

# ORIGINAL

## MARYSVILLE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

000536

September 2, 2003

7:00 p.m.

City Hall

### CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / INVOCATION

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Mayor David Weiser called the September 2, 2003 work session of the Marysville City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. He proceeded to lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. There was no invocation.

### 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, John Soriano; Donna Wright; and Lisa Vares.

**Staff:** Mary Swenson, Chief Administrative Officer; Grant Weed, City Attorney; Sandy Langdon, Finance Director; Gloria Hirashima, Community Development Director; Kevin Nielsen, City Engineer; Steve Winters, Police Commander; and Joby Johnson, Police Officer.

Mayor Weiser noted the excused absence of Councilmember Suzanne Smith who was attending to personal business.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Weiser solicited committee reports.

Councilmember John Soriano reported that some of the items the Public Safety Committee discussed were:

- Citizens' Academy went well. They are considering holding two sessions per year.
- National Night Out received a very positive report – considering holding a blood drive during that event next year.
- New booking fees and jail fees.

### PRESENTATIONS

#### A. Narcotics K-9 Research and Planning Project.

Officer Joby Johnson gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the narcotics detection K-9 project. He stated that the primary purpose of the K-9 program is to seek and find narcotics.

The dogs are able to search anywhere they are told (with the exception of people). Some of the major functions of the detection K-9 program are patrol/traffic; drug-related search warrants; and community-related events. There can be application at traffic stops, which there is suspicion of drug activity. The dogs can also be used to search public areas such as parks for paraphernalia. Officer Johnson described the circumstances under which the Detection K-9 may be applied with and without a search warrant. Some of the benefits of the Detection K-9 program are that it greatly reduces the amount of time it takes to search a room and they can locate drugs in hidden compartments that may be missed by an officer. Officer Johnson explained that the money seized by a Detection K-9 would go into the Drug Enforcement Fund, which would supplement the General Fund for the purpose of drug enforcement assistance. Over the past four years they have been able to use \$20,000 per year. Some community-related activities where the K-9 might be utilized are public demonstrations, school presentations, and fund-raising events.

Officer Johnson then reviewed the cost of the K-9 and training from Cedar Home Kennels, which was \$6,500.00. This includes the two weeks at the training facility in Stanwood. The training is conducted by an Everett Detective with 20 years experience in handling detection canines. It covers searching vehicles, residences, lockers and bags. It also covers search warrant preparation; narcotic dog case law; concealment techniques; and maintaining proper training records.

Additional costs include:

- Vehicle cage \$1,500.00
- Kennel and pad \$ 350.00
- Training aids and safe \$ 350.00

Yearly costs:

- Overtime \$6,650.00 per year
- Call outs \$3,200.00 per year (two callouts per year)

Fundraising possibilities include Pennies for Puppies; demonstrations at local businesses; web site solicitations; and t-shirt sales. Officer Johnson then concluded the presentation and solicited any questions that councilmembers might have. Police Chief Robert Carden added that they are not looking for action yet, but they are hoping to begin the fundraising process and that it will be successful.

- Councilmember Lisa Vares inquired about the expected timeframe to raise \$10,000. Officer Johnson said he believes they can do it within a couple of months. There was then some discussion about the asset seizure money and about the procedure for utilizing the dog.
- Councilmember Jeff Seibert asked about the process for obtaining a search warrant. Officer Johnson explained that they simply call a judge who can order the search warrant and fax it out fairly quickly.
- Councilmember Jon Nehring asked what kind of dogs they use. Officer Johnson answered that they use labs because of their enthusiasm and playfulness. He explained

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that the dogs view it as a game. He explained that the usefulness of the dogs can be anywhere from 6 to even 12 years.

- Councilmember Mike Leighan then asked about on-going training. Officer Johnson replied that approximately 8 hours per week is needed and that this can be done during work hours. He stated that the dog was assigned to a patrol car for regular patrol duty.
- Councilmember Donna Wright asked what type of drugs could the dogs detect. Officer Johnson responded that they can find marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamines and heroin.
- Councilmember Leighan had concerns about exposure issues with the dogs at meth labs. Officer Johnson explained that they hope to recognize that it is a meth lab before a dog would ever go in. They would not send a dog into any active meth lab.
- Police Chief Carden asked him to explain why Marysville needed a dog. Officer Johnson explained that it is very hard to get other K-9's here because of scheduling or training. There was some discussion about using the dog in other jurisdictions and in the school districts.

There was general consensus by Council to approve beginning fund-raising efforts. Mayor Weiser thanked Officer Johnson for the presentation.

### ***DISCUSSION ITEMS***

#### **CONSENT**

#### **C. Approval of Liquor License Renewals for Bella Luna Café Bistro, Marysville Oriental Store, 4th Street Market, Noble Palace, and Taqueria La Jaliscience.**

There were no comments or questions regarding this item.

#### **D. Authorize Mayor to Sign Supplemental Agreement No. 5 to Professional Services Agreement with Skillings Connolly; 128th Street NE/State Avenue Project.**

There were no comments or questions regarding this item.

#### **E. Authorize Mayor to Sign Addendum No. 1 to Construction & Maintenance Agreement with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad for State Avenue 116th-136th Improvement Project.**

Councilmember Seibert asked about the number of lanes for this project. City Engineer Kevin Nielsen explained that it would eventually be 5 lanes and they are doing the right-of-way right now. Councilmember Seibert asked if this would leave any room for future expansion. Mr. Nielsen responded that it would not.

**REVIEW BIDS****A. State Avenue Street Improvements; Grove Street to First Street.**

Mayor Weiser indicated that this was a placeholder and that information would be coming on this item.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS****A. Harry's Towing Suspension Appeal.**

City Attorney Grant Weed commented that the hearing was set for September 8. The information in Council's packets is just for information purposes. Councilmember Leighan asked if there were any better pictures. Mr. Weed said he would attempt to locate some.

**NEW BUSINESS****A. Professional Services Agreement Supplement for Construction Management Services on Cedarcrest Reservoir Repair Project; MWH Americas, Inc.**

There was some discussion about the particular qualifications of this consultant and why they were chosen.

**INFORMATION ITEMS****Mayor's Business*****Park Board Appointment(s).***

Mayor Weiser noted that he would be bringing the Park Board Appointments next week. He also commented that he would not be able to attend the Council meeting on Monday, September 8.

**Staff Business**

**Grant Weed** had nothing to report.

**Mary Swenson** reported that they had been contacted by the school district who wanted assistance with a grant-supported lunch program. They were looking for a location to dispense the lunches during the strike. The City decided that Jennings Park would be acceptable. She added that this would not require any staff time.

**Gloria Hirashima** commented that the pictures from the Harry's Towing packet were submitted by Bruce Galloway, the applicant's attorney, so they do not have anything better.

**Sandy Langdon** discussed changing the Finance Committee meeting from September 17 to Monday, September 22 at 4:00 p.m. There was general consensus.

**Kevin Nielsen** distributed a Water Quality Characterization of Quilceda and Allen Creeks which showed the results of the monitoring they have been doing. He also discussed a positive meeting he had with Verizon.

**Robert Carden** mentioned that the Citizens' Academy may not be happening this fall due to high overtime costs that have already been incurred. Regarding the Marysville School District Teacher's strike, he reported the Police Department's role is to keep the peace. They do not anticipate any issues, but will stay on alert. He also mentioned that the jail study is continuing. They asked the consultants to re-evaluate because they were not satisfied with the report, but it should be completed by early October.

#### **Call on Councilmembers**

**Lisa Vares** noted that they picked a consultant.

**Donna Wright** had nothing to add.

**Mike Leighan** said he would like to discuss the pros and cons of having open meetings for committees. **Motion** made by Councilmember Leighan, seconded by Councilmember Nehring to discuss this at the next work session. **Motion** passed unanimously (6-0).

**John Soriano** had nothing further to add.

**Jon Nehring** referred to a letter he received from a citizen regarding sewer charges. Mayor Weiser indicated that he had already spoken with her and that she may come to Council to seek reduction in her sewer bill.

**Jeff Seibert** asked Chief Carden about the possibility of obtaining data regarding police stops on a particular street – 71<sup>st</sup> Street from Grove to 528. He said that a citizen was complaining that they do not see a police presence there. Chief Carden said they would try to get some data on that and could also increase policing there. Councilmember Seibert then added that there had been some congregation of youths and speeding at the 83<sup>rd</sup> Place Park across from the golf course. Chief Carden said they would address that. Councilmember Seibert added that he had also received a complaint about unsupervised youths at the golf course. He then thanked the Mayor for his letter to the Tribes thanking them for their donation.

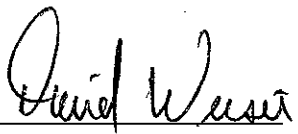
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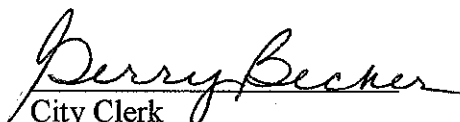
Seeing no more business, Mayor Weiser recessed into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. Executive Session was scheduled to begin at 7:55 p.m. and to last approximately 15-20 minutes. There was one real estate matter and one pending legal matter to be discussed.

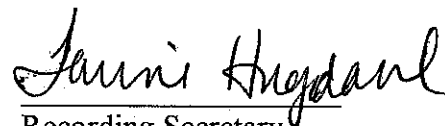
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council met in Executive Session at 7:55 p.m.; discussed one real estate and one pending litigation issue; reconvened into Regular Session at 8:10 p.m.; took no further action and adjourned.

Approved this 8th day of September, 2003.

  
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David Weiser

  
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City Clerk  
Gerry Becker

  
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Recording Secretary  
Laurie Hugdahl