

**ORIGINAL**

**MARYSVILLE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

00210

June 20, 2005

7:00 p.m.

City Hall

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

Mayor Dennis Kendall called the June 20, 2005 meeting of the Marysville City Council Work Session 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 councilmembers were in attendance.

**Mayor:** Dennis Kendall

**Council:** Jon Nehring, Lee Phillips, Jeff Seibert, John Soriano, Lisa Vares and Donna Wright

**Staff:** Mary Swenson, Chief Administrative Officer; Paul Roberts, Public Works Director; Grant Weed, City Attorney; Sandy Langdon, Finance Director; Gloria Hirashima, Community Development Director; Jim Ballew, Parks and Recreation Director; Doug Buell, Community Information Officer; Chris Holland, Senior Planner; Greg Corn, Fire Chief; Larry Larson, Public Works Superintendent; Greg Keith, Operations Manager and Laurie Hugdahl, Recording Secretary.

Mayor Pro Tem Nehring mentioned that Councilmember Jeff Vaughan had notified him that he would not be able to attend the meeting tonight.

**Motion** made by Councilmember Nehring; seconded by Councilmember Vares to excuse Councilmember Vaughan's absence. Motion passed unanimously (6-0).

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Fire Annexation**

Mary Swenson introduced Steve DiJulio, legal counsel retained for this issue. Mr. DiJulio gave some background on his experience as special counsel and bond counsel. He has had extensive experience working with fire districts and municipalities.

Fire Chief Greg Corn delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the possibility of the City of Marysville annexing into Fire District No. 12. The talk reviewed the historical background, annexation consideration, advantages and disadvantages.

Finance Director Sandy Langdon then reviewed the facts and figures associated with this issue including: property tax levy basics; levy revenue with no annexation into fire district; levy rates with no annexation into fire district, levy revenue with annexation into fire district; levy rates with annexation into fire district; annexation considerations.

**Discussion:**

Mary Swenson commented that they had originally thought they would end up with a surplus. While this is possible, it would require a vote for a tax increase for the citizens. There was discussion about the options available to Council. There was some question whether there could be a joint board. Ms. Swenson stated that it boils down to a policy decision and loss of control. There would be a possibility that the City could "de-annex" if there was an unsatisfactory result.

- Lisa Vares referred to her concerns about taxation without annexation if there were no councilmembers on the advisory board. She wondered if there was some way to ensure that the representatives at least lived in the City. Mr. DiJulio explained that if the City were to annex into the fire district, then the residents of the City would be residents of the fire district and would be eligible to run for the fire district elections. However, there was no guarantee that there would be commissioners from the City. Chief Corn commented that wards could be created, but these would be population-based.
- Donna Wright commented that the current City boundaries were a result of what happened with the difficulties with the fire district in the past regarding annexation issues.
- Councilmember Seibert asked how the commissioners' districts would be determined. Chief Corn stated that they are all at large. He commented that regardless of whether or not a joint board would be allowed; there would be a huge incentive for the commissioners to listen to the City.

CORRECTED: SEE  
MINUTES 5/18 REPRESENTATION  
6-27-05

**ACTION ITEMS**

**A. PEG/I-NET Fee (Continued from June 13, 2005)**

Postponed until all councilmembers are present.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Water System Automated Meter Reading Study (Draft).**

Larry Larson reviewed the background of meter reading in the City. He discussed the current technology and the new technology towards which the City is moving. New automated technology includes mobile radio systems and fixed radio systems. He also discussed legislation that requires accurate measurement of water by municipalities. Public Works is seeking direction from the Council on whether to move towards the mobile radio or the fixed system. The rate study did identify some money to go toward this.

Greg Keith reviewed the *Draft Final Report of Water System Automated Meter Reading (AMR) Study* produced by consultants Gray & Osborne. He noted that in addition to choosing the type of AMR system they would need to determine the method of implementation. Choices presented included:

- Immediate implementation – This would take 2-3 years;
- Limited implementation – This would include installation of the infrastructure and installation of ARMs from this point forward with new development. In addition, meters would be replaced as they failed. The estimated timeline of complete implementation is 7-14 years.
- Retrofit – This would include installation of the infrastructure now, replacement of meters as they age or fail and replacement of meters that are difficult to read and/or hard to get to.

**Discussion:**

Councilmember Soriano asked approximately how many meters are replaced per year due to failure. Mr. Keith responded that it varies, but is generally between 100-150 meters per year.

Councilmember Seibert asked about locking in a price once a bid is awarded. Mr. Keith explained that they would maintain a contract for a certain period of time or go out to bid again if necessary.

Mr. Keith discussed how the meter reading personnel would be absorbed into the utility with a change of responsibility.

Mayor Kendall asked if IT had determined that this could feed into the current billing system. Mr. Keith confirmed that it would.

Councilmember Seibert asked why there was a difference in the estimated years for payback between the vendors. Ms. Langdon suggested that it might be related to variations in the difficulty of installation. Mr. Keith concurred.

Councilmember Seibert commented that this would also save money on costs of vehicle maintenance and employee time. Paul Roberts agreed and stated that efficiency is the key reason for doing this. The major cost savings would be in employee costs, especially as the City grows because more employees would not necessarily be needed with an automated system.

Councilmember Seibert commented that he thinks the fixed network would be the best way to go in the long run. He requested some additional information from staff regarding comparisons with the cost of no action. Mr. Roberts indicated he would get that to Council for the next cycle.

Councilmember Nehring asked about the budget for this. There was discussion about how this was budgeted.

**Other Items Scheduled for June 27, 2005 Meeting**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

**A. June 13, 2005 City Council Meeting.**

**B. June 20, 2005 City Council Work Session.**

**CONSENT**

- A. Approval of June 15, 2005 Claims.**
- B. Approval of June 22, 2005 Claims.**
- C. Approval of June 20, 2005 Payroll.**
- D. Approval of Liquor License Renewals for El Rinconcito (202 State Avenue); Grove Street Market (5931 Grove Street #B); and Cedarcrest Family Restaurant & Grill (6810 84th Street).**

There were no comments or questions regarding this item.

- E. Approval of Special Event Application; Downtown Merchants Association.**

There were no comments or questions regarding this item.

- F. Approval of Fireworks Stand Permits for Knights of Columbus (11 stand); Marysville Kiwanis (5 stands); Turning Point Church (1 stand); and Woodside New Life Church (1 stand).**

Donna Wright commented that she thought fireworks were only allowed on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Mayor Kendall indicated that this was correct and that the sample sign included in the packet was in error.

- G. Authorize Mayor to Sign Livescan Agreement with Washington State Patrol.**

Commander Ralph Krusey explained that the Livescan system had been budgeted for last year, but in April, they had received a free one. There is no cost associated with it, but there is an agreement that needs to be signed.

**REVIEW BIDS**

- A. Motor Grader Maintainer.**

Larry Larson described the grader. There were no further comments or questions.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- A. Farrington Annexation; PA 04040.**

Chris Holland explained that this would be a public hearing for pre-zone and then transmittal of the annexation to the Snohomish County Boundary Review Board for review. Councilmember Seibert asked if they had already submitted application to Snohomish

County. Gloria Hirashima replied that they have, but if it were annexed by the end of the year, the building permit would happen in the City.

**B. Jordan Annexation; PA 04026.**

Chris Holland explained that this also would be a public hearing for pre-zone and then transmittal of the annexation to the Snohomish County Boundary Review Board for review.

**C. Miklautsch Annexation; PA 9902007.**

Chris Holland explained that this also would be a public hearing for pre-zone and then transmittal of the annexation to the Snohomish County Boundary Review Board for review.

**CURRENT BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Palmer Place Preliminary Subdivision & Rezone to PRD 4.5 (PA 04034).**

Chris Holland reviewed the request for rezone from R-4.5 to PRD 4.5 and utilization of residential density incentives in exchange for dedication of .35 acres of parkland with improvements and .087 miles of trail right-of-way improvements. Staff is recommending approval of the rezone, preliminary subdivision and utilization of the density incentives.

Councilmember Seibert had some questions about the street improvements. Ms. Hirashima explained that Palmer Place could not be built unless Getchell goes forward. There is an agreement between the two developers.

**LEGAL**

None.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**A. An Ordinance of the City of Marysville Affirming the Decision of the Hearing Examiner and Rezoning Properties Owned by Julie Palmer Amending the Official Zoning Map of the City.**

**B. A Resolution of the City of Marysville Stating Its Intention to Annex and Zone a Certain Unincorporated Area Known as the Miklautsch Annexation into the City and Transmitting the Matter to the Snohomish County Boundary Review Board for Approval.**

- C. A Resolution of the City of Marysville Stating Its Intention to Annex and Zone a Certain Unincorporated Area Known as the Farrington Annexation into the City and Transmitting the Matter to the Snohomish County Boundary Review Board for Approval.**
- D. A Resolution of the City of Marysville Stating Its Intention to Annex Certain Unincorporated Area Known as the Jordan Annexation into the City and Transmitting the Matter to the Snohomish County Boundary Review Board for Approval.**

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

##### **A. Mayor's Business**

- Mayor Kendall was notified recently by Representative John Lovick that the speed limit on southbound I-5 from 172<sup>nd</sup> would be reduced sometime in July. The Mayor also discussed cable heights concerns with Representative Lovick who indicated they would check into that.
- Mayor Kendall commented that the Strawberry Festival was great. He commended Jim Ballew for an excellent job.

##### **B. Staff Business**

**Gloria Hirashima** had no additional business.

**Chris Holland** had no additional business.

##### **Jim Ballew:**

- The Parks Department has submitted a grant with the Tulalip Tribes Educational Fund for underwriting of an after school program for next year.
- Strawberry Festival was great. He acknowledged all those involved who worked so hard.
- The ramp went in on the boat launch today. Pilings will be going in this week.

**Sandy Langdon** had no further business.

**Paul Roberts** expressed his thanks to the crews that worked so hard to make the Strawberry Festival a success.

##### **Mary Swenson:**

- Strawberry Festival was great. All departments did an outstanding job.
- Dave Waggoner, Director of Snohomish County Airport/Paine Field will be giving a presentation to Council on July 11.
- The ordinance regarding utilities outside City limits will be coming to Council soon.
- 2006 Budget discussions are beginning. Staff would like to set up a workshop for the beginning of September. Council was asked to notify Executive Assistant Judy Coonts of their availability in early September.

- City staff has met with all jurisdictions regarding transportation and received support from all. Next Tuesday staff will be meeting to discuss this issue.
- Ms. Swenson will be attending the AWC conference and will be gone for the rest of the week.

**Grant Weed** indicated he had one potential litigation item for Executive Session and would need approximately ten minutes. He noted that he would be gone next week.

### C. Call on Councilmembers

**Lisa Vares** had no further business.

**Jon Nehring** stated that the parade was fantastic.

#### Jeff Seibert

- He thanked the Maryfest organizers for tickets to the Grandstand. He thanked Jim Ballew and all the staff involved for their hard work. There was some friendly discussion about how some of the councilmembers managed to get tickets to the Grandstand while others had to sit on the sidewalk.
- He asked about signage notifying the public of the speed limit change. Mayor Kendall and Paul Roberts indicated they would look into this.

**Lee Phillips** echoed appreciation for the parade and the events of Strawberry Festival. He thanked the M-PHS TV3 students for filming it.

**John Soriano** complimented Jim Ballew, Chris King and all the staff involved in the festival. He noted that Public Works had cleaned up the area very quickly.

**Donna Wright** stated that she enjoyed the parade and thanked Maryfest for their efforts. She asked when the parade video would be replayed on the access channel. Mayor Kendall thought it would possibly be shown on Wednesday.

### D. Park Advisory Board Meeting Minutes; May 11, 2005.

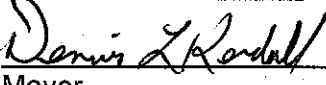
#### ADJOURNMENT


Mayor Kendall recessed into Executive Session at 9:20 p.m.

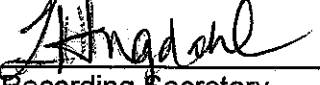
#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council met in Executive Session and discussed one potential litigation item; reconvened into Regular Session at 9:30 p.m.; took no further action and adjourned.

Approved this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2005.

  
 Mayor  
 Dennis Kendall

  
 City Clerk  
 Gerry Becker

  
 Recording Secretary  
 Laurie Huggahl