clear Air Agency (PSCAA) Air Monitoring and Marysville Woodstove Replacement Program Results – Kathy Himes, Team Lead, Criteria and Toxic Pollutants, PSCAA.

Paul Roberts introduced Ms. Kathy Himes who gave a presentation regarding the status of Marysville's air monitoring and pilot woodstove change-out program. She reviewed what fine particles (PM2.5) are, where they come from and the health risks that are associated with them. Wood stoves are a major source (50+%) of these in this area. The certified wood stoves are cleaner than the uncertified stoves, however, PSCAA advocates moving toward natural gas and pellets. Elevated levels at the Marysville monitor are just below the federal health-based standard. Ms. Himes noted that the federal health-based standard may be even stronger in the next five-year review.

Temporary Monitoring Study Objectives include assessing PM2.5 conditions across Marysville and the surrounding areas.

Conclusions:

- Highest PM2.5 levels measured at the existing site, temporary sites to the north also have elevated levels.
- All sites south of the existing station show lower concentrations.
- Winds are typically light and from the north/northeast with the highest concentrations
- Current levels are on the cusp of violating the federal health based standard

Councilmember Carmen Rasmussen asked if Marysville should be the focus of the program since most of the particulates appear to come from the north. Ms. Himes stated that it is appropriate to study the area surrounding Marysville, but if they find it is not effective enough they will look at targeting areas to the north.

She then gave a report of the woodstove change-out pilot program. The program resulted in 62 change-outs (37 natural gas/propane, 6 pellet stoves, 19 wood) with approximately 4,800 pounds of PM2.5 pollution emission reduction.

Donna Wright asked if any of the change-outs were people whose main source was a wood stove. Ms. Himes was not sure, but thought it was probably a mix.

Lessons learned:

- Need to expand partnership
- Educate retailers better
- Grant extension added confusion
- Need to look at incentive levels again
- Better education of consumers

Next steps:

- Additional funding secured for change-out programs in FY09
- Competitive application process in Tacoma, Marysville, and Darrington
- Apply lessons learned in pilot program
- Expanded program – income qualified components? Ways to simplify? Weatherization component? Adjust incentive levels? Expanded partnering and outreach?

Discussion:

Councilmember Jon Nehring asked when the graph showing the federal standard would incorporate 2008 in it. Ms. Himes replied that it would be by March 2009.

Councilmember Jon Nehring asked about measuring the impacts of the change-outs. Ms. Himes said that her agency focused mainly on ambient air quality. They did not have a means of measuring the impacts of those change-outs directly.

Councilmember Jeff Vaughan thanked her for the presentation. He asked if the fine particles deposit in the lungs. Ms. Himes said they do. He asked about the "hang time". She explained that it varied with the different types of PM2.5 particulates. She discussed the health impacts of the fine particulates.

Councilmember Vaughan asked how Marysville compares to areas like Denver. Ms. Himes agreed that those areas are very bad, but emphasized that her agency supports the stronger standards set by the EPA. Councilmember Vaughan commented on the effects of particulate matter coming from other areas. Ms. Himes discussed the transport issues, but noted that when the concentrations are highest it is when the winds are relatively light so it is more of a local issue. Councilmember Vaughan commented on the impacts they experienced in the media the last time she visited. He stressed that Marysville is taking the lead in the area on a lot of environmental issues. He requested that their agency stand up for them if image issues arise.

Councilmember Seibert commented that it was good to know that the particulates are coming from the north. Saying that the particulates are coming from the city of Marysville is not accurate since they are coming from north of the boundaries.

Paul Roberts agreed, but explained that the source is residential wood smoke that is coming from areas both within and without the boundaries of Marysville. Most of the residents are within the UGA and not currently within the current city limits. It would be helpful for the agency to go further north with the monitors.

Councilmember Carmen Rasmussen felt that better outreach to the people in the north was essential. If they are only reaching out to Marysville residents, they are missing a huge opportunity.

Discussion Items

Approval of Minutes

3. Approval of May 12, 2008 City Council Meeting Minutes.
4. Approval of May 19, 2008 City Council Work Session Minutes.

Consent

5. Approval of May 14, 2008 Claims.
6. Approval of May 21, 2008 Claims.
7. Approval of May 20, 2008 Payroll.

Review Bids

8. Award Jennings Park Parking Lot Overlay Project.

Public Works Director Kevin Nielsen reviewed the bids for this project. Parks and Recreation Director Jim Ballew reported they had originally budgeted for both the east and west side, but since prices have increased, this will focus mainly on the west side project.

Public Hearings

New Business

9. Amendment No. 1 to the Janitorial Services Contract Between the City of Marysville and Advantage Building Services in the Amount of \$918.96 for a Total Amended Contract Price of \$90,048.12.

Public Works Director Kevin Nielsen stated that this is additional to the contract to do janitorial services at the wastewater treatment building.

10. One Year Professional Services Agreement with AmTest Laboratories, Inc. for Water Quality Testing, with an Added One Year Option for Renewal.

Public Works Director Kevin Nielsen said this is for testing for water quality samples. References have been checked and they all checked out satisfactorily.

11. Youth Athletic Fund Grant Agreement with the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) Youth Athletic Fund Grant Account.

Parks and Recreation Director Jim Ballew commented that this is formerly the IAC and refers to the agreement to improve Strawberry Fields. They are ready to start August 9 once the contract gets signed. He noted that the drainage they are putting in will work if the City ever decides to put turf on these fields.

12. Strawberry Festival 2008 Master Permit Renewal.

Parks and Recreation Director Jim Ballew explained that this is a formality. The proposal is identical to last year except the run will not be held the same day as the festival. Staff has asked them to work on a traffic management plan which they have agreed to do.

Councilmember Donna Wright asked about bleachers. Parks and Recreation Director Jim Ballew said the Strawberry Festival purchased portable bleachers which they have had for a few years. They will be used for the VIP area. Councilmember Jeff Seibert suggested looking at bringing in bleachers for some of the more crowded areas. Parks and Recreation Director Jim Ballew discussed difficulties associated with obtaining and setting these up.

Councilmember Carmen Rasmussen noted that there needs to be significantly more garbage cans this year.

Councilmember John Soriano asked for police statistics related to the Strawberry Festival. Commander Lamoureaux indicated he could look into that.

Councilmember Lee Phillips referred to item 12.7 which says that this information is not to be given to the public. Parks and Recreation Director Jim Ballew indicated he would talk with them about this.

13. Washington State Department of Transportation Developer/Local Agency Agreement for Improvements to SR531/27th Avenue NE with White Leasure for the Lakewood Pointe Development.

Public Works Director Kevin Nielsen explained this is mostly between WSDOT and the developer. It allows them on our right-of-way to do some improvements. He reviewed the details of the improvements.

14. Approval of a Planning Manager Position, Land Use Job Description and Placement on the Management Classification Grid at Range M-8.

Finance Director Sandy Langdon said this was approved in the 2008 budget, but did not have a job description and classification at that time. Councilmember Rasmussen asked how this compared to the budgeted amount. Ms. Langdon did not recall.

15. Affidavit Amending a Contract with Tyler Technologies Removing the PostalSoft Module from the City's Support Contract.

Finance Director Sandy Langdon explained that PostalSoft will not be needed since they will be outsourcing their billing.

16. Independent Contractor and Lease Agreement with Jack and Malinda Perkins of Marysville for the Caretaker Position at Jennings Memorial Park.

Parks and Recreation Director Jim Ballew explained that the caretakers from Jennings Park are moving to Strawberry Fields and new caretakers have been hired for Jennings Park.

17. Independent Contractor and Lease Agreement with Matt and Sabra Edgerton of Marysville for the Caretaker Position at Strawberry Fields Park.

See above.

18. An Ordinance of the City of Marysville, Washington Amending Portions of Chapter 9.20 Fireworks of the Marysville Municipal Code Relating to RCW Updates, Penalties; and Providing for Severability.

City Attorney Grant Weed explained that this is a follow-up to a discussion that Council had last year regarding changes in the penalty provisions. He reviewed the updated

provisions. He noted that this can be effective prior to this 4th of July if they choose to do so.

Councilmember Carmen Rasmussen asked how they would get this information out to the public. Councilmember Jeff Seibert suggested a press release. Commander Lamoureux indicated that is what they have done in the past. Councilmember Carmen Rasmussen suggested having signs made up for when people enter Marysville. Commander Lamoureux commented that they are not changing the law, they are just changing their method of enforcement.

Councilmember Jeff Seibert requested that the police department come back after the 4th of July with a report of the number of citations issued. Councilmember Carmen Rasmussen emphasized that this is a public safety issue. She suggested that it would be a good idea to announce how the revenue would be utilized. She noted that the majority of the complaints she has received are in regard to the number of days that the fireworks are discharged.

Councilmember Lee Phillips said that word of mouth will be the best advertisement that there is. He wasn't sure of the need to put up signs as people enter town. He noted that Doug Buell has done a good job getting signs out around town.

City Attorney Grant Weed suggested requiring the fireworks stands to pass out educational brochures with every purchase. Some councilmembers thought that this was already being done. Mr. Weed noted that there would be updated information necessary this year. Councilmember Jeff Seibert had concerns about who would supply the brochures. Councilmember Jeff Vaughan said the people buying at the local stands are not the ones causing the problems. He agreed with Councilmember Phillips that signs were not necessary because word of mouth would be very effective. Councilmember Carmen Rasmussen thought it was in the interest of fairness to advertise the change in the ordinance because of the dramatic change in the way this will be enforced. Councilmember Jeff Vaughan concurred. He felt that Doug Buell's communications have been very effective in the past. There was consensus to handle this through *The Messenger*, the media and Doug Buell's communications.

Legal

Mayor's Business

Mayor Kendall is in Las Vegas trying to bring shopping mall development to the city.

Staff Business

Kevin Nielsen:

- 156th overcrossing meeting tomorrow night.
- Public Works has received a lot of complaints regarding garbage and utility carts being left out. This will be addressed in the nuisance ordinance.

- Public Works Committee may need to change date of meeting to allow for gathering of information.

Grant Weed had no comments.

Sandy Langdon had no comments.

Rob Lamoureux had no comments.

Call on Councilmembers

Carmen Rasmussen had no comments.

Donna Wright:

- She received a letter from a young person regarding police treatment. She wondered if anyone responded. Sandy Langdon indicated she would check on the matter.
- She asked how the flag would get to the AWC conference. Jim Ballew suggested checking with Doug Buell.

Jon Nehring will be unable to attend next Tuesday because of work. He requested an excused absence.

Jeff Vaughan informed Council that they had a presentation at Totem Middle School last week. He commended Jim Ballew and Rob Lamoureux for their presentation.

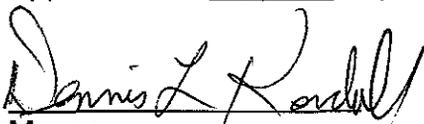
Jeff Seibert

- He asked about the status of work on 4th Avenue. Public Works Director Kevin Nielsen said they expect to start digging the second week in June.
- He asked for an explanation of the significant traffic enforcement on State Avenue a few weeks ago which was conducted with other jurisdictions. Commander Lamoureux explained that this was the result of a state grant.
- Some utility boxes have been tagged on State Avenue by the cemetery and need to be repainted.

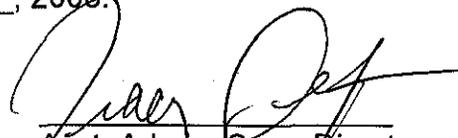
Adjournment

Seeing no further business, Mayor Pro tem Seibert adjourned the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

Approved this 27th day of May, 2008.



Mayor
Dennis Kendall



Asst. Adm'n. Svcs. Director
Tracy Jeffries