

City Council



1049 State Avenue  
Marysville, WA 98270

**Regular Meeting  
Minutes  
November 9, 2020**

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

Mayor Nehring called the November 9 City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Rick Thiessen of Allen Creek Community Church gave the invocation, and Mayor Nehring led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

**Present:**

Mayor: Jon Nehring

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

Staff: Chief Administrative Officer Gloria Hirashima, Finance Director Sandy Langdon, Police Chief Erik Scairpon, City Attorney Jon Walker, Parks & Recreation Director Tara Mizell, Community Development Director Allan Giffen, Fire Chief Martin McFalls, Human Resources Manager Teri Lester, Community Information Officer Connie Mennie, Information Services Manager Worth Norton, Systems Analyst Mike Davis, Associate Planner Amy Hess, Senior Planner Angela Gemmer

**Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion** to approve the agenda moved by Councilmember Muller seconded by Councilmember James.

**AYES: ALL**

**Committee Reports**

Councilmember Muller reported on the November 6 Public Works Committee meeting where they are discussing the recycling contract with Waste Management and Surface Water Management's Watershed Plan and Storm Water Management Plan. The renaming of the 1st Street Bypass has been put on hold pending further discussion about a comprehensive vision for that area.

Councilmember King reported on the Snohomish/Island County Fire Commissioners meeting where they had an update on the 911 radio project. They also decided to cancel their annual conference and dues for next year due to COVID.

Councilmember Vaughan reported on the November 4 Finance Committee meeting where they discussed the following:

- Revenues and expenditures are tracking close to planned numbers.
- Sales tax revenues are up 9.2% over last year. He gave breakdowns by categories.

### **Presentations**

A. Proclamation: Declaring November 28, 2020 Small Business Saturday

Mayor Nehring read the proclamation into the record.

B. Alliant Health Insurance Presentation

Julie Forinash from Alliant Health Insurance gave an overview of the City's first year of self-insured health insurance. She reviewed why the City decided to move away from health coverage through the AWC and how they worked with Alliant to create a self-insured benefit strategy. She also reviewed 2021 renewal projections and recommendations.

### **Audience Participation**

Mayor Nehring solicited audience participation. There was none.

### **Approval of Minutes**

1. Approval of the October 12, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes

**Motion** to approve the October 12, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes moved by Councilmember King seconded by Councilmember Richards.

**AYES: ALL**

### **Consent**

2. Approval of the October 28, 2020 Claims in the Amount of \$850,079.26 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 144068 through 144273 with Check Numbers 117887, 118603, 118899, 119577, 122928, 122941, 125369, 126001,

126144, 126942, 127102, 127148, 127361, 127418, 127459, 127697, 127772, 128068, 128524, 128660, 129040, 129333, 130444, 130470, 130544, 130597, 131384, 131512, 131586, 131668, 131954, 132003, 132395, 132780, 133130 and 133342 Voided

3. Consider Approving the Vegetation/Timber Removal and Mitigation Payment Agreement with Washington State Department of Transportation for the Centennial Trail Connector Project
4. Consider Approving the Local Agency Agreement Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with Washington State Department of Transportation for the Centennial Trail Connector Project

**Motion** to approve consent agenda items 2, 3, and 4 moved by Council President Norton seconded by Councilmember James.

**AYES: ALL**

### **Review Bids**

### **Public Hearings**

### **New Business**

8. Consider Approving an Ordinance to Affirm the Planning Commission's Recommendation and Adopt the Marysville, Lake Stevens and Lakewood 2020 – 2025 CFPs as a sub-element of the Capital Facilities Element of the Marysville Comprehensive Plan

Councilmember Stevens recused himself due his business relationship with one of the school districts.

Associate Planner Hess reviewed this item as discussed at the Work Session.

**Motion** to approve Ordinance No. 3163 to Affirm the Planning Commission's Recommendation and Adopt the Marysville, Lake Stevens and Lakewood 2020 – 2025 CFPs as a sub-element of the Capital Facilities Element of the Marysville Comprehensive Plan moved by Councilmember Muller seconded by Council President Norton.

**VOTE: Motion carried 6 - 0**

**RECUSED:** Councilmember Stevens

9. Consider Approving an Ordinance Affirming the Planning Commission's Recommendation and Adopt the Mobile/Manufactured Home Park and Recreational Vehicle Park Amendments

Councilmember Stevens rejoined the meeting. Senior Planner Gemmer reviewed this item as covered at the previous Work Session.

**Motion** to approve Ordinance No. 3164 Affirming the Planning Commission's Recommendation and Adopting the Mobile/Manufactured Home Park and Recreational Vehicle Park Amendments moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Councilmember Stevens.

**AYES: ALL**

10. Consider Approving an Ordinance Affirming the Planning Commission's Recommendation and Adopt the Tiny House Amendments

Senior Planner Gemmer reviewed the proposed amendments to allow Tiny Houses as Accessory Dwelling Units and in other limited circumstances. She responded to questions raised at the previous Work Session regarding occupancy limits.

Councilmember Muller expressed concern about removal of the 300-square foot provision for Tiny Houses, but not for developers who want to build traditional structures. He spoke in support of the existing ADU provisions.

Councilmember Richards asked how design standards would apply to Tiny Houses. Senior Planner Gemmer explained that Tiny Houses would have to be consciously selected or built to meet the design requirements such as similar roof pitch, similar siding . . .

Council President Norton asked what was driving this proposal. Senior Planner Gemmer explained it was the result of increased community interest. There has been interest in pursuing them as Accessory Dwelling Units and in Mobile/Manufactured Home Parks.

Councilmember James indicated he would like more information about Councilmember Muller's concerns. Councilmember Muller summarized his concerns which would allow Tiny Houses to circumvent the regular ADU code resulting in a smaller and, in his opinion, inferior product. He again spoke in support of maintaining the current code.

No action was taken.

## **Legal**

### **Mayor's Business**

- Thanks to staff and everyone who set up for the coffee klatch tonight.
- The lighting of the water tower will be held on December 5th.

### **Staff Business**

Chief Scairpon gave an update on a recent homicide in the city. He is looking forward to the Executive Session tonight for another matter related to the police department.

Human Resources Manager Lester had no comments.

Interim Director Giffen replied there was a developers' forum related to the Downtown Master Plan last week. Consultants are taking the feedback and refining a draft update to the Downtown Master Plan.

Chief Information Officer Mennie had no comments.

Chief McFalls had no comments.

Director Nielsen commented that the coffee klatch was a great event tonight.

Director Langdon gave an update on the CARES grant applications.

Director Mizell had no comments.

City Attorney Walker stated the need for an Executive Session regarding labor negotiations for seven minutes with action expected.

CAO Hirashima had no comments.

### **Call on Councilmembers**

Councilmember Stevens had no comments.

Councilmember Vaughan had no comments.

Councilmember Muller reported that the developer meeting was very informative. He is looking forward to the Christmas lights this year.

Councilmember Richards had no comments.

Councilmember James had no comments.

Councilmember King commented on the water tower restoration work and lane striping work. He asked if trees would be replaced where they were removed on C Avenue between 1st and Grove to repair the sidewalk. Director Nielsen replied that the trees would be replaced, but staff is waiting for the right time of year.

Council President Norton had no comments.

### **Adjournment/Recess**

Council recessed into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

### **Executive Session**

- A. Litigation
- B. Personnel - one item; RCW 42.30.140(4)(a)
- C. Real Estate

Council reconvened in Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss one item regarding labor negotiations expected to last seven minutes with action expected. Executive Session was extended 5 minutes.

**Reconvene**

There was some delay due to Zoom and Council reconvened the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

**Motion** to approve the MOU with the MPOA for the creation of a Traffic Unit at MPD moved by Councilmember Muller seconded by Councilmember James.

**AYES: ALL**

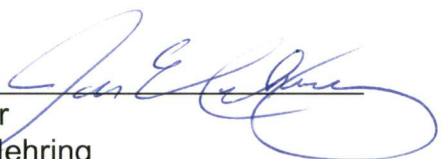
**Adjournment**

**Motion** to adjourn at approximately 8:20 p.m. moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Council President Norton.

**AYES: ALL**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Approved this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

  
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Mayor  
Jon Nehring