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**MARYSVILLE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

**February 20, 2007**

**City Hall**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council met in Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. and discussed one potential litigation.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Kendal adjourned the Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. no action taken.

**CALL TO ORDER / INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Dennis Kendall called the February 20, 2007 work session of the Marysville City Council to order at 7:05 p.m. There was no invocation. Mayor Kendall 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:** Dennis Kendall

**Council:** Mayor Pro Tem Jon Nehring, Carmen Rasmussen, Jeff Seibert, John Soriano, Jeff Vaughan, and Donna Wright.

**Staff:** Mary Swenson, Chief Administrative Officer; Grant Weed, City Attorney; Sandy Langdon, Finance Director; Paul Roberts, Public Works Director; Gloria Hirashima, Community Development Director; Kevin Nielsen, City Engineer; Jim Ballew, Parks and Recreation Director; and Laurie Hugdahl, Recording Secretary.

Motion made by Councilmember Nehring, seconded by Councilmember Seibert, to excuse the absence of Councilmember Phillips. Motion passed unanimously (6-0).

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

**PRESENTATIONS**

None.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **Approval of February 12, 2007 City Council Meeting Minutes.**
2. **Approval of February 20, 2007 City Council Work Session Minutes.**

### CONSENT AGENDA

3. **Approval of February 14, 2007 Claims.**
4. **Approval of February 21, 2007 Claims.**
5. **Approval of February 20, 2007 Payroll.**
6. **Authorize Mayor to Sign the Visitor & Community Information Center Services Agreement with Greater Marysville Tulalip Chamber of Commerce.**

Chief Administrative Officer Swenson distributed information that had been requested by Councilmember Phillips regarding the amounts other cities contribute to either the Chamber or the visitor information center. Councilmember Seibert commented that it looks like Marysville is right in the middle. Chief Administrative Officer Swenson agreed and thanked Finance Director Sandy Langdon for compiling this information.

7. **Authorize Mayor to Sign the Interlocal Agreement between Snohomish County and the City of Marysville for Traffic Signal and Street Light Maintenance.**

Paul Roberts commented that the County provides this as a backup for the services that they use.

8. **Authorize Mayor to Sign Amendment IV to Intergovernmental Agreement with Snohomish County to Furnish Fleet Management Services.**

Public Works Director Paul Roberts explained that this would cover the installation and systems for two-way radios for the fleet cars.

9. **Approval of IT Staffing Classification and Compensation Proposal for Application Specialist/Programmer, Computer Support Technician I, and Computer Support Technician II Positions.**

Finance Director Sandy Langdon explained that this item pertained to the reclassification of two positions in order to be more cost effective and provide better customer service.

**10. Authorize Mayor to Sign Snohomish County Human Services Grant Contract for Senior Services Project Program Grant Renewal.**

Parks and Recreation Director Jim Ballew commented that this is the third year of this program and not much has changed. Jane Schaffer has been appointed for the position.

**REVIEW BIDS**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

**CURRENT BUSINESS**

**11. Planning Commission Recommendation for Comprehensive Plan Amendment Adopting a Subarea Plan for the East Sunnyside/Whiskey Ridge Area, Development Regulations and Areawide Rezone of the Subarea; PA06086.**

Community Development Director Hirashima explained there have been multiple Planning Commission workshops, two public hearings, and two open house community meetings, and numerous written comments regarding this plan. She reviewed the background, history and implications of the Subarea Plan. She reviewed the 17 key concepts (as shown on page 190 of 523 of the work session packet) around which the Plan was developed in order to create a higher quality neighborhood.

She commented that they did receive concerns about the secondary impact fee. The Planning Commission had discussed options such as an RID, secondary impact fee and revamping the citywide impact fee. After much deliberation the Planning Commission ultimately felt that the secondary impact fee was the best solution.

Mayor Pro Tem Nehring asked about the reasoning for putting high density multi-family housing in these areas. He said that he had more of a vision of high-end housing. He also expressed concerns about traffic issues related to high-density housing. Gloria Hirashima stated that one of the goals was to get a mix of use in this area. She explained that for when the whole area was considered, only 13% of the

area was high density. She added that the Whiskey Ridge area is adjacent to Highway 9 where there is commercial and multifamily/mixed use. Mayor Pro Tem Nehring still had concerns about the traffic. He asked about long-term goals for these types of annexations.

Councilmember Carmen Rasmussen discussed a seminar she attended where there had been discussion about the fact that for the first time in history there are two types of people seeking out this type of dwelling – baby boomers as well as young families starting out. She was not sure that the mixed use was actually large enough in relation to the multifamily area in terms of shopping and other amenities. She felt that the multifamily would be fulfilling a unique purpose in this area.

Gloria Hirashima commented that the multifamily range in this area is different than the typical multifamily. The code encourages higher density if developers do the incentives. She discussed the mixed use zone as a great transition zone, but noted that it does not allow for single family at all. The Planning Commission looked at many configurations and ultimately tried to find a mix that would work from a market standpoint as well a good feature mix.

Councilmember Seibert commented that some parts of the multifamily zone might be better suited for larger houses. He noted that developers did not have to build to capacity. Director Hirashima concurred. Councilmember Seibert asked for clarification regarding densities. Director Hirashima explained that they start at 4.5 but incentives are available up to 8 density/acre.

Councilmember Seibert asked about the alignment of 44<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Hirashima explained that because of the ownership issues and engineering restrictions in the area the road alignment wasn't as smooth as they would have liked.

Councilmember Seibert then asked about the Sunnyside School Road. City Engineer Kevin Nielsen explained that they would keep it open as long as possible. He stated that WSDOT would dictate improvements through the development process.

Councilmember Rasmussen pointed out that the Kiwanis Park is not showing on the map. She noted that there is a need to look at improved facilities for parking and pedestrian walkways there. Parks and Recreation Director Ballew concurred. Councilmember Rasmussen then asked how the goal of open space/parks is addressed in the plan. Director Hirashima stated that they are anticipating additional acquisition.

Councilmember Seibert asked if the Planning Commission had discussed the option of a citywide impact fee as opposed to the secondary impact fee. Director Hirashima said that they had several discussions regarding this issue. She explained that the cost for a citywide impact fee would be too high. The Planning Commission felt that

the planned 40<sup>th</sup> Street and 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue Whiskey Ridge connections should be borne by that area. Director Swenson pointed to the escalating cost of road improvements. Director Hirashima offered to run the numbers to look at the alternative of a citywide impact fee. Mayor Pro Tem Nehring said he would like to see that. Kevin Nielsen thought that they might be able to have that study back in April.

Councilmember Seibert questioned the commercial zones in Sunnyside area between Highway 9 and 87<sup>th</sup> down Soper Hill. Director Hirashima stated that the Planning Commission felt that there was more commercial needed in that area. Councilmember Seibert asked about the importance of the road connections in that area. City Engineer Nielsen reviewed the volume of traffic on the various arterial roads. He stated that in order for this area to develop, it is imperative to have those connections. Chief Administrative Officer Swenson concurred. She stated that it is extremely important to handle that right now. Councilmember Rasmussen agreed and commented on the already congested traffic there.

Councilmember Seibert asked about transit increases in the area. Kevin Nielsen responded that the consult had explored those avenues, but it didn't look too promising. Director Hirashima added that they have made transit provisions in the Plan.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **12. Golf Course Agreement; Golf Cart Marketing.**

Chief Administrative Officer Swenson explained that this would be a revenue source for the golf course. Councilmember Rasmussen asked who discovered this. Chief Administrative Officer Swenson acknowledged Jim Ballew. Councilmember Rasmussen commended him.

Councilmember Soriano asked for examples of advertisers. Director Ballew said that it would be national businesses/organizations. Mayor Kendall advised him to go to the company's website to take a look at some examples.

Councilmember Vaughan wondered why this was allowed at the golf course, but not on utility trucks. Staff indicated that they would get an answer from City Attorney Grant Weed.

### **13. Professional Services Agreement with RH2 for Design Services on Lake Goodwin Well Site Improvements Project.**

Director Roberts explained that this Agreement is for the redesign of the water system at Lake Goodwin. Councilmember Soriano asked about the Interlake System

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at Seven Lakes. Director Roberts commented that they have 25 customers up there. Kevin Nielsen explained the process for those improvements.

**14. Planning Commission Recommendation to Approve Comprehensive Plan Amendment Updating Capital Facility Plan Element for Marysville, Lakewood, and Lake Stevens School District.**

Community Development Director Hirashima reviewed the background of the Capital Facilities Plans. Rod Stanton, Lake Stevens School District; Denise Stiffarm, Marysville School District; and Frey Owyn, Lakewood School District were in attendance to represent their respective school districts.

Councilmember Donna Wright asked about the Snohomish County figures. Gloria Hirashima explained that they would be 25% less than the Marysville School District. The other two districts would be the same.

**LEGAL**

None.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

None.

**MAYOR'S BUSINESS**

Mayor Kendall said that he had received a letter from the PSRC congratulating the City of Marysville for receiving the PSRC Corridor Improvement Grant for \$1,014,000 for the 136<sup>th</sup> -152<sup>nd</sup> Street Corridor Improvements.

**STAFF BUSINESS**

Gloria Hirashima commented that the first neighborhood meeting for the 88<sup>th</sup> Street Subarea Plan would be held tomorrow at the school district offices at 6 p.m.

Jim Ballew said that over 100 volunteers of the Stillaguamish Task Force would be planting over 1000 trees and shrubs.

He announced that two kids were apprehended on Friday. He commended the person responsible.

The subcommittee for Graffiti Prevention will meet on Thursday at 9:30 at the Fire Department.

Judie Kirchberg, an employee of 13 years, called in sick for the first time today for half of the day.

Paul Roberts announced that Kari Schmault gave birth to a baby girl over the weekend.

John Tatum received a letter from the Mayor to be the new Traffic Engineer. He will start next week.

Public Works facilities were broken into and some wire and miscellaneous items were stolen.

Sandy Langdon reminded Council of the Finance Committee meeting tomorrow at 4:30 p.m.

Mary Swenson commended the Police Department and the Public Works Department for the movement of traffic last week during the accident on I-5.

Suzi Elsner started work last Friday.

The Gap area is officially Marysville today.

### **CALL ON COUNCILMEMBERS**

Carmen Rasmussen commented that the access channel in Everett plays replays of previous Silvertips games. A Marysville citizen was curious if Marysville could also play these. Mary Swenson said they would check on it.

Councilmember Rasmussen then asked Sandy Langdon to look into doing a line item for Parks and Recreation programs scholarships. Director Langdon thought that this had to be done through a non-profit or a foundation. Councilmember Rasmussen had heard that there might be some correlation with the Free and Reduced Lunch Federal Program.

Jeff Vaughan asked what could be done about the backed up traffic from the post office. Mayor Kendall said they would be meeting with them to discuss traffic safety.

Jeff Seibert addressed an issue with a transit stop across from 84<sup>th</sup> where there is a lack of sidewalks and the danger of mid-block crossing on a busy street.

John Soriano applauded the comments made by Public Works Director Paul Roberts at the AWC Conference during the Governor's Luncheon. Mayor Kendall concurred.

Donna Wright reminded Council of Dr. Hinds' upcoming retirement celebration. She commented that the leadership at the recent AWC Conference appeared to realize how important the cities and were very willing to help.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

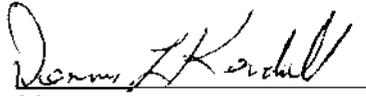
- 15. Park Board Advisory Meeting Minutes; January 17, 2007.**

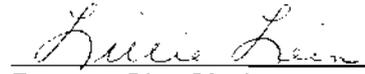
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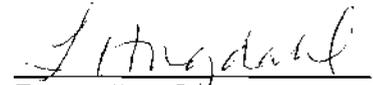
**ADJOURNMENT**

Seeing no further business, Mayor Kendall adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Approved this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007.

  
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Dennis Kendall

  
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Deputy City Clerk  
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