

# COUNCIL

# Marysville

# MINUTES

## **Work Session**

*December 3, 2007*

### **Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Kendall called the December 3, 2007 Work Session of the Marysville City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. He then led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Roll Call**

Finance Director Sandy Langdon gave the roll call. The following staff and councilmembers were present:

**Mayor:** Dennis Kendall

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

**Also Present:** Finance Director Sandy Langdon, Community Development Director Gloria Hirashima, Public Works Director Paul Roberts, Police Chief Rick Smith, City Attorney Grant Weed, Public Works Superintendent Larry Larson, Public Works Operations Manager Terry Hawley, Accounting Manager Denise Gritton, Cedarcrest Golf Course Superintendent Pete Colleran, Cedarcrest Golf Course Pro, Dave Castleberry, City Clerk Tracy Jeffries, Recording Secretary Laurie Hugdahl

### **Committee Reports - None**

### **Presentations**

#### **A. Golf Presentation.**

Cedarcrest Golf Course Superintendent Pete Colleran discussed the 3-year overview of Cedarcrest Golf Course. Golf Pro Dave Castleberry gave a demonstration of the POS Management System and discussed the Cedarcrest website, cart activity and revenue, and pro-shop inventory. Finance Director Sandy Langdon reviewed the quarterly financial report and discussed the golf course debt.

Councilmember Rasmussen commended the work they are doing at the golf course.

Councilmember Jon Nehring referred to the keeping the cost of rounds up. He wondered if drops in rounds of play in April and September were weather-related. Dave thought that the ones in April were due to aerifying the course. There was some discussion about the correlation between weather and rounds of play.

## **Discussion Items**

### **Approval of Minutes**

1. Approval of November 26, 2007 City Council Meeting Minutes.
2. Approval of December 3, 2007 City Council Work Session Minutes.

### **Consent**

3. Approval of November 21, 2007 Claims in the Amount of \$1,450,224.89; Paid by Check No.'s 43457 through 43592 with No Check No.'s Voided.
4. Approval of November 28, 2007 Claims in the Amount of \$428,294.48; Paid by Check No.'s 43593 through 43700 with Check No.'s 42502 and 43577 Voided.
5. Approval of December 5, 2007 Claims.
14. Approval of December 5, 2007 Payroll.

**Review Bids - None**

**Public Hearings - None**

**Current Business - None**

**New Business - None**

6. An **Ordinance** of the City of Marysville, Washington Amending MMC 14.19.070 to Provide for an Interest Rate, and a Sewerage Lien for the Collection of Surface Water Utility Rates Where the Property in Question is Not Also Served by City Water.

Finance Director Sandy Langdon reviewed the ordinance. There were no comments or questions.

7. An **Ordinance** of the City of Marysville, Washington Increasing Water and Sewer Utility Rates, Amending Sections 14.07.060 and 14.07.070 of the Marysville Municipal Code as Allowed Under Section 14.07.070(4)(1).

Finance Director Sandy Langdon reviewed the ordinance. There were no comments or questions.

8. An **Ordinance** of the City of Marysville, Washington, Amending Ordinance 960 by Terminating the Development Agreement Upon which the Rezoning of Certain Property had Been Conditioned.

Community Development Director Gloria Hirashima reviewed the ordinance.

9. An **Ordinance** of the City of Marysville, Washington, Amending the City's Development Regulations Related to Definitions of "Household" and "Master Planned Senior Community", Deletion of RU and Freeway Service Zones, Addition of Whiskey Ridge Zones, and Revisions to Development Standards Related to Residential, Resource, and Commercial/Industrial Zones, On-site Recreation Fees, Landscape Buffers, and Tandem Parking, and Amending Chapters 19.06, 19.12, 19.14, 19.16, 19.18, and 20.24 and Repealing Chapter 19.37 of the Marysville Municipal Code.

Director Gloria Hirashima discussed the 2007 development code revisions that have been proposed by the Planning Commission. Some comments have been received and those are attached to Council's packet.

Councilmember Jeff Seibert had questions regarding the parking section on page 9 of 12. Ms. Hirashima explained that there had been concerns about the allowance for tandem parking. This had been amended to make the second tandem spot not count for the parking allowance. Another change was that if an enclosed garage was used as one of the required parking spaces, there must be an additional parking.

Councilmember Seibert had several comments:

- He referred to page 10. He asked about the different requirements for paving and parking for in-home and day care centers. Ms. Hirashima addressed these differences.
- Under Day Care Centers, it was noted that the word *student* should be changed to *clients* or some alternative word, since most children aren't old enough to technically be called students. There was some discussion about how pick-up areas would work for strip mall areas.
- He expressed concern about changing the commercial setback from 20 feet to 15 feet (page 8 of 18). Director Hirashima explained that this was intended to address the multifamily zoning areas and increased that setback from 5 to 15 feet for interior setbacks.
- On page 13, he asked about the fee in lieu of option for recreation areas. Ms. Hirashima explained that within the downtown area it made more sense to do a fee in lieu of for some of the smaller facilities rather than having very small green spaces that aren't really usable. This would allow the City to put that money toward purchase of a facility in downtown or towards a facility improvement in the downtown area.

- He discussed language on page 14 relating to existing recreational facilities within 1000 feet. Director Hirashima commented that there is already a provision that if there is an existing facility within 1000 feet they can use the fee in lieu of program. This language would add the provision that if the property is located in planning area 1 (downtown) then voluntary agreements must establish that the payments for the fee in lieu of program are utilized for park improvements in that downtown boundary. Councilmember Seibert commented that even if there are existing play areas, they may not be public or they may not be close enough to the homes. He was opposed to doing away with these recreational areas for a fee. He discussed problems with apartment facilities having no green space for children to play and the fact that many families are not comfortable with allowing their children to play very far from home. Gloria Hirashima explained that this is a voluntary agreement and would be at the City's discretion. It would be up to the City how to allocate that money toward park improvements. One of the reasons they are suggesting this language is to promote the ability to do infill projects in the downtown area and to allow the City to be proactive in planning recreational areas. She commented that it has always been the City's understanding that the 1000 foot minimum distance language refers to public recreational areas.
- Councilmember Seibert said he would be more interested in exempting or doing a fee in lieu of in areas that are specifically over a business. He did not think a typical small apartment complex should be able to do a fee in lieu of.

Carmen Rasmussen asked if the fee was permitted to be used for a trail access that would provide better access to a park. Director Hirashima said it was completely at the City's discretion to do recreation improvements within the downtown area.

Councilmember Rasmussen commented on the difficulty that the parks department would have in maintaining many small parks. It was noted that these would be private recreational areas if they were on-site. There was discussion about pros and cons recreational space and the fee in lieu of option.

Donna Wright agreed that the City should avoid having more small recreational areas to maintain. Councilmember Rasmussen expressed confidence that the staff would review this reasonably and thoughtfully. Director Hirashima suggested setting up some criteria for using the fee in lieu of option. She offered to come back with that. Councilmember Seibert proposed that it be clear that the requirement is that it should be within 1,000 feet of a public recreational area.

Mayor Kendall asked about the justification for the apparent changes in height restrictions. Ms. Hirashima explained that this related to antennae heights.

10. An **Ordinance** of the City of Marysville Amending the 2007 Budget and providing for the increase of certain expenditure items as budgeted for in 2007 and Amending Ordinance No. 2676, Amending Ordinance No. 2682, Amending Ordinance No. 2692, and Amending Ordinance No.2699.

Finance Director Sandy Langdon discussed the Amendment to the 2007 Budget. Councilmember Paul Roberts discussed budget amendments for public works.

11. Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for Northwest Minichain Services Between the City of Marysville and Whatcom County.

There were no questions regarding this item.

12. Acceptance of a 6 year Water Conservation Goal to Meet the Water Efficiency Rule Accepted by the State Legislature.

Public Works Director Paul Roberts reviewed this item. Larry Larson discussed how the the Water Efficiency Rule applies to the City. He discussed the proposed 2008-2013 Marysville Utilities Water Conversation Goal. Terry Hawley reviewed the public hearing process associated with this and noted that there would be a public hearing on December 10 to receive comments on this.

13. Acceptance of the North 240 Zone Reservoir and Transmission Main Project to Start the 45-Day Lien Filing Period for Project Closeout.

Public Works Director Paul Roberts addressed this item. There were no further comments.

15. An **Ordinance** of the City of Marysville Amending MMC 3.51 Relating to the Authorized Petty Cash/Change Fund, an Imprest Fund of the City of Marysville.

Finance Director Sandy Langdon discussed the reorganization of how petty cash is handled and noted that this needs to be amended in the code.

## **Legal**

16. City Attorney Retainer Agreement.

Grant Weed stated that this is the same form they have used in the past. There were no further comments.

## **Mayor's Business**

- Merrysville for the Holidays was cold, but a lot people showed up. He thanked the fire chief for having the new fire truck in the parade.
- He will be out of town for the rest of the week. Mayor Pro Tem Nehring will be handling mayoral duties while he is gone.
- He will be in Washington DC for three days of training for Pioneering Healthy Communities

## **Staff Business**

Larry Larson discussed how public works staff is handling weather-related issues.

Paul Roberts had no comments.

Rick Smith attended an Internal Affairs Conference last week which was very good for procedures and risk management issues.

The police department is interviewing for sergeants and lieutenants this week.

Sandy Langdon reminded the group of the Lunch Bunch for the Holidays at the senior center this Friday.

Grant Weed had one real estate acquisition item which was expected to take 8 minutes.

### **Call on Councilmembers**

Carmen Rasmussen:

- The parade and the festivities were great. She enjoyed seeing the diversity of the entries.
- She will be out of town for the rest of this week.

Jeff Seibert

- Referred to a project up by Sunnyside where a trench was put in for infiltration. He wondered how this fared with the recent flooding. Public Works Director indicated he would check on this.
- He asked Gloria Hirashima about setbacks for roads placed in new developments next to existing ones. He thought that they had required a six-foot screening, but did not see that mentioned in the document reviewed tonight and asked to make sure that it was still there.
- He ran into former Councilmember Lisa Vares who sent greetings to everyone. She commented how she thinks they are doing a great job with the traffic problems and that the Chief Smith is doing a great job.

Jeff Vaughan had no comments.

Lee Phillips enjoyed the parade last weekend.

John Soriano:

- Merrysville for the Holidays was a lot of fun.
- He had the pleasure of attending the off-leash dog park community meeting. He was a little surprised because it wasn't as positive as he had hoped.

Donna Wright:

- She discussed an email she received from a citizen about the dog park issue. Carmen Rasmussen indicated that she had also received it and that she responded to him. Mayor Kendall asked that the email be forwarded to him.
- She will need an excused absence for Monday.

Jon Nehring also received email from Ted Erwin relating to the off-leash dog.

Jeff Seibert:

- He is not able to open email attachments.
- He asked if there will be more public meetings for off-leash dog parks. Councilmember Rasmussen replied that the Park Board will look at comments and go from there.

### Information Items

### Adjourn

Mayor Kendall recessed at 9:18 into Executive Session which was scheduled to begin at 9:22 and last for 8 minutes.

### Executive Session

A. Litigation

B. Personnel

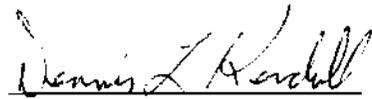
C. Real Estate – one item

**Motion** by Councilmember Nehring and Second by Councilmember Wright to authorize the Mayor to approve the settlement as discussed in executive session regarding the Peterson parcel for Project R-301. Motion carried 7-0.

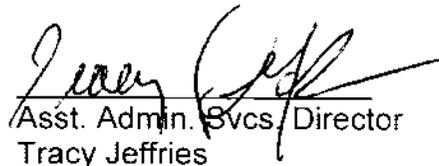
### Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Mayor Kendall adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2007.



Mayor  
Dennis Kendall



Asst. Admin. Svcs. Director  
Tracy Jeffries