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MARYSVILLE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

January 3, 2005

7:00 p.m.

City Hall

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MINUTES

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

Mayor Dennis Kendall called the first work session of the new year to order at 7:00 p.m. He led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. There was no invocation given.

**ROLL CALL**

Chief Administrative Officer Mary Swenson called the roll. The following staff and council members were noted as being present.

**Mayor** Dennis Kendall

**Council:** Mayor Pro Tem Jon Nehring, Lee Phillips, Jeff Seibert, John Soriano, Lisa Vares, Jeff Vaughan and Donna Wright.

**Staff:** Mary Swenson, Chief Administrative Officer; Grant Weed, City Attorney; Sandy Langdon, Finance Director; Paul Roberts, Public Works Director; Gloria Hirashima, Community Development Director; Jim Ballew, Parks and Recreation Director; Kevin Nielsen, City Engineer; Laurie Huggahl, Recording Secretary.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilmember John Soriano reported that the **LEOFF I Committee** had met on December 27. They reviewed and approved four claims. They also selected members to serve for the new year: Ken Baxter, member from the public; Jeff Cole, firefighter representative; Walt McKinney, board chair; and John Soriano, vice chair.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Kendall referred to a letter he had received regarding the golf course. A couple of citizens were in the audience and had requested to speak. Since this is not generally allowed at work sessions, he solicited a motion. **Motion** made by Councilmember Jon Nehring; seconded by Jeff Seibert to allow ten minutes for a discussion regarding annual passes for the golf course. Motion passed unanimously. Chief Administrative Officer Mary Swenson added that she had talked with and is planning to meet with the vice chair of the Men's Golf Club sometime this week.

Peter Semanski, 6813 20<sup>th</sup> Drive NE, Marysville.

Mr. Semanski stated that he has been playing golf in Marysville for approximately twenty years. He spoke in opposition to dispensing with the annual passes. He felt that the City was taking away guaranteed revenue. He stated that he preferred raising the rate to not having an annual pass. He felt that many regulars (himself included) would choose to go to other courses if the annual passes were not available.

Councilmember Nehring stated that while he sympathized with his comments, Council needed to figure out how to get the golf course out of the red. He noted that staff was faced with trying to make business decisions in order to do this. He thanked Mr. Semanski for his comments.

Fred Demeres, 7921 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Marysville.

Mr. Demeres stated that he had been playing golf in Marysville for six or seven years. He said that there were at least 100 people willing to buy annual passes right now and he felt the City was missing a good opportunity for continued dependable revenue with annual passes.

Mary Swenson explained that the Council would be discussing the golf course as a whole at the next meeting. Mayor Kendall thanked both men for coming to comment.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

None.

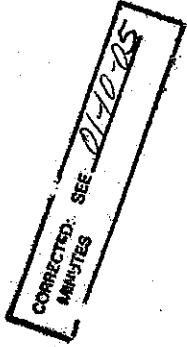
#### **OTHER ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 10, 2005 MEETING**

##### **A. Approval of Minutes.**

1. December 13, 2004 City Council Meeting.
2. January 3, 2005 City Council Work Session

#### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Approval of December 15, 2004 Claims.
- B. Approval of December 22, 2004 Claims.
- C. Approval of December 29, 2004 Claims.
- D. Approval of January 5, 2005 Claims.
- E. Approval of December 20, 2004 Payroll.



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- F. Approval of January 5, 2005 Payroll.
- G. Approval of New Liquor License for Teriyaki Box (1518 - 3rd Street).
- H. Approval of Liquor License Renewals for Boulevard Grocery (5304 - 61st Street NE), Froso's Greek & Italian Cuisine (314 State Avenue), Las Margaritas Family Mexican Restaurant (303 Beach Street), Rite Aid #5243 (251 Marysville Mall), Saigon Garden Restaurant (10013 Shoultes Road #B1), Loyal Order of Moose Marysville Lodge 1845 (9214 A State Avenue), Skipper's Seafood 'N Chowder House #109 (1035 State Avenue), and AM/PM Mini Mart #5566 (1124 - 4th Street).
- I. Accept Soper Hill Road Sewer Extension Project (Including A Portion of 71st Avenue NE) as Complete and Begin 45-Day Lien Filing Period.

Kevin Nielsen added that this contractor was Shoreline Construction from Woodinville and they did a great job. The project is now online.

- J. Approval of Rock Creek (aka, Cedar Ridge) Final Plat Amendment.

This item was removed from the agenda. Councilmember Seibert asked Community Development Director Gloria Hirashima about the reasons for changes in the project. Ms. Hirashima reviewed the history of this project and changes regarding access and density.

#### REVIEW BIDS

None.

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

#### CURRENT BUSINESS

None.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- A. Professional Services Agreement for 67th Avenue NE Water Main and Road Rehabilitation Project (100th to 132nd Streets); OTAK.

Kevin Nielsen noted that this was for an 18" diameter line from 100 to 132<sup>nd</sup> Streets. The Professional Services Agreement would start the design with OTAK.

**B. Professional Services Agreement for Sewer Flow Monitoring Study on City System; GEotivity Limited.**

Kevin Nielsen explained that this project is necessary to determine areas where the sewer system is experiencing inflow/infiltration problems.

**C. Condemnation Ordinance Amendment; State Avenue / 116<sup>th</sup> Street NE to 136th Street Improvement Project.**

Kevin Nielsen explained that this was a clean up amendment. The ordinance has already passed to allow the City to use condemnation. They are moving the pond and need to get this small easement to make this happen.

**D. Snohomish County PUD #1 Underground Distribution Easement for the Ebey Slough Waterfront Park.**

There were no comments or questions regarding this item.

**E. Stillaguamish Water Filtration Plant - "Avigation Easement"; Arlington Municipal Airport.**

Kevin Nielsen explained that this was required by the City of Arlington for anyone building near the airport. He added that this is not unique to Marysville. Other businesses, including Crown Distributing, have been required to sign this type of agreement. City Attorney Grant Weed had questioned Arlington's authority to require this easement. Staff will come back with more information.

**F. Farrington Annexation - 60% Petition; PA 04040.**

Gloria Hirashima commented that this and the following annexation were initiated by citizens in response to the City raising utility rates. Staff is recommending the expanded boundary to minimize splitting the street between the City and the County.

**G. A.R.T. Investment/Wicklów Condominium Annexation - 60% Petition; PA 04036.**

Ms. Hirashima explained that they had contacted the City regarding annexation due to the rise in utility rates. This is approximately 90 acres in size. There was some discussion about how taxes would be impacted and the service requirements for this area and other annexations.

**LEGAL**

None.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

- A. An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Marysville, Washington Amending Ordinance No. 2334 Authorizing the Condemnation, Appropriation, Taking and Damaging of Additional Land and other Property for the Widening of State Avenue from Approximately 116th Street NE to Approximately 136th Street NE, And Authorizing the Condemnation, Appropriation, Taking and Damaging of Lands to Extend Sanitary Sewer onto 116th Street NE.**

Discussed above.

**INFORMATION ITEMS****Mayor's Business**

Mayor Kendall commented that this month has a fifth Monday. He asked if Council was interested in holding another meeting with the school board at that time. There was consensus to wait unless something specific needed to be discussed.

Next, Mayor Kendall referred to a thank you letter he had received from Cheri Hazen regarding the painting of a white strip at the senior center.

He then welcomed Paul Roberts as the new Public Works Director and presented him with a palm tree, referring to a comment Mr. Roberts had made earlier that he could not work anywhere where there were not palm trees. Mr. Roberts thanked him for the welcome and stated that he was excited about the opportunity to work with the City.

**Staff Business**

**Jim Ballew** announced that the school district had not gotten the grant paperwork in on time, but the irrigation project at the high school would still be completed.

**Kevin Nielsen** commented that Greg Rairdon had made the first 10% down payment on 8 acres up north. This was the first purchase on the new pond. Mary Swenson added that Mr. Rairdon had been very impressed with how good the staff was to work with on this project.

**Ms. Hirashima** gave an update on the schedule of Planning Commission meetings. January 4 will be a presentation regarding the Tulalip Tribes' Qwuloolt wetland

restoration project. January 11 will be an introduction of the proposed Critical Areas Ordinance.

Councilmember Seibert inquired about the possibility of the Tribes incorporating walking trails. Ms. Hirashima responded that the Trustees had concerns about the maintenance of the trails. The City will be revisiting this idea and looking at the alignment. The Tribes are aware of the City's goals, but have concerns about the viability of the walking trails.

**Mary Swenson** commented that Council would need to be prepared for the public outreach that will be necessary with this project. Ms. Hirashima concurred and noted that there is a whole array of potential concerns that will need to be addressed. They need to have more information as to how those issues will be solved to be able to provide assurance to the citizens. Mary Swenson commented on the importance of getting homeowners associations and schools involved with the education process.

Councilmember Jeff Vaughan asked about biodiversity in the area. Kevin Nielsen commented that it would be primarily fish and migratory birds. Paul Roberts added that this will provide an essential area for salmon to spawn. He commented on the importance of helping people understand the tradeoffs of this project. He noted that two key benefits for the City would be direct mitigation credit available to the City and the goodwill associated with those agencies. There was some mention of the possibility of flood control problems. Gloria Hirashima noted that this would be put on the Public Works Committee's meeting agenda for further discussion.

**Sandy Langdon** wished everyone a happy new year. She announced that the new IT Manager would be starting on Monday.

**Grant Weed** wished everyone a happy new year. He noted that he had four items for Executive Session: one real property issue, two potential or threatened litigation issues and one personnel issue. This would need approximately thirty minutes.

**Mary Swenson** announced that they have begun working on the work plan for 2005 with the directors. She thanked Kevin Nielsen and Larry Larson and acknowledged the extra work they have done prior to Paul Roberts' arrival.

#### **Call on Councilmembers**

**Jeff Vaughan** welcomed Paul Roberts. He welcomed back Lisa Vares.

**Donna Wright** wished everyone a happy new year. She welcomed Paul Roberts and welcomed back Lisa Vares.

**Lisa Vares** noted that she was glad to be back.

**Jeff Seibert** welcomed Lisa Vares back. He welcomed Paul Roberts to the City. He thanked Kevin Nielsen and Larry Larson for stepping up to the plate when needed.

**Jon Nehring** welcomed Paul Roberts, noting that he would be a benefit to the City. He also extended thanks to Kevin Nielsen and Larry Larson. He congratulated Lisa Vares. He then had questions regarding the cable company's rights and responsibilities to dig up yards.

**Lee Phillips** welcomed back Lisa Vares and welcomed Paul Roberts to the City. He wished everyone a happy new year.

**John Soriano** welcomed Lisa Vares back to the Council. He welcomed Paul Roberts to the City. He then noted he was looking forward to another year.

**Mayor Kendall** added that he would need another fifteen minutes to discuss a personnel matter in Executive Session. This would be a total of 45 minutes need for the Executive Session.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kendall recessed at 8:30 p.m. into Executive Session at 8:35 p.m.

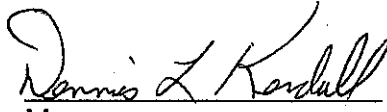
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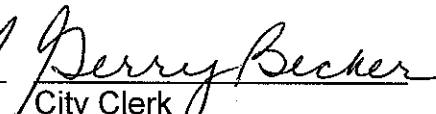
City Council met in Executive Session at 8:35, discussed personnel, litigation, and real estate issues, and adjourned into Regular Session at 9:06 p.m.

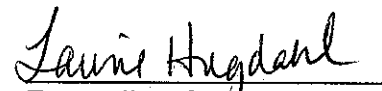
#### ADJOURNMENT

Council took no further action, and Mayor Kendall adjourned the January 3, 2005 City Council Work Session at 9:07 p.m.

Approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2005.

  
 Mayor  
 Dennis Kendall

  
 City Clerk  
 Gerry Becker

  
 Recording Secretary  
 Laurie Hugdahl