

City Council



1049 State Avenue
Marysville, WA 98270

**Work Session
Minutes
October 5, 2020**

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Nehring called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and led the flag salute.

Roll Call

Present:

Mayor: Jon Nehring

Council: Councilmember Tom King, Councilmember Kelly Richards, Councilmember Steve Muller, Councilmember Jeff Vaughan, Councilmember Mark James, Councilmember Michael Stevens, Council President Kamille Norton

Staff: Chief Administrative Officer Gloria Hirashima, Finance Director Sandy Langdon, Public Works Director Kevin Nielsen, Interim Community Development Director Allen Giffen, City Attorney Jon Walker, Police Chief Erik Scairpon, Parks & Recreation Director Tara Mizell, Planning Manager Chris Holland, Chief Martin McFalls, Community Information Officer Connie Mennie, Human Resources Manager Teri Lester

Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda moved by Councilmember Muller seconded by Councilmember Richards.

AYES: ALL

Committee Reports

None

Presentations

A. Proclamation: Declaring October 2020 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Mayor Nehring read the Proclamation recognizing October 2020 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and encouraging all residents to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for people and organizations who provide advocacy, services and assistance to victims and work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

B. Information to Address Council Questions from September 14th Snohomish Health District Presentation

This was an informational item only with no comments or questions.

C. Budget Workshop

This item was moved to October 12.

Approval of Minutes (Written Comment Only Accepted from Audience.)

Consent

1. Approval of the September 23, 2020 Claims in the Amount of \$2,514,820.87 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 143410 through 143533 with Check Number 142236 Voided
2. Approval of the September 30, 2020 Claims in the Amount of \$2,195,498.04 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 143534 through 143635 with No Check Numbers Voided

There were no comments or questions on these items.

Review Bids

Public Hearings

New Business

3. Consider the Relinquishment of Slope Easement with Marysville School District for 67th Avenue Townhome Development and Record with the Snohomish County Auditor

Planning Manager Holland reviewed this item noting that the easement was perpetual so it needed to be relinquished in order to utilize the 20 feet along there.

4. Consider the Recovery Contract with Alexander Reed, LLC for the King's Creek Short Plat Water Utility Construction Costs

Director Nielsen reviewed this item and item 5 related to the recovery contract for 8" water and 8" sewer at a good rate.

5. Consider the Recovery Contract with Alexander Reed, LLC for the King's Creek Short Plat Sewer Utility Construction Costs

This item was reviewed above with item 4.

7. Consider the Centennial Trail Lease Agreement with Washington State Department of Transportation

Director Nielsen reviewed this item and item 8 related to the construction of the trail connector and gave an update on the project. Councilmember King asked if there was any chance that WSDOT could rescind the lease if they needed the area. Director Nielsen replied that there are no plans to widen Highway 9 in that area so it is pretty much locked in.

Councilmember James asked for clarification about the route the trail would take. Director Nielsen reviewed this.

8. Consider the Buy/Sell Agreement with Mitigation Banking Services, LLC, for the Purchase of 1.289 Wetland Credits in the Amount of \$290,025.00, thereby mitigating unavoidable wetland impacts arising from the Centennial Trail Connector Project

This was reviewed above with item 7.

9. Consider an Ordinance Affirming the Planning Commission's Recommendation and Adopt the Commercial Permitted Uses, and Density and Dimensional Amendments

Planning Manager Holland reviewed this item. The proposed amendment would align the Unified Building Code with the adopted Comprehensive Plan / Whiskey Ridge Sub Area Plan.

Councilmember James asked about plans moving forward with regard to Mr. Toyer's concerns raised at the previous meeting. CAO Hirashima explained that the proper way to review land uses would be through a Comprehensive Plan amendment process. She recommended hiring a consultant to do a city-initiated review of the Sub Area Plan to look at alternatives. She stressed the need to do a comprehensive review and not parcel-by-parcel because of the impacts to the transportation network and utilities. She commented on the significant amount of public improvements that have already been made by the City in order to ensure the area developed in accordance with the City's vision.

Councilmember Stevens asked if hiring a consultant would shorten the amendment process. CAO Hirashima thought it would shorten the process because staff is quite busy right now.

Councilmember Muller asked for clarification about the timeline of events with the developer. Planning Manager Holland reviewed this. Councilmember Muller expressed support for reviewing this.

Councilmember Vaughan requested information about the cost to the City to expedite this with a consultant versus letting things run their natural course.

Council President Norton asked staff about the benefit of expediting the review process. Planning Manager Holland explained that it wouldn't have to be part of the docket process if the City takes it on. It would be considered a sub area plan that could be adopted through Growth Management at any time.

Legal

Mayor's Business

Mayor Nehring had the following comments:

- He reported on the Mayor's Task Force on Growth Management meeting. There was a good conversation around the Downtown Master Plan.
- The ribbon cutting for the 1st Street bypass was a fantastic event. Peter wrote a great article on the history of that area.
- There have been positive comments on the latest round of CARES Act funding.

Staff Business

Chief Scairpon thanked the City for the proclamation related to Domestic Violence Awareness month. He referred to a newly marked police vehicle that is on the streets to help bring awareness to domestic violence prevention. They will be putting the hotline number on the vehicle as well.

Chief McFalls had no comments.

Director Nielsen commented on some commitments that had been made to other agencies to get the break in access in the Whiskey Ridge area. He noted that he had emailed the route of the Centennial Trail to Council. He announced that all the overlays have been completed. Olympic View Park concrete is going down on the lower pad. The 1st Street bypass is open and operating very well. The catwalk is getting taken care of on the water reservoir so lights can go up for the holidays.

CIO Mennie had no comments.

Director Langdon gave an update on CARES Act business relief and community relief grants.

Planning Manager Holland commented that staff is very busy with development applications right now.

Interim Community Development Director Giffen agreed that the staff has been extremely busy. He commended the group for moving so many applications along in a quality manner. He also noted that Community Development will be hiring staff soon to bring some relief. He congratulated the City on the transformative 1st Street bypass project.

Human Resources Manager Lester confirmed that the senior planner position has been posted for Community Development.

Director Mizell commented on events at local facilities.

City Attorney Walker stated the need for an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation for 10 minutes with no action expected.

CAO Hirashima thanked the Fire Department for their help on sprinklering the Opera House. She reported that she was asked to serve on the Puget Sound Regional Council's Equity Advisory Design Committee and welcomed any ideas or thoughts on this.

Call on Councilmembers

Councilmember Stevens had no further comments.

Councilmember Vaughan asked about plans to address other access issues at the Opera House. CAO Hirashima replied they have been actively looking for opportunities to install an elevator at the Opera House, but the estimates have been extremely high. This is something that staff will continue to explore because it would allow the City to utilize the third floor. Councilmember Vaughan reported he has had the opportunity to use the bypass and really enjoyed it. He expressed appreciation to staff for this project.

Councilmember James echoed the congratulations to staff for the bypass. The article Peter wrote on the history of this area was fantastic.

Councilmember Richards asked Director Langdon about tax revenues. Director Langdon replied they are up from last year at this time, mainly due to a purchase through Motorola. Revenues are still tracking as they have been for the last few months. Councilmember Richards commented that there are no playgrounds in north Marysville for families. He recommended looking into this since schools are closed campuses and are not available to families during the day. He also expressed appreciation for the 1st

Street bypass. He thanked Director Giffen for jumping into the Community Development position.

Councilmember Muller agreed that the 1st Street bypass ribbon cutting was awesome. He is enjoying the new street.

Councilmember King reported that last Tuesday the Fire Board met and had the 2021 Budget Workshop. The 1st Street bypass is great. He expressed appreciation on behalf of some citizens for the work done at the off-leash dog park by the City. He commented on Regal Cinemas shutting down and asked about the fate of the Marysville Theater. Mayor Nehring thought that the state might start allowing 25% occupancy in theaters soon, but he wasn't sure about the impact on the theater. Councilmember King asked about the state of the water tower. Director Nielsen gave an update on this.

Council President Norton reported on Government Affairs Committee which just met with the Tulalip Tribes Tribal Board and School Board. They had good discussions around transportation issues, homelessness, transients, school reopening, and a new facility for homeless students in the district. She congratulated staff on the 1st Street bypass.

Adjournment/Recess

Council recessed at 7:53 p.m. for five minutes before reconvening in Executive Session to address one pending litigation item for 10 minutes with no action expected.

Executive Session

- A. Litigation – one item, RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)
- B. Personnel
- C. Real Estate

No action taken.


Reconvene

Council reconvened at 8:08 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Approved this 20th day of October, 2020.



Mayor
Jon Nehring

