

MARYSVILLE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

May 5, 2003

7:00 p.m.

Public Safety Center

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Weiser called the May 5 work session of the Marysville City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. He then led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. There was no invocation as there was no pastor in attendance.

ROLL CALL

Chief Administrative Officer Mary Swenson called the roll. The following councilmembers and staff members were in attendance:

Council: Mayor David Weiser, Mayor Pro Tem Mike Leighan, Councilmembers: Jon Nehring, Jeff Seibert, Suzanne Smith, John Soriano, Donna Wright, and Lisa Vares.

Staff: Mary Swenson, Chief Administrative Officer; Robert Carden, Police Chief; Robb Lamoureux, Police Commander; Sandy Langdon, Finance Director; Grant Weed, City Attorney; Gloria Hirashima, Community Development Director; Larry Larson, Public Works Superintendent; Jim Owens, Public Works Director; Kevin Nielsen, City Engineer; Jim Ballew, Parks and Recreation Director.

Mayor Weiser welcomed Boy Scout Troop 5 to the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Mike Leighan reported that the **Governmental Affairs Committee** had discussed the 172nd Street issue at their last meeting. There is a meeting planned with Mayor Weiser, the Mayor of Arlington, WSDOT and other key officials to discuss what avenues should be considered to retain the funding at 172nd Street.

DISCUSSION ITEMS**Management Team Concept.**

Mayor Weiser began the discussion by explaining that Council had indicated an interest in discussing the organizational chart. Councilmember Leighan commented that he had worked under both systems and wondered if the current reporting structure is confusing for the staff.

There was some discussion of whether to continue with a full-time mayor or to make it a part-time position. Councilmember Jeff Seibert felt it wouldn't be right to change that based on who is in office. He commented that he is comfortable with the way Mayor Weiser and Chief Administrative Officer Mary Swenson work together. He felt it would not be good to change just because Mayor Weiser is leaving office at the end of his term.

Councilmember Jon Nehring asked for input from other councilmembers on how it worked with a part-time mayor. Councilmember John Soriano noted that he worked under the first structure only briefly, but he felt the current structure is working effectively. Councilmember Donna Wright commented that it sometimes depends on the mayor. She felt that some personalities need a stronger administrator on which to depend. Mayor Weiser added that some mayors wanted to have hands-on, day-to-day control even though they had strong administrative leaders. He also felt that to some degree it does depend on the people and takes some time to get to know each other and build trust. He said that Ms. Swenson's position is important in that she is responsible for distributing information to everyone and maintaining a global vision. Councilmember Lisa Vares commented that she likes having a full-time mayor so he can represent the City in all the regional boards and be available beyond personnel management and day-to-day operations. Councilmember Suzanne Smith added that Proposition 1 clearly stated that the people of Marysville want a mayor. She felt that the team concept works well with this style of government. The team encourages each other and bounces ideas off each other. She believes it is very valuable. She noted that she likes this style although it does depend on the people.

The majority of the councilmembers stated that they are comfortable with the present form of government and it was determined not to discuss the issue further.

CONSENT

- A. Approval of May 12, 2003 Claims.**
- B. Approval of May 5, 2003 Payroll.**
- C. Approval of New Liquor License Skipper's Seafood 'N Chowder House #109.**
- D. Acceptance of Trunk D Extension Phase II Including Soper Hill Pump Station Project as Complete and Begin 45-Day Lien Filing Period.**

Councilmember Seibert asked Public Works Superintendent Larry Larson about a manhole issue that had been reported previously. Mr. Larson explained that it is not part of this contract.

- E. Intergovernmental Agreement with Washington State Department of Community Trade and Economic Development.**

There were no comments or questions regarding this item.

REVIEW BIDS

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A. 88th Street Sewer Force Main Project.

Councilmember Smith commented that she appreciated seeing the total including the management reserve and the budget amount included in the agenda bill.

B. Water Meters – 2003 Annual Contract.

There were no comments or questions regarding this item.

C. 2003 Water Quality Testing.

Public Works Superintendent Larson clarified that this is for drinking water. The City will be taking the samples and then sending them out to this company who will test and report back.

D. Loan Acceptance for Golf Course Restaurant & Pro Shop.

Councilmember Leighan had concerns about whether or not this would be a good idea. Finance Director Sandy Langdon explained that they are establishing a business plan at the golf course in order to improve that situation. Councilmember Leighan asked if the money could just come out of the general fund. Ms. Langdon explained that the general fund could only loan money on a short-term basis. Mr. Leighan commented that he had a problem with adding more debt to the golf course. Ms. Langdon commented that this loan is intended to help increase their cash flow and decrease expenses.

Councilmember Seibert inquired about what would happen if the golf course defaulted on the loan. Ms. Langdon explained that it would fall back to the general fund in that case. She reiterated that they were working on a business plan. The budget will be tight, but they will be able to make it. Parks and Recreation Director Jim Ballew commented that the original intent was to secure this method of financing. The business plan is basically done and they will be looking at personnel organization and fee structures.

E. Acceptance of Proposal for Underwriting Services.

Councilmember Seibert asked for clarification of the need for this. Ms. Langdon noted that there was not quite enough money to cover the projects. The remainder is anticipated to come from REET. This would allow the City to pay the debt and still get the projects done. Councilmember Leighan requested a breakout of the amounts for each project. Ms. Langdon said she'd have those at the next meeting and gave some rough estimates.

Councilmember Smith asked what the REET dollars would be used for. Ms. Langdon indicated that they would be paying for both State Avenue projects and the Waterfront Park. Councilmember Smith indicated she was concerned about how this progressed because she was under the impression that there had been enough money.

Councilmember Vares asked if they would be receiving the payment schedule. Ms. Langdon explained that it would be difficult because it would depend on the market. She explained the underwriting process and how they would put a package together and put it out to market.

Councilmember Leighan asked if part of the Budget Workshop scheduled for May 9th, could include an overview of the existing bonds and debt. Ms. Langdon said that could be included at the Budget Workshop. Councilmember Nehring asked for staff to give Council a sense of whether or not the City can afford to handle this amount of debt. He said that as a councilmember he did not feel comfortable making this decision without more information.

There was discussion about money for the Skate Park that was taken from the Waterfront Park. Parks and Recreation Director Ballew indicated that it would be paid back. Councilmember Smith asked about timeframes for grants for the waterfront park. Mr. Ballew explained the timeframes of grants, the cycles and permitting process. He described the limited financing tools available right now. Chief Administrative Officer Mary Swenson explained that they do look at the available grants when deciding which projects to pursue.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Emergency Ordinance No. 2467 of the City of Marysville Relating to Opiate Substitution Treatment Facilities.

City Attorney Grant Weed explained that this ordinance is to review the city's code to decide what it wants to do. There is a code that allows the City to have a six-month moratorium while reviewing the code.

NEW BUSINESS

A. MMC 6.79 Burglar Alarms Revisions.

Councilmember Seibert had concerns regarding the public becoming aware of the changes. Police Chief Robert Carden explained the means they would be using to notify the public including:

- ◆ Channel 29
- ◆ Local alarm companies
- ◆ Radio Stations
- ◆ Chamber of Commerce
- ◆ Rotary Club announcements

Councilmember Seibert then asked how the sticker would be used. Police Chief Carden explained that the number on the sticker would be cross-referenced at the police

department. An officer would call into the police department to find the responsible parties to be notified.

Councilmember Smith asked about existing alarm systems. Police Chief Carden explained that all alarm systems would need to be registered even if they do not route to the phones. He noted that there is no charge for the initial sticker. Councilmember Smith indicated that she had concerns about people who wouldn't know about the law. Councilmember Seibert also expressed concerns about false alarms. Commander Robb Lamoureux explained that the first false alarm would be a freebie. At that point they would be notified. Police Chief Carden further explained the need for this ordinance.

B. Supplement #3 to Professional Services Agreement with Hammond, Collier Wade Livingstone for the State Avenue Street (Grove Street to First Street) Improvements Project.

There was discussion about the amount of the agreement and the hours that would be worked.

C. Professional Services Agreement with Montgomery Watson Harza for the Trunk F to A Sewer Intertie Construction Management Consultant Contract Award.

Councilmember Smith asked if there would be a management reserve. Public Works Director Jim Owens indicated that there would be an additional management reserve amount. Councilmember Seibert asked if this is the same project that has been on hold. City Engineer Kevin Nielsen explained that the original project began in 1998.

D. State Avenue Street Improvements (Grove Street to 1st Street) TIB Construction Phase Prospectus and WSDOT Local Agency Agreement Supplement #1 Funding Agreements.

There were no comments or questions on this item.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

A. An Ordinance of the City of Marysville, Washington Repealing Chapter 14.15 On-Site Stormwater Drainage Code and Approving a New Chapter 14.15 On-Site Stormwater Drainage Code.

Councilmember Seibert requested that the changes be delineated or marked in some way. Community Development Director Gloria Hirashima indicated that she could go back and do that. Councilmember Smith agreed that it would be helpful.

B. An Ordinance of the City of Marysville, Washington Amending Marysville Municipal Code Chapter 6.79 Relating to Burglar Alarms.

There were no comments or questions on this item.

- C. An Ordinance of the City of Marysville, Washington, Relating to Contracting Indebtedness; Providing for the Issuance of the \$1,137,350 Par Value Limited Tax General Obligation Bond, 2003 (Taxable), of the City for General City Purposes to Provide the Funds with Which to Pay or Reimburse Earlier City Expenditures for Costs of Golf Course Facilities, Including But Not Limited to Restaurant, Pro Shop, and Parking Lot Improvements, and Paying the Costs of Issuance and Sale of Such Bond; Fixing the Date, Form, Maturity, Interest Rate, Terms and Covenants of the Bond; Designating a Construction Fund and Establishing a Bond Fund; and Approving the Sale and Providing for the Delivery of the Bond to Bank of America, N.A., of Seattle, Washington.**

There were no comments or questions on this item.

INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Mayor's Business

Mayor Weiser reminded those present of the Budget Workshop on Friday, May 9 from 3-7 p.m. at the Ken Baxter Senior Center.

He then noted that the Marysville Historical Society will be receiving an award from Snohomish County Council on Wednesday May 9 at 9:00 a.m. regarding their help on restoring the water tower.

B. Staff Business

Jim Ballew confirmed that the petting zoo will be opening May 31st. He said that things are going well.

He discussed homecoming events for the troops including lights, bunting hung on the water tower, a banner over 4th Street and private signage at the waterfront park. He suggested providing a barbeque for the enlisted and their families. Mayor Weiser suggested waiting until the Ingraham returns as that is the city's adopted ship. There was general consensus that this would be a good idea.

Mr. Ballew then noted that there would be a Skate Jam on Friday, May 30 from 5:30-7 p.m.

Finally Mr. Ballew commented that they are in the middle of negotiations with the Cedarcrest Restaurant management.

Sandy Langdon - no comment.

Gloria Hirashima responded to a concern that Councilmember Seibert had about the Allen Creek area. She explained that someone had submitted a wetland restoration plan and is working on that voluntarily.

Police Chief Carden noted that the Police Department annual inspection and awards ceremony would be on May 17th. They will try to graduate the Citizens Academy and distribute awards also at the event.

Mary Swenson reported that the Gambling Committee is getting ready for their second meeting. The Implementation Committee will be meeting again in June.

Jim Owens issued a reminder that the Lunch Bunch would be on Wednesday, May 7th at Jennings Park.

Kevin Nielsen reported approval from the DOE for two parts of the pipeline to Everett.

Grant Weed announced that May 1st was Law Day. There were several events locally. Some students had the opportunity to shadow judges. Some members of the bar association (including Mr. Weed) went to visit local schools to educate students about careers in law and to raise awareness.

Larry Larson – no comment.

C. Call on Councilmembers

Mike Leighan – no comment.

Lisa Vares – no comment.

Jon Nehring commented that he had indicated an interest in being on the Image and Identity Committee and wanted to know what was happening there. Councilmember Seibert asked for a list of different committees and the members on each one. Mary Swenson said she would get a list out soon.

Donna Wright informed everyone that she would be in Washington D.C. through the end of the week.

John Soriano – no comment.

Jeff Seibert – no comment.

Suzanne Smith said she was happy that the petting zoo would be opening this year.

She noted that she would like to be on the Economic Development Committee, but she hasn't received any calls from anyone about that. Mary Swenson said she would check on that.

Councilmember Smith asked about the monitoring of stream restoration projects. Community Development Director Hirashima explained that they are typically monitored for three years. There was discussion about this and about the difficulty in removing blackberry plants permanently from a site.

Ms. Smith then mentioned a letter she received from Mr. Matt Gordon who is interested in volunteering on the Land Use and Zoning Committee. Ms. Hirashima said that committee is still going through the formation process. She explained that members will be contacted.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Approved this 12th day of May, 2003.

David Weiser
Mayor
David Weiser

Gerry Becker
City Clerk
Gerry Becker

Laurie Hugdahl
Recording Secretary
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