

MARYSVILLE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

May 19, 2003

7:00 p.m.

Public Safety Center

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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The Executive Session was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

A. Real Estate.

ADJOURN

The Executive Session was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. with no action taken.

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Weiser called the May 19, 2003 Work Session of the Marysville City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. He then led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. There was no invocation.

ROLL CALL

Chief Administrative Officer Mary Swenson called the roll. The following Councilmembers and staff members were in attendance:

Council: Mayor David Weiser, Mayor Pro Tem Mike Leighan, Councilmembers: Jeff Seibert, John Soriano, Donna Wright, and Lisa Vares.

Staff: Mary Swenson, Chief Administrative Officer; Rob Lamoureux, Police Commander; Doug Lee, Police Sergeant; Sandy Langdon, Finance Director; Grant Weed, City Attorney; Gloria Hirashima, Community Development Director; Jim Owens, Public Works Director; Kevin Nielsen, City Engineer; Jim Ballew, Parks and Recreation Director; Jeff Massie, Assistant City Engineer; Randy Brower, Program Engineer – Surface Water.

Mayor Weiser noted the excused absence of Councilmembers Jon Nehring and Suzanne Smith.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Mike Leighan reported on a visit to the new transfer station at Paine Field. He commented that the site was very impressive.

PRESENTATIONS

A. West Nile Virus – History & Marysville Response Strategy.

Randy Brower, Program Engineer Surface Water, and Jim Owens, Public Works Director, reported on the West Nile Virus. Mr. Brower began the presentation by discussing the history, the transmission and the symptoms of the West Nile Virus (WNV), as well as mosquito control. Mr. Owens then discussed recommendations from King County and Snohomish County Health Departments and the City's recommended response strategy.

Randy Brower explained that the WNV is a mosquito-borne illness first seen in 1937. It was first isolated in Africa, but is also common in Asia, the Middle East and some parts of France. It appeared in the United States in 1999 and is thought to have entered on an international cargo or passenger plane, human-transported bird or carried over by tropical storm. There has been a dramatic increase in WNV in the United State since 1999 with 2,741 reported cases in humans in 2002. Mr. Brower also discussed the age range of persons infected and fatal cases.

Locally, a dead crow near Snohomish tested positive for WNV in 2002. This means that Washington State may now have the two ingredients for the spread of WNV: an infected bird population and mosquitoes. He emphasized that the primary transmission is between bird and mosquito population, but that not all mosquitoes transmit WNV. Animals and humans are typically "dead end" hosts, meaning under normal circumstances the virus is not transmitted person to person, animal to animal, or animal to person. Mosquitoes are the only route of transmission although Mr. Brower did note some exceptions.

Of those bitten by an infected mosquito approximately 30% develop mild symptoms with less than 1% developing severe symptoms. Minor symptoms include: fever, headache, body aches, rash and swollen glands. Severe symptoms include: high fever, disorientation or stupor, convulsions or tremors, muscle fatigue or coma. It was noted that muscle fatigue can lead to paralysis in extreme cases. Most serious complication associated with WNV is encephalitis, with most fatalities occurring as a result of this brain/spinal cord inflammation. Persons over age 50 are at a greater risk for serious side effects. There is no cure for WNV at this time. There is also no human vaccine for WNV, although horses can be vaccinated. It was noted that infants are not a high risk group.

The recommendations for controlling mosquitoes were all related to eliminating standing water: change bird baths weekly; drill drainage holes in planters; drain pet dishes regularly; keep gutters, windows and door screens clean and repaired; do not over-water lawns or flower pots; remove tires, tarps and other water gathering items; chlorinate pools and hot tubs; and stock ponds with predatory fish such as goldfish. The recommendations for protecting oneself included: staying indoors at dusk and dawn, wearing protective clothing and using repellants. Mr. Brower explained that repellants are very effective. Those containing DEET are the most effective.

Jim Owens then discussed the recommendations from the Snohomish Health District and King County. He explained that Snohomish County is recommending fulfilling its minimum responsibility to employees, citizens and visitors to the City. This might include larviciding on City property and if needed, on public property. They also recommended eliminating standing water.

King County recommended focusing first on education and outreach responding to outbreaks as they occur. They would focus on the at-risk population (55 and older). They would also recommend using larvicide only if necessary. They cautioned against an expectation by citizenry of maintaining this sort of program for an extended period of time due to the costs involved.

Mr. Owens went on to review the Proposed Action Plan for the City of Marysville. First of all he recommended public education/outreach emphasizing citizen responsibility to eliminate standing water. He reviewed the City of Everett's program to collect spare tires and noted that they are preparing to have another round up soon. There was some discussion about the cost of this endeavor and the possibility of Marysville having a similar program. Next, Mr. Owens discussed employee protection and noted that steps have already been taken to protect City employees by using a DEET-based mosquito repellent; wearing long sleeves and pants; and having mosquito netting available.

With regard to the WNV control strategy he explained that the City will apply for a state permit to apply larvicide to public detention ponds and will evaluate the need and permit requirements to address private detention facilities. City employees have attended a school to learn the proper technique for mosquito dipping which determines if treatment is needed. They are proposing to respond to outbreaks as they occur and limiting response to "at-risk" population; ponds where there are concentrations of elderly; and ponds near parks and playing fields with morning and afternoon activities. They would only larvicide all facilities if there is a major City-wide outbreak of WNV.

Discussion

Councilmember Jeff Seibert inquired about draining ponds on a periodic basis. City Engineer Kevin Nielsen responded that they had looked into that and some ponds can be drained. Others that don't have drains could be pumped out. Councilmember Seibert suggested requiring that future detention ponds have built-in drains. Community Development Director Gloria Hirashima indicated that they would look into that.

Councilmember Leighan asked how they would notify private pond-owners of their responsibilities. Jim Owens said they would be attending homeowners' association meetings. They also offered to send out a letter to those responsible for private facilities.

Councilmember Seibert then asked if wet wells would also be a problem. Mr. Owens remarked that wet wells are not a problem, but catch basins are.

There were no further questions, but Councilmembers indicated that they would like to continue discussion on this matter.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Approval of May 27, 2003 Claims.**
- B. Approval of May 20, 2003 Payroll.**
- C. Approval of Liquor License Renewal for Albertson's #412 (11401 State Avenue).**

Mayor Weiser asked if anyone had comments or questions regarding the Consent Agenda items. There was no discussion on any of these items.

REVIEW BIDS

- A. 2003 Annual Concrete Construction Contract.**

Councilmember John Soriano asked if any of this was pervious concrete. Mr. Owens replied that it was not and that the City has no plans to use it.

- B. Trunk F to Trunk A Sewer Intertie.**

There was some discussion about the low bidder not using electrical subcontractors. City Engineer Kevin Nielsen explained why this would not be an issue.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Notice of Suspension from Marysville Police Department Registered Tow Truck Operations Rotation List; Harry's Towing.**

Commander Rob Lamoureux explained that they had suspended four towing companies. Two companies chose not to appeal, one came into compliance, and Harry's chose to appeal. There was a brief review of the history of this situation. City Attorney Grant Weed explained that the tow company was entitled to an appeal and a hearing with the City Council. The Council would be acting as the judge at the next Council meeting. Mr. Weed and Mayor Weiser would ensure that the hearing was conducted in a procedurally-correct manner. Mr. Weed then gave a quick overview of how the hearing is expected to proceed.

- B. Home Depot Donation to Comeford Park.**

Parks and Recreation Director Jim Ballew explained that they had received the donation from Home Depot for the purpose of improving the Comeford Park playground. He

displayed a map of Comeford Park with the existing out-dated play equipment. He then explained how the play area would be relocated to a more central location with a multi-age modern playground. The existing play area might be converted to a covered picnic area. He explained that this project would be done primarily in-house with the assistance of some volunteers. It would take place in early fall if Council accepts this donation by resolution.

C. 152nd Street Transmission Mains BNSF Pipeline License.

Jim Owens commented that the utility crosses under a railroad which means they need to get a license and pay a fee. The railroad has very stringent requirements. City Attorney Grant Weed added that the agreement with BNSF is heavily slanted in the railroad's favor, but that it is generally non-negotiable.

D. Grove Street: 68th Drive to 76th Drive Rechanelization and Multiway Stop Control at the 71st Avenue & 72nd Drive Intersection.

Assistant City Engineer Jeff Massie explained that they wanted to bring some sense of closure to this issue. He displayed an aerial photograph of Grove Street from 67th Avenue to 70th Street for reference. He then referred to a history of actions regarding speeding along Grove Street east of 67th Avenue; a speed study done by William Haro; and Council's direction of September 9, 2002 to conduct a public neighborhood meeting to solicit input. He reviewed that there had been a Public Open House on November 6, 2002, in which citizen concerns and potential solutions were discussed and documented. Five citizens who attended the open house volunteered to form a Citizens Advisory Committee. Mr. Massie reviewed the committee's recommendations. He then discussed where the Public Works Department and the Police staff recommend a different course of action than the committee: the layout of the lanes and the intersections at 71st Avenue and 72nd Drive. The Public Works Department is recommending 11 foot lanes with delineated parallel parking. With regard to the intersections, staff recommends maintaining the existing 3-way stop control at the Grove Street/71st Avenue intersection, and not installing a multi-way stop control at the Grove Street/72nd Drive intersection.

There was discussion about the May 2003 implementation dates. Mr. Massie said he would have a status update at the Council meeting. There was also discussion about the different classes of bike lanes.

Councilmember Leighan requested a copy of the minutes from the August 14, 2000 City Council Meeting. Councilmember Seibert then requested a copy of minutes from the January 8, 2001 City Council Meeting.

E. Professional Service Agreement for Sunnyside 3MG Reservoir Design; Montgomery Watson Harza.

Mr. Owens explained this would not be an agenda item at the Council meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS**A. Mayor's Business**

Mayor Weiser distributed a copy of a Resolution of the City of Marysville in Support of Improvements at the SR531/I-5 Overpass. Mary Swenson reviewed the meeting that preceded this resolution. She explained that Arlington would be approving a similar resolution.

B. Staff Business

Jim Owens – nothing.

Gloria Hirashima thanked Councilmembers for coming to the annexation meeting. She noted that they would be doing a mailer to Lakewood residents later this week.

Rob Lamoureux thanked Councilmembers and staff for attending the Police Department's award ceremonies.

Mary Swenson also thanked Councilmembers for coming to the annexation meeting and added that they welcomed Council's comments and suggestions regarding the meeting.

Jim Ballew thanked Councilmembers and staff for attending the Fishing Derby.

Sandy Langdon – nothing.

Grant Weed – nothing.

C. Call on Councilmembers

Mike Leighan remarked that the Citizens Academy was very worthwhile. He noted that one participant had asked the Council to write a letter expressing thanks to the Police Department. Mr. Leighan volunteered to write the letter.

He then asked about the Bill Binford proposal with regard to the north end surface water issue. Mary Swenson explained the status of that proposal.

Mr. Leighan then commented on the sense of community at the Fishing Derby. He was impressed by the event and the turnout.

Donna Wright requested a copy of public comments from the Sunnyside annexation meeting.

Lisa Vares also noted the great time had at the Fishing Derby.

She also commented on how impressed she and others were with the Citizens Academy.

John Soriano thanked staff for putting together the Sunnyside annexation meeting.

He also commented that the Fishing Derby was a wonderful family event. He then thanked the Police Department for the presentation and the police inspection.


Jeff Seibert thanked the Police Department for giving the award to Dennis Niva for his service as chaplain.

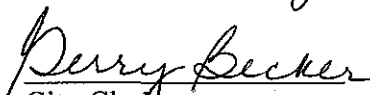
He also said he appreciated the invitation to the inspection.

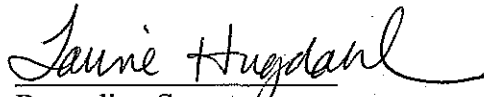
ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Approved this 27th day of May, 2003.


 Mayor
 David Weiser


 City Clerk
 Gerry Becker


 Recording Secretary
 Laurie Huggdahl