

**City Council Retreat
October 21-22, 1994**

October 21, 1994 - Village Inn - 1:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Dave Weiser
Councilmembers: Shirley Bartholomew
Ken Baxter
Otto Herman
Mike Leighan
John Myers
Donna Pedersen
Donna Wright

Others: Dave Zabell, City Administrator
Grant Weed, City Attorney
Gloria Hirashima, City Planner
Ken Winckler, Public Works Director
Larry Larson, Public Works Superintendent
Larry Wade, P.E.
Lillie Lein, Recording Secretary

Growth Management Act:

City Attorney Weed reviewed decisions made by the Planning Hearing Boards on IUGAs cautioning the City that they must show their work and how they have arrived at their decisions. Mayor Weiser reported that the decision has been made to follow Vision 20/20 recommendations in the four county area and for cities to plan within their own boundaries.

Urban Growth Boundaries:

Larry Wade of Hammond, Collier Wade-Livingstone Associates, Inc. recommended the City consider disbanding RUSA and realigning with the urban boundaries noting that the City needs to work out disputes with Arlington and Lake Stevens.

Consensus was to send an opinion to the County on regional versus diversified centers with Marysville recommending the diversified method.

Consensus was that there should be no minimum densities established at this time.

Annexation Policy:

A short discussion of the advantages of annexing into the City and developing advantages that would encourage people to want to annex into the City with Councilmember Herman suggesting the analysis of comparative costs for water/sewer service in and outside of the City should be revisited.

Appearance of Fairness:

City Attorney Weed reviewed areas of concern to Councilmembers noting that hearings not only need to be fair but need to appear to be fair. He gave several scenarios for discussion to further promote understanding of circumstances that may arise and whether or not they fall under this category.

Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

October 22, 1994 - Public Works Building - 8:00 a.m.

Present: Mayor Weiser
Councilmembers: Shirley Bartholomew
Ken Baxter
Otto Herman
Mike Leighan
John Myers
Donna Pedersen
Donna Wright
Staff: Gloria Hirashima, City Planner
Dave Zabell, City Administrator
Mary Swenson, Assistant to City Administrator
Steve Wilson, Finance Director
Janet Berg, Assistant Finance Director
Doug Buell, Community Information Officer
Lillie Lein, Recording Secretary
Others: Ben Frerichs, Economic Development Consultant

Economic Development:

Ben Frerichs of Economic Consulting Services reviewed his services and discussed economic development with the Council. Mr. Frerichs will be working with the City as a consultant for economic development. He will be looking at the community from the viewpoint of a real estate marketing analysis with an emphasis on how to obtain Marysville's objective for economic development; review the regional government's plan for Marysville; and interact between the Council, staff, and business community. He stated statistics show 60-80% of growth comes from businesses which are already in the community followed by newly started businesses and businesses that move into the community. He also stated that economic development is driven by values (personal, private, community).

Council Policy/Procedures:

Desire for more maps was expressed with consensus to have a map of the City as a whole with an overlay of the plat being considered. Concern for a master road plan was also expressed. City Administrator Zabell and City Planner Hirashima will work on a map to show through streets so the public is aware of what is planned for the future.

Discussion of the length of time allowed for public testimony during a public hearing followed. Consensus was to have a light agenda when a public hearing is scheduled and, if possible, only schedule one controversial public hearing per meeting.

A discussion of the transition time from open session to executive session followed with the suggestion that Council move to the Judges chambers or Jury room for executive session.

After a discussion of audience participation, it was decided that audience participation lasting longer than five minutes would be postponed to the next Council meeting as a regular agenda item.

In discussing who should be allowed to speak and when, consensus was to re-evaluate the ordinance and define criteria for appeal of the hearing examiner's decision.

It was suggested that an asterisk be placed next to items on the agenda where public testimony is allowed.

It was suggested that packet materials for items continued to another meeting be turned in at the end of the meeting with the Councilmember's name written on it to save time and cost of reproducing the materials again.

There was a short discussion of the use of City vehicles including who needed to have a City vehicle and the advantages and disadvantages of providing a City vehicle over paying mileage.

Procedures for making bank deposits followed with the suggestion that the person making the deposit varies as well as the time of deposit. Also, it was noted that a City vehicle should not be driven to make the deposit.

City Hall Facility:

Consensus was that something needed to be done about the current City Hall. Options are: move City Hall to old library site; remodel the existing building; demolish and rebuild on the current site; build a City Hall on a different site. The main crux of the discussion was whether or not it was feasible to move City Hall to the old library

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building when it is vacated and whether or not the current building or the old library building could/should be used for a community center. Consensus was to put together an RFP for a study to determine the feasibility of moving City Hall to the old library building in terms of cost and years of use for that purpose. After a decision on City Hall is made, the discussion of a community center can be revisited.

The retreat adjourned at 1:30 p.m.



Lillie Lein, Recording Secretary