

MARYSVILLE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

March 7, 2005

7:00 p.m.

City Hall

CALL TO ORDER / INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Jon Nehring called the March 7 Work Session of the Marysville City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. There was no invocation. He then led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Pro Tem: Jon Nehring

Council: 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; Gloria Hirashima, Community Development Director; Robert Carden, Police Chief; Paul Roberts, Public Works Director; Jim Ballew, Parks and Recreation Director; Gerry Becker, City Clerk; and Laurie Hugdahl, Recording Secretary.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem solicited committee reports. There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

Other Items Scheduled for March 14, 2005 Meeting

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

- 1. February 28, 2005 City Council Meeting.**
- 2. March 7, 2005 City Council Work Session.**

CONSENT

- A. Approval of March 2, 2005 Claims.**
- B. Approval of March 9, 2005 Claims.**
- C. Approval of March 4, 2005 Payroll.**

REVIEW BIDS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

CURRENT BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS**A. Vault Privy Permit for Strawberry Fields Park; Snohomish Health District.**

Jim Ballew explained that this is a permit for a latrine at Strawberry Fields. There were no comments or questions from Council.

B. Strawberry Festival Master Permit Approval; Maryfest, Inc.

Mary Swenson commented that they are recommending approval for one year while they begin reviewing the code. Councilmember Donna Wright asked to receive fiscal notes associated with this. Councilmember Jeff Seibert wondered why the Grand Parade was listed on Friday and Saturday. Jim Ballew explained that Friday they would just be putting up the street signage in order to prepare 24 hours in advance. The parade will be on Saturday evening.

C. American Society for Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) License Agreement for Municipal Governmental Entities.

Jim Ballew explained that this would protect the City's use of copyrighted music.

D. Lakewood "Rec Express" Expansion Project Lakewood Area.

Jim Ballew commented that they would like to expand the recreation program this summer into the City's new Lakewood area. Preliminary response has indicated that participation would be good. The Parks Department is requiring that the program be filled. It would not run if the city costs could not be recovered by the

registration numbers. Councilmember Seibert commented that the Lakewood residents were really looking forward to having this out there.

E. Annexation Staffing Levels.

Mary Swenson stated that the recent annexations have pushed the City over the 30,000-population mark. Staff has been looking at services provided and reviewing ways to streamline services. She presented several ideas including relocating the City Clerk, Deputy Clerk and a floater position. She also discussed changing the Economic Development Coordinator Position to a clerical position, which would support herself, the Mayor, Kristie Guy and Doug Buell. Doug Buell will be assuming some of the duties of the Economic Development position. They are also looking at hiring two police officers, three community development positions and two public works/ streets positions.

Ms. Swenson compared proposed expenditures with expected revenue from the Lakewood annexation. The annexation will cover costs for 2005. Ms. Swenson expressed confidence that the economic development activity coming to the City in the near future will support these additional positions in 2006. There was agreement to move forward with some of the staffing positions. There was discussion about the rigorous process for hiring police officers and the need to get started with this right away. Councilmember Jeff Vaughan asked if other options had been reviewed to relieve some of the burdens on staff such as getting licenses online and utilizing more automation. Ms. Swenson assured him that these types of things are also being considered. Mayor Pro Tem Nehring acknowledged all the hard work Gloria Hirashima and her department have done.

F. Classification of job description for Senior Development Engineer.

Staff utilized a consultant to review the responsibilities and compensation for this position. Councilmember Jeff Seibert questioned the combination of duties for this position. Gloria Hirashima explained how this position would better meet the needs of the development review function in Community Development.

LEGAL

None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None.

INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Mayor's Business

- Mayor Kendall is out of town until March 15th.
- Open House at Horizon Bank on 88th Street on Tuesday, March 8 at 6:00 pm.

B. Staff Business

Paul Roberts commented that the street crews swept the streets in the Lakewood annexation area and gathered 8 yards of debris.

Jim Ballew reported that the new Athletic Coordinator started today. Soccer registration is done with softball soon to follow.

Sandy Langdon reported that the new phones went live today.

Gloria Hirashima noted that the first two open houses on the Comprehensive Plan update had been held in the Sunnyside area and downtown. More will be coming this week with hearings held next week. MSAC has begun the Lakewood census and appears to be enjoying it.

Grant Weed noted that his 15-year old son rode around with a Marysville police officer last week and had a very positive experience.

Chief Carden concurred that MSAC is enjoying doing the census and has gotten a very positive response.

Gerry Becker had no comments.

Mary Swenson discussed possible topics for the Council retreat – Makers' visioning exercise, annexation strategies determination, and downtown area development. Staff suggested holding the retreat in Redmond in order to examine a community that Marysville might consider emulating.

Councilmember Wright was in support of this. Councilmember Seibert supported keeping the retreat in town. Councilmember Vares noted she generally preferred to stay in town for the meetings, but this time was interested in going to Redmond to study it as a model. Councilmember Vaughan stated that he usually prefers to stay in town, but liked the idea of going to Redmond for research. Councilmember Soriano was in support of the idea. He thought that Redmond would make a great example. Councilmember Phillips supported holding the meeting in Marysville, but suggested that a day trip to Redmond might be beneficial. Mayor Pro Tem Nehring generally supports staying in town for meetings, but supported the idea of going to Redmond because of the special circumstances. Mary Swenson noted that the majority were interested in going out of town.

She added that she would be meeting with the chairs of the Economic Development Committee soon to get them back in the loop. They are looking at reducing the number of subcommittees from five to three to reduce overlapping. A meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be held after Council is done with the visioning process.

C. Call on Councilmembers

Lisa Vares asked when the new logo would be incorporated more fully. Jim Ballew replied that the screen work has been delivered. They are now looking for bids. Ms. Vares asked if staff was considering the outlet mall impacts as well as the development in Arlington. Ms. Swenson assured her that staff is keeping that in focus.

Jeff Vaughan had no comments.

Jeff Seibert asked about ways to require development to occur in the City as opposed to the County for areas that would be coming to the City for utilities anyway. Gloria Hirashima suggested that the most effective method would be to require annexation prior to providing utilities. She noted that they are recouping some of the lost fees with the new development fees for site plan review. There was discussion about the cost to the City of different stormwater standards in the County. Mary Swenson commented that the directors agree that they need to have a conversation with Snohomish County about this. Paul Roberts concurred and noted that long-term costs of maintaining and retrofitting the substandard development are a big issue. Councilmember Seibert requested review of the annexation policy. Ms. Swenson concurred and noted that this would happen at the retreat. Councilmember Seibert then thanked Community Development for the CD with the municipal code on it.

Lee Phillips had no comments.

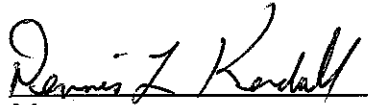
John Soriano asked if WSDOT has any projects in the near future. Ms. Swenson replied that they would review this with Council. Councilmember Soriano then asked if anyone had attended the Navy homecoming. Ms. Swenson responded that the Mayor and Paul Roberts had.

Donna Wright noted that she had attended an event which would have been complete had there been a city flag on the flagpole. She expressed support for development of a city flag. She asked about the date for the next Teen Citizens Academy. Mayor Carden responded that it would be held in May. Ms. Wright noted that she would need an excused absence next Monday because she would be in Washington DC.

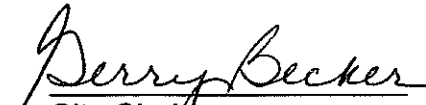
ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, Mayor Pro Tem Nehring adjourned the work session at 8:15 p.m.

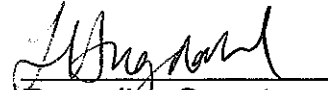
Approved this 14th day of March, 2005.



Mayor
Dennis Kendall



City Clerk
Gerry Becker



Recording Secretary
Laurie Hugdahl