

MARYSVILLE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

July 6, 2004

7:00 p.m.

City Hall

CALL TO ORDER / INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Dennis Kendall called the July 6, 2004 work session of the Marysville City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. There was no invocation. Mayor Kendall then led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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, Lee Phillips, Jeff Seibert, John Soriano, Lisa Vares, Jeff Vaughan and Donna Wright.

Staff: Mary Swenson, Chief Administrative Officer; Cheryl Beyer, City Attorney; Sandy Langdon, Finance Director; Jim Ballew, Parks and Recreation Director; Jeff Massie, Assistant City Engineer; Randy Brower, Program Engineer – Surface Water; Gloria Hirashima, Community Development Director; Doug Buell, Community Information Officer; Greg Corn, Fire Chief; Jerry Jacobsen, Fire Marshal; and Laurie Hugdahl, Recording Secretary.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Lee Phillips reported on the Finance Committee. Some of the topics discussed included:

- Management reserve amounts on contracts
- Update on Utility Rate Study Ad Hoc Committee results
- Revenue Bond Refunding
- Grant Administrator position
- Purchasing policy changes

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Kendall indicated that there would be four presentations to Eagle Scouts at next week's meeting. There would also be a Champions of Industry 300 Award Presentation and accompanying video at the meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

Other Items Scheduled for July 12, 2004 Meeting**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

- A. June 28, 2004 City Council Meeting.**
- B. July 6, 2004 City Council Work Session.**

CONSENT

- A. Approval of June 30, 2004 Claims.**
- B. Approval of July 7, 2004 Claims.**
- C. Approval of July 2, 2004 Payroll.**

REVIEW BIDS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS**A. Peter Hegge Street Vacation; PA 04-014**

Gloria Hirashima pointed out the two possible alternatives for calculating the value of the property – assessed value or comparable value. She requested council guidance for determining which method to use. Councilmember Seibert indicated he was in favor of averaging the values of the surrounding lots. Councilmember Donna Wright was in favor of calculating the full value at the vacant land price. Councilmember John Soriano pointed out that there is an easement going right down the middle of the property that makes it less desirable. Councilmember Seibert felt that the property should be valued at what the lots around it are worth. Councilmembers Lisa Vares, Lee Phillips, Jeff Vaughan, and Jon Nehring noted that they were undecided. It was determined to leave the options open for further consideration at the hearing.

CURRENT BUSINESS**A. Approval of Mayor to Sign Contract for Development of New City Logo; Rusty George Design.**

Parks and Recreation Director Jim Ballew reviewed the contract for the development of the city logo. He noted they are recommending retaining Rusty George Design of Tacoma. There would be a 5-week timeframe for the design of the logo. Kris Passey, Chair of the Image and Identity Committee will be present at the July 12 meeting for comments. He noted that City Attorney Grant Weed was looking at a clause to address proprietary concerns. This would be coming at the next meeting. There was discussion about the benefits of copyrights and trademarks.

B. North Marysville Master Drainage Plan & Regional Detention Facility Design; Supplemental Agreement #1.

Randy Brower, Program Engineer – Surface Water was present to discuss the agreement. Councilmember Seibert asked about the fish barrier mentioned in Exhibit 2. Mr. Brower explained this part of the project. Mr. Seibert then asked how this would affect other potential fish-bearing areas. Gloria Hirashima responded that it could be included in the Critical Areas Ordinance Update, which could change future buffer requirements for development, but she did not foresee any immediate effects. Mr. Brower commented that the habitat in that particular area was not a positive environment for fish spawning. There was then discussion about the modeling process.

C. Staff Presentation Regarding Former Doleshel Tree Farm/Neighborhood Park Improvement Program Acquisition by Snohomish County Parks.

Jim Ballew reviewed the history of this property. He then discussed the benefits and challenges of the City acquiring the property. He noted that it could be a nice facility if there were the resources to keep it up and if you could work within the buffers.

Councilmember Seibert asked how Mr. Ballew arrived at the maintenance costs. Mr. Ballew explained his calculations. He noted it would require significant cost to provide security on the property due to the challenging topography and the existing plant life. Councilmember Seibert suggested the possibility of acquiring the property, but not acting on it until the City's financial situation is improved. He asked Gloria Hirashima about the possible use of the areas within the buffers. There was discussion of buffer averaging. Security issues with the neighboring elementary school were also brought up as a concern. Councilmember Nehring inquired about the maximum use of the area. Mr. Ballew replied that there was a possibility of having a skinny soccer field on one portion of the property. Most likely, it would be utilized as a park with walking trails. Councilmember Nehring then inquired about possible liability issues. City Attorney Cheryl Beyer responded about the possible risks of the area. Mayor Kendall suggested the possibility of turning it over to the school district as part of a forestry program project. Mr. Ballew noted that they would like to have it, but are also restricted financially. Councilmember Donna Wright asked if the Parks Board had explored this. Mr. Ballew responded that they had, but they also saw the challenges of this piece of property. He concluded by stating that he did not see the urgency of acquiring the property when the City is unable to

maintain it. Councilmember Seibert requested that there be communication with the County about the City's intentions. Councilmember Vares commented that she had been hopeful about the property, but was disappointed about the potential for it. She cited the lack of usable space and safety considerations as specific challenges.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

Fire Chief Greg Corn explained that the fire district is requesting that the City Council consider calling for an election replacing the existing EMS Levy. They are also proposing that the levy be changed from the current six-year EMS Levy, to a Permanent EMS Levy. There was significant discussion about how the levy rates are tied to assessed property values.

B. Adoption of International Fire Code.

Fire Marshal Jerry Jacobsen explained that on July 1, 2004 the International Fire Code became effective. He reviewed amendments that they are proposing to the Fire Code. The main areas of change were:

1. Adding "B" occupancies to sprinkler requirements.
2. Clarification of language to reduce interpretation issue
3. Adding penalty phase for false alarms
4. Adding 3,000 square foot requirements for "S" occupancies

C. Municipal Court Probation Officer.

Mary Swenson announced the resignation of the probation officer noting that it was a contract position. They would like to make it a full-time position. A representative from the police department was present to discuss the financial and other benefits of hiring a full-time probation officer.

Motion made by Councilmember Seibert, seconded by Councilmember Soriano to extend the work session by fifteen minutes. Motion passed 6-1 with Councilmember Nehring voting against.

D. Code Change Regarding Utility Tax Collections.

Finance Director Sandy Langdon explained that the ordinance would cover the collection process for the 5% utility tax on gas, electricity and telephone service.

LEGAL

None.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

A. An Ordinance of the City of Marysville Amending Marysville Municipal Code Chapter 3.64 Titled Utilities Tax By Adding Sections Relating to Tax Payer Record Keeping and Inspection, Confidentiality of Applications and Returns, Interest Charge on Unpaid Balances, and for Delinquent Payments.

Discussed above.

INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Mayor's Business

Mayor Kendall discussed the following:

1. Former Fire Chief Dick Murdock had passed away. He noted that a funeral would be held on Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.
2. Councilmember Jeff Vaughan had requested the formation of a committee to discuss a scooter ordinance. It was noted that the Public Safety Committee is currently addressing this, but Councilmember Vaughan requested that a Citizens' Committee be formed. Mayor Kendall suggested Councilmember Vaughan head up that committee.
3. Fireworks update from the police department.
4. Recommendation for Salary Commission Re-Appointment of Jim Lonneker. He is also looking for another appointment for the Salary Commission.
5. Community Transit has some buses and vans to give away to an eligible 501(C)3 organization.

B. Staff Business

Jeff Massie gave an update on the Effluent Transfer Pipeline - Contract A; Change Order #3, #5, #6, and #7.

Cheryl Beyer had no comments.

Sandy Langdon had no comments.

Jim Ballew had no comments.

Mary Swenson noted that the City had received a request from Arlington for an additional \$350,000 to assist with the 172nd Street Interchange. There will be more discussion about this. She also commented that codebook updates have been received for councilmembers. She then stated that she had a property item to discuss in Executive Session.

C. Call on Councilmembers

Jeff Vaughan had no comments.

Jeff Seibert requested a moment of silence at next week's Council meeting on behalf of Dick Murdock. Mayor Kendall agreed that this would be appropriate.

Donna Wright noted that she had the results of the Survey on the State of America's Cities 2004 if anyone was interested in reviewing it.

Jon Nehring requested staff support for Jeff Vaughan's Citizens' Committee.

Lee Phillips noted he had seen the Summerall video and it looks good.

Lisa Vares had no comments.

John Soriano noted that Chief Carden already has some good ideas for the scooter committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business for the regular session, Mayor Kendall recessed into Executive Session at 9:48 p.m.


EXECUTIVE SESSION

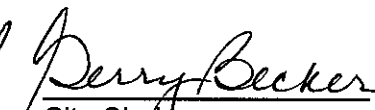
Council went into Executive Session at 9:50 p.m. and discussed one real estate issue. They reconvened into Regular Session at 10:00 p.m.; took no further action and adjourned.

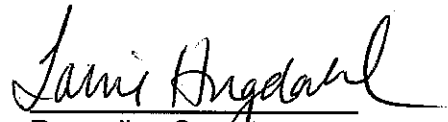
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kendall adjourned the July 6, 2004 City Council Work Session at 10:00 p.m.

Approved this 12th day of July 2004.


 Mayor
 Dennis Kendall


 City Clerk
 Gerry Becker


 Recording Secretary
 Laurie Hugdahl