

# COUNCIL



# MINUTES

*Work Session*  
*September 21, 2009*

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

Mayor Kendall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Roll Call**

Chief Administrative Officer Mary Swenson gave the roll call. The following staff and councilmembers were in attendance.

**Mayor:** Dennis Kendall

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

**Absent:** Councilmember Lee Phillips

**Also Present:** Chief Administrative Officer Mary Swenson, City Attorney Grant Weed, Chief of Police Rick Smith, Public Works Director Kevin Nielsen, Community Development Director Gloria Hirashima, Senior Planner Chris Holland and City Clerk Tracy Jeffries

Mary Swenson informed council that Councilmember Phillips had a family emergency and requested an excused absence.

**Motion** made by Councilmember Soriano, seconded by Councilmember Vaughn, to excuse Councilmembers Phillips. **Motion** passed unanimously (6-0).

## **Committee Reports**

Councilmember Soriano informed Council that the Healthy Foods Subcommittee met on Wednesday, September 16 and discussed the following:

- Wilcox Farm Community Garden has been successful. All 66 10x10 plots sold and most are yielding a significant harvest of vegetables. Plots are tended by community, church members, nonprofit groups including the food bank and low-

income families. Expansion of 50 more plots is under discussion. They also discussed whether other community garden locations should be identified.

- They are reviewing a coupon/punch card program at the food bank that would enable recipients to purchase fruits and vegetables at local participating grocers.
- Subcommittee is keeping in touch with Snohomish Health District and State Department of Health to identify available federal stimulus money grants targeting obesity.

Councilmember Seibert informed the Finance committee met on September 16 and discussed the following:

- Financial update – Sales tax revenue is down about \$500,000 from last year.
- Budget planning for the annexation.
- There is a new credit card process for utility billing. A flat rate from the bank should save the city about \$9,000 in processing credit cards.
- Dates for budget meetings will be set soon.

### **Presentations**

#### **A. Puget Sound Clear Air Agency (PSCAA) Air Monitoring, Criteria and Toxic Pollutants.**

Kathy Himes gave an update on fine particulate levels in Marysville, between May 2008 and now, and an update of the wood stove replacement program. She also reviewed the forecast for the upcoming heating season. Rick Hess, with the compliance department, reviewed the enforcement side of burn bans and also answered questions regarding Cedar Grove. He encouraged anyone with a concern to call their complaint line at any time. Amy Warren reviewed the Clean Home Heating Campaign, which is an opportunity to motivate people to cleaner heating devices.

### **Discussion Items**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

1. Approval of September 8, 2009 City Council Work Session Minutes.

#### **Consent**

2. Approval of September 9, 2009 Claims in the Amount of \$658,539.18; Paid by Check No.'s 57980 through 58100 with No Check No.'s Voided.
3. Approval of September 16, 2009 Claims.
4. Approval of September 18, 2009 Payroll.

#### **Review Bids**

5. Award Annual Janitorial Services Contract.

Public Works Director Kevin Nielsen stated that this is a state bid which was opened on Thursday. He expected the numbers by now, but should have them for Monday.

**Public Hearings**

6. Central Marysville Annexation Prezone Public Hearing *(to be held on September 28, 2009)*.

Chris Holland explained that they would be holding two hearings in accordance with state law; one is scheduled for September 28 and the subsequent one will be on November 2. Details of the proposed zoning were reviewed (as contained in the packet).

7. Development Agreement between the City of Marysville and Shasta Ridge, LLC. *(to be held on September 28, 2009)*.

Gloria Hirashima explained that Shasta Ridge currently has approval for a 73-lot county-approved subdivision. The City's comprehensive plan and zoning allows for a higher density. Staff is recommending that they be allowed to move forward with the wetlands and the stormwater facilities meeting county standards as originally approved. Other aspects of the plat need to meet city requirements.

Grant Weed commented that under the state law this type of development agreement requires a public hearing by the legislative body, which is the City Council.

Jeff Seibert requested a map of the original county-approved plat and a current submittal map. Director Hirashima indicated they would provide that.

**New Business**

8. FY 2010-2011 Phase II Stormwater Pass-Through Grants Program Grant Agreement between the State of Washington Department of Ecology and the City of Marysville.

Director Kevin Nielsen stated that this is for the implementation of the NPDES Phase II. There are no matching funds required for this.

9. A **Resolution** Authorizing the Establishment of a Health Reimbursement Arrangement/Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary Association ("HRA VEBA") Plan.

Mayor Kendall presented a Wellness City award to Kristi Guy from Association of Washington Cities.

Kristi Guy described the HRA VEBA Plan. This allows employees to put in tax-free contributions that are also taken out tax-free. Mary Swenson added that this allows people to self-fund their medical costs so when they get to retirement age they have money for retirement medical benefits.

10. A **Resolution** of the City of Marysville Declaring the Need for the Housing Authority of Snohomish County to Acquire and Operate Real Property within the Boundaries of the City of Marysville.

Bob Davis, the Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Snohomish County, and staff Gina Richardson described how they had secured funding which would be used to purchase and develop foreclosed properties in order to provide 19 units of affordable housing for families. They will be developing the property according to the original plans except with more environmentally-friendly provisions where possible. Gloria Hirashima added that this plan is consistent with the city's plans, zoning and had already moved quite far along before foreclosure. The project is also very close to Community Transit's new Park and Ride facility.

### **Mayor's Business**

Mayor Kendall:

- Went to the Step-tember event, but chose not to walk in the rain.
- Attended a very nice tribal thank you event. He commended them for giving quite a bit of money back to the community. The Tribes have given \$33 million to various state, county and local communities since the casino has been open.
- Will be meeting tomorrow with the County Council's Planning Commission.

### **Staff Business**

Kevin Nielson:

- Gave an update on construction at the interchange at 172<sup>nd</sup>. He thanked the police and the state patrol for helping with the traffic during construction. Councilmember Seibert asked about the Arlington side. Director Nielsen thought that most of it was already completed.
- Reported that two panels are loose in the middle of the railroad crossing near Cedar and 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Staff has contacted BNSF about this and they were informed that they will need to do some maintenance which will require the shutting down of the roadway. Councilmember Vaughan was impressed with the BNSF's speedy response in this situation.

Gloria Hirashima had no comments.

Chief Smith stated that they are moving forward with their approach with Neighborhood Watch.

Mary Swenson had no comments.

Grant Weed informed Council that there was a need for a short executive session regarding potential litigation, expected to last 5 minutes with no action expected.

### **Call on Councilmembers**

Jeff Vaughan had no comments.

Carmen Rasmussen agreed that the tribal event was great. She was impressed with all the people who are doing wonderful things in the community.

Jon Nehring asked about the prescription drug discount program. CAO Swenson indicated she would check on this. He asked about looking into the County permitting process. Mayor Kendall indicated that they are meeting with the County tomorrow about this. Director Hirashima explained that Building Official John Dorcas is doing a survey of all the different jurisdictions. Director Hirashima plans to bring something back to Council in October which would not recommend the same program as the County's, but would potentially contain some aspects of the Basic Plan.

Donna Wright had no comments.

John Soriano had no comments.

Jeff Seibert also appreciated the tribal appreciation event.

#### **Executive Session**

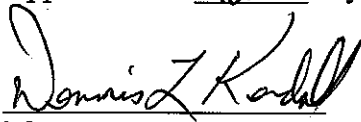
- A. Litigation – 1 item with no action expected.
- B. Personnel
- C. Real Estate

The Council recessed at 8:30 p.m. for a short recess. After which time they reconvened into Executive Session at 8:39 p.m. to discuss potential litigation as authorized by RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). It was announced that the executive session would last 5 minutes with no action expected.


#### **Adjournment**

Seeing no further business Mayor Kendall adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Approved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2009.



Mayor  
Dennis Kendall



Asst. Admin. Svcs. Director  
Tracy Jeffries