

MARYSVILLE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

December 5, 2005

7:00 p.m.

City Hall

CALL TO ORDER / INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CORRECTED: SEE 12-12-05
MINUTES

Mayor Dennis Kendall called the December 5, 2005 work session of the Marysville City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. There was no invocation. Mayor Kendall then led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Chief Administrative Officer Mary Swenson gave the roll call. The following staff and councilmembers were in attendance.

Mayor: Dennis Kendall

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

Staff: Robert Carden, Police Chief; Sandy Langdon, Finance Director; Mary Swenson, Chief Administrative Officer; Grant Weed, City Attorney, Cheryl Dungan, Senior Planner; Paul Roberts, Public Works Director; Jim Ballew, Parks and Recreation Director; Doug Buell, Community Information Officer; Ryan White, Legal Intern; Gerry Becker, City Clerk; Lillie Lein, Deputy Clerk; and Laurie Hugdahl, Recording Secretary.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Interviews for Council Position No. 7.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Nehring; seconded by Councilmember Phillips to approve the Procedure to Fill Council Vacancy. **Motion** passed unanimously (6-0).

Mayor Kendall reviewed the process for the procedure. One name would be drawn at a time. That person would have the opportunity to give a five-minute presentation to the Council. Following that each councilmember would ask the candidate one question and the candidate would be allowed one minute to respond.

1. Ken Baxter

Mr. Baxter introduced himself and discussed his 26 years of service on the Marysville City Council. He served as a volunteer firefighter for 17 years for Marysville. He also helped to start a new district and remained there for 21 years. He has extensive background in the operations of the City and has volunteered on numerous committees. He takes his duties very seriously, especially to make the mayor, the city council and the staff look good to the public and the press. He stated that he is a quick decision-maker. Mr. Baxter added that he is retired, but is still very active in civic affairs. He is able and willing to devote the time necessary to perform the duties of a councilmember.

- Councilmember Jeff Vaughan presented Mr. Baxter with a scenario in which the prospective councilmember had come to a carefully researched opinion, but after arriving at the council meeting he was presented with a large number of vocal opponents. He asked how Mr. Baxter would handle this. Mr. Baxter responded that he is a good listener. He would be able to listen and to give an explanation he was making in the best interest of the city.
- Councilmember Wright asked about his ability to devote the time necessary for the commitment of being a councilmember. Mr. Baxter explained that his family has been used to this for a long time and his wife is very supportive.
- Councilmember Seibert asked what Mr. Baxter viewed as the largest issue facing the City in the next year. Mr. Baxter responded that the largest issue would be expansion and the accompanying increase in population demands. He stressed the need for continuous long-range planning for utilities and discussed some of the decisions the City has taken in this regard.
- Councilmember Nehring explained that he sees that decisions are made in one of three ways – based on the consensus of the council, based on a principle or based on what the majority of citizens want. He asked where Mr. Baxter felt that he fit in. Mr. Baxter pointed to the need to be willing to debate any subject with the rest of the council. He believes in a willingness to keep things moving along.
- Councilmember Soriano asked Mr. Baxter to express his opinion on negotiation and compromise. Mr. Baxter replied that good negotiations can get very hectic. He stressed the need to keep the good of the city above all. He noted that councilmembers need to be willing to compromise to get things done.
- Councilmember Phillips asked what Mr. Baxter sees as the most important duty of a councilmember. Mr. Baxter replied that the number one goal would be to make sure you make the mayor, the rest of the city council and the staff look good to the public and the press. He stressed the need to keep disagreements private.

2. Carmen Rasmussen

Ms. Rasmussen discussed her perseverance and determination throughout her life. As a result of this she has become the owner of Alpine Outfitters, a company that outfits working sled dogs. This had been an "impossible" dream that she achieved. In addition to perseverance, she credits her success in this venture to her ability to think outside the box and her excellent customer service skills. Ms. Rasmussen has a degree in criminal justice and worked in that field as a corrections counselor for Snohomish County Corrections for ten years. She discussed her role in making major cost cuts for the Snohomish County jails. She discussed her extensive community service and volunteer activities. She is a mother of

two and fully committed to this city. She stated that she is well aware of the issues facing the community, and is familiar with fiscal accountability and working with limited resources. She emphasized the importance of public safety, continuing to improve relationships with neighboring communities and developing an economic personality. Ms. Rasmussen concluded by highlighting her visionary skills, organizational capacity and determination.

- Councilmember Donna Wright asked about her ability to make the necessary time commitment. Ms. Rasmussen stated that since she owns her own business, she is very flexible. Additionally, her husband is able and willing to help with the children.
- Councilmember Seibert asked what she thought was the most important issue facing the City in the next year. Ms. Rasmussen stated that because of growth due to annexations there is a huge demand for services and more revenue is needed. She wants to see that the City does not lose its personality, but noted that they need to work to attract and retain more small businesses.
- Councilmember Nehring asked about the way she would make a decision – based on consensus, principle or the majority citizen opinion. Ms. Rasmussen replied that depending on the issue, she could fall into any of those categories. She further explained how this might look.
- John Soriano asked about her opinion of negotiation and compromise. She responded that she felt compromise is a good thing and is a critical in building relationships. Compromise is also necessary to see someone else's point of view.
- Councilmember Phillips asked her what the three branches of government are. She answered correctly.
- Councilmember Vaughan presented a decision-making scenario and asked how she would react as a councilmember when faced with vocal public with an opposing opinion. She stated that vocal opposition is a fact of life. She stated that if she truly believed that she had done her research, then the opposition would not sway her.

3. Terry Peterson

Mr. Peterson stated that he is a native Washingtonian and has lived all around the region. He has lived in Marysville since 1990 and is married with three children. He is the president of Comprehensive Risk Management and has an active litigation practice representing employers. He stated that he would classify himself as fiscally conservative. Mr. Peterson expressed his belief that the chief responsibility of the city government is to ensure public safety and then infrastructure and quality of life issues such as parks and recreation opportunities.

- Councilmember Seibert asked what Mr. Peterson sees as the most important issue faced by the City in the next year. Mr. Peterson responded that it would be the issue of trying to find appropriate ways to have proper business tax growth. He noted that it is also important to maintain a small-town feel.
- Councilmember Nehring asked about how he would make his decisions (as in the above-described scenario). Mr. Peterson stated that it would depend on the circumstances, but that it was his responsibility to try to determine what the constituents want. He would probably have his own view, but would keep that to himself until he had heard all the other points of view.

- Councilmember Soriano asked how he felt about negotiation and compromise. Mr. Peterson replied that he does that regularly in his business as a litigator. He prides himself on coming up with creative resolutions to issues.
- Councilmember Phillips asked him what the current population of Marysville is. Mr. Peterson stated that it is between 31 and 32,000.
- Councilmember Vaughan presented a decision-making scenario and asked how he would react as a councilmember when faced with vocal citizens expressing an opposing opinion. Mr. Peterson stated that he would have to determine how contrary to his view the opinion was. Also, he would want to know if it represented the majority or a vocal minority.
- Donna Wright asked about his ability to commit the time necessary. He replied that he has had extensive experience with service responsibilities and believes he will have the time since his kids are grown and his wife is very supportive.

4. Ronald Ledford

Mr. Ledford discussed traffic concerns and noted that he is concerned about the impacts of development. He was served as a county clerk in Los Angeles for 14 years and is very familiar with the responsibilities of public service. He discussed his commitment to purpose and to government. Mr. Ledford stated that he is good at identifying problems and seeking solutions. He described his community service experience. He currently works as the Chief Deputy County Clerk for Snohomish County. Having government experience has given him an understanding of budgets and negotiations. He stated that he would be committed to serving the people.

- Councilmember Nehring asked about his decision-making style. Mr. Ledford responded that it is important to pick battles carefully and it would depend on the issue.
- Councilmember Soriano asked how he feels about negotiation and compromise. He stated that he has done that for 26 years. He stated that governments have to work together to find a common ground.
- Councilmember Phillips asked who the mayor of Marysville was. Mr. Ledford pointed to Mayor Kendall.
- Councilmember Vaughan presented a decision-making scenario and asked how he would react as a councilmember when faced with very vocal citizens expressing an opposing opinion. He stated that it was important to allow everyone to have a voice, but a councilmember needs to have the fortitude to say no when things are tough.
- Councilmember Wright asked about his ability to make a time commitment. He stated that his kids are grown and his wife is supportive.
- Councilmember Seibert asked what he feels is the most important issue facing the City in the next year. Mr. Ledford responded that the most important issue is leadership. He stated that the City is in danger of becoming a bedroom community with very little revenue.

5. Stephen West

Mr. West stated that he has been an engineer at Boeing for 15 years. He has lived in Marysville since 1998 and has five children. He has served in the National Guard and has

been active in community service. He noted the need to pay attention to public safety, traffic congestion, keep taxes down and keep Marysville a family-friendly place.

- Councilmember Soriano asked how Mr. West feels about negotiation and compromise. Mr. West stated that it is very important to compromise and work together in order to get things done.
- Councilmember Phillips asked what the most important duty of a councilmember is. Mr. West responded that it is to represent the interests of the citizens of the community and to respond to their needs.
- Councilmember Vaughan presented a decision-making scenario and asked how he would respond as a councilmember when faced with very vocal public expressing an opposing opinion. Mr. West discussed the importance of listening to people and taking into account what they are saying. The way he would respond would depend on why he had arrived at the decision he had. He might either stick with his view or be swayed to change.
- Councilmember Wright asked about his ability to make the time commitment. He responded that he was willing to be committed and to work with his family to coordinate activities.
- Councilmember Seibert asked what he felt was the most important issue facing the City in the next year. Mr. West responded that it was economic development – trying to get businesses into the City and ensuring that they are developed properly.
- Councilmember Nehring discussed a scenario and asked what would be the basis of decision-making for Mr. West. Mr. West stated that he would generally vote on principles, but would need to look at the basis of those principles.

6. Keith Armstrong

Mr. Armstrong stated that he was born and raised in Silverdale, Washington. He served in the Navy on an aircraft carrier stationed in Japan. He reviewed his work experience since that time. This included employment with the Central Kitsap School District, Sales Development for the Seattle Sonics and Storm and currently, the Director of Ticket Sales for the Everett Silvertips Hockey Club. He is starting a family and is interested in ensuring that his children are raised in a safe community and that development is growing in the right direction. He compared the responsibilities of a councilmember in some ways to those of a sales and marketing position.

- Councilmember Phillips asked him what the three branches of government are. He was not certain.
- Councilmember Vaughan presented a decision-making scenario and asked how he would react as a councilmember when faced with very vocal public expressing an opposing opinion. Mr. Armstrong stated he would look to what the people want when making a decision.
- Councilmember Wright asked about his ability to make the necessary time commitment. Mr. Armstrong responded that his employer and his wife are both very supportive and willing to be flexible.
- Councilmember Seibert asked what Mr. Armstrong feels is the most important issue that the City will face in the upcoming year. Mr. Armstrong discussed issues related to the growth of the city, such as protective services, public works and other city services.

- Councilmember Nehring discussed a scenario in which his opinion differed from the rest of the council and the citizens. He asked what would be the basis of his decision making. Mr. Armstrong stated that it was his responsibility to represent the opinions and views of the citizens at large.
- Councilmember Soriano asked how he felt about negotiation and compromise. Mr. Armstrong replied that he did not have a problem with these if they were needed.

7. Mark DuFour

Mr. DuFour discussed his opinion of the duties of a councilmember and how that relates to his experience in leading teams of experts. He is willing to learn, to ask questions and listen.

- Councilmember Vaughan presented a decision-making scenario and asked how he would react as a councilmember when faced with very vocal citizens expressing an opposing opinion. Mr. DuFour stated that although it was important to already have your mind made up, it was also important to listen to opinions and hear what the public has to say. He would then compare that to what you know is right and true and share that with the citizens. He stated that he would vote his heart and do what he knew was right.
- Councilmember Wright asked about his ability to make the necessary time commitment. Mr. DuFour stated that his family is very skilled at budgeting time and balancing priorities. He and his wife both feel that this is something the family can support.
- Councilmember Seibert asked him to describe the most important issue facing the City in the upcoming year. Mr. DuFour discussed managed growth. He stated that the City has recently been growing in a mature fashion, but need to continue to support organized, managed growth.
- Councilmember Nehring described a scenario in which he had made a decision about something he had a strong opinion on, but which turned out to be different from that of the public and the rest of council. He asked what the basis would be for his decision-making. Mr. DuFour stated that he would first look at the will of the Council to preserve unity. Next he would look to the will of the people, but noted that Council often has information that the public does not have. Lastly, he would consider his personal opinion.
- Councilmember Soriano asked how he felt about negotiation and compromise. Mr. DuFour stated that compromise is the basis from which all government comes. Although it is not always palatable, deadlock is even less palatable. While it is important to make views known, movement is also very important.
- Councilmember Philips asked if he knew the current population of Marysville. He was not sure.

8. Linda Averill

Ms. Averill discussed her leadership ability in her community service roles. She has experience in cooperating with a committee, staying within a budget, maintaining focus and organizing fundraisers. She has lived in Marysville for 36 years, but was born and raised in Everett. Her education was in Computer Library Administration and she received numerous awards as a librarian/educator.

- Councilmember Wright asked about her ability to make the necessary time commitment. Mr. Averill responded that she is recently retired and is looking for a new challenge.

- Councilmember Seibert asked what she feels is the most important issue facing the City in the upcoming year. Ms. Averill stated that she felt growth management and how to serve citizens in the best way possible were at the top of the list.
- Councilmember Nehring described a scenario in which the councilmember had made a decision about something she had a strong opinion on, but which turned out to be different from that of the public and the rest of council. He asked what the basis would be for her decision-making. Ms. Averill responded that she would look to the citizens at large and to the council. If they agree, that should be the basis of the decision-making.
- Councilmember Soriano asked how he felt about negotiation and compromise. Ms. Averill replied that compromise and negotiation are required in every situation in life. She said it is necessary to negotiate, work together and come together as a consensus.
- Councilmember Lee Phillips asked her what the most important duty of a councilmember is. She stated that it is responding to citizens, doing what is best for the City and maintaining fiscal responsibility.
- Councilmember Vaughan presented a decision-making scenario and asked how she would react as a councilmember when faced with very vocal citizens expressing an opposing opinion to hers. She stated that she would have to weigh the best interest of the majority versus the interest of the vocal minority. She would expect to have conducted research that would involve talking with different groups of people for different points of view.

There was a recess taken from 8:42 to 8:47 p.m.

9. Dave Voigt

Mr. Voigt introduced himself. He stated that he has lived in Marysville for 14½ years and has one grown son. He has been a professional engineer for 25 years specializing in water and wastewater engineering. He has been active in the Boy Scouts and Kiwanis Club. Since 1993 he has volunteered on the Marysville Planning Commission and has served as vice-chairman for the majority of that time. He reviewed his extensive experience with the Planning Commission and discussed many of the documents he has been involved in including the Comprehensive Plan Updates, the Shoreline Plan Master Program, Marysville School District Capital Facility Plan, Critical Areas Ordinance and others. He stated that he has a good attendance record at the Planning Commission and is a well-prepared, active participant. He feels that his experience as a practicing engineer would also be a very useful contribution. He suggested that the City look into forming neighborhood associations (as done in Everett), which could be a useful tool for enabling communication and coordination and could help to prioritize issues. He stated that he feels that his qualifications and track record demonstrate his commitment to the City.

- Councilmember Seibert asked what he feels is the most important issue facing the City in the upcoming year. Mr. Voigt pointed to UGA expansion issues related to the Lake Stevens and Snohomish County areas.
- Councilmember Nehring described a scenario in which he had made a decision about something he had a strong opinion on, but which turned out to be different from that of the public and the rest of council. He asked what the basis would be for his decision-making. Mr. Voigt responded that community preference, then council position, then personal position would be the basis for his decision.

- Councilmember Soriano asked how he felt about negotiation and compromise. Mr. Voigt stated that it is important to identify issues that are important to him and then look for the common good.
- Councilmember Phillips asked him to identify the three branches of government. Mr. Voigt answered that it was the judicial, the legislative and the executive.
- Councilmember Vaughan presented a decision-making scenario and asked how he would react as a councilmember when faced with very vocal citizens expressing an opposing opinion. Mr. Voigt responded that it is important to listen intently to public testimony and to listen for miscommunication or misinformation and to look for common ground.
- Councilmember Wright asked about his ability to make the necessary time commitment. Mr. Voigt stated that he has flexible work hours with his employer and does not see this as an issue.

10. Michael LaRosa

Mr. LaRosa stated that he is from the east coast. He has been a stay-at-home dad for the last 13 years. During this time he has been very active in the community. He discussed which committees interested him if he were elected to the Council.

- Councilmember Nehring described a scenario in which the councilmember had made a decision about something he had a strong opinion on, but which turned out to be different from that of the public and the rest of council. He asked what the basis would be for his decision-making. Mr. LaRosa stated that he would vote his conscience if it were a deeply held conviction.
- Councilmember Soriano asked how he felt about negotiation and compromise. Mr. LaRosa responded that he loves the team atmosphere of this process and would look forward to working together.
- Councilmember Phillips asked what the most important duty of a councilmember is. Mr. LaRosa replied that it is to represent the public at large as a public servant.
- Councilmember Vaughan presented a decision-making scenario and asked how he would react as a councilmember when faced with very vocal citizens expressing an opposing opinion to his. He replied that if it was new information he would take it into account. If he had already researched it, he would stick to his guns.
- Councilmember Wright asked about his ability to make the necessary time commitment. He stated that the kids are old enough that it would work out.
- Councilmember Seibert asked what she feels is the most important issue facing the City in the upcoming year. Mr. LaRosa referred to the new Wal-Mart, issues with the Tulalips, and the tax base.

11. Katie Sutherland

Ms. Sutherland stated that she is a lifelong resident of Snohomish County and holds a degree in Speech Communication from the University of Washington. She currently desires to be involved in the city where she lives. She discussed her philosophy of taking action on problems as opposed to just complaining. She is a small business owner with experience in contracting work with large government entities as well as the private sector. Her husband is a police officer for Everett and her mother is a crime prevention officer in Lynnwood. She

feels that this gives her a unique perspective. She is experienced at getting along with people and working toward a common goal.

- Councilmember Soriano asked how she feels about negotiation and compromise. She stated that she is good at compromising and seeing others' perspectives. She referred to her experience in working with the federal government as a small company.
- Councilmember Phillips asked her to name the current mayor. She responded that it is Dennis Kendall.
- Councilmember Vaughan presented a decision-making scenario and asked how she would react as a councilmember when faced with very vocal citizens expressing an opposing opinion. She said it was important not to let the majority sway what you think is right. She did not feel it would affect her vote at all.
- Councilmember Wright asked about her ability to make the necessary time commitment. Ms. Sutherland stated that she is fortunate to have a very flexible schedule where she sets her own hours.
- Councilmember Seibert asked what she feels is the most important issue facing the City in the upcoming year. She referred how the City deals with its growth.
- Councilmember Nehring described a scenario in which the councilmember had made a decision about something she had a strong opinion on, but which turned out to be different from that of the public and the rest of council. He asked what the basis would be for her decision-making. She stated that if it was a moral issue, her personal opinion would be the basis, but she did not think this would be likely in a city council setting. She felt that the public opinion would be weighted most heavily.

12. Cindy Woodward

Ms. Woodward stated that she was raised in Wyoming, went to college in Idaho and then in Provo, Utah. She moved to Seattle with her husband and has been a full-time homemaker raising their four children. Now that they are growing older she has more time to be involved in the community. She has been in leadership positions in several PTA groups, does volunteer work at her church and has volunteered in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and other groups. Her priorities for the City include continuing to foster economic growth in order to balance residential growth with economic development. She is also concerned about adequate fire and police protection, traffic congestion, and quality of life issues.

- Councilmember Phillips asked her what the current population of Marysville is. She replied that it is just below 32,000.
- Councilmember Vaughan presented a decision-making scenario and asked how she would react as a councilmember when faced with very vocal citizens expressing an opposing opinion to hers. She replied that it is very important to listen and weigh that into the decision, but it would not sway her decision to vote on the right course of action.
- Councilmember Wright asked about her ability to make the necessary time commitment. She stated that every member of her family is behind her, especially her husband.
- Councilmember Seibert asked what she feels is the most important issue facing the City in the upcoming year. She stated that the most important issue would be economic growth and bringing in different businesses in order to balance residential and businesses.

- Councilmember Nehring described a scenario in which she, as a councilmember, had made a decision about something she had a strong opinion on, but which turned out to be different from that of the public and the rest of council. He asked what the basis would be for her decision-making. She replied that it is important for all to speak, but it is also important to be willing to compromise for the best of the community.
- Councilmember Soriano asked how she feels about negotiation and compromise. She stated that she feels negotiating is becoming a lost art in society, but it is very important. It is okay to disagree, but still have unity and look for the common ground.

Voting:

There were no further candidates. Mayor Kendall explained that after nomination of names, each councilmember would vote for one candidate. A candidate would need four or more votes in order to be affirmed to the position.

Nominations: Dave Voigt, Cindy Woodward, Carmen Rasmussen, Terry Peterson, and Mark DuFour.

Round One Votes: Vaughan – Peterson; Wright – Rasmussen; Seibert – Voigt; Nehring – Woodward; Soriano – Voigt; Phillips – Rasmussen.

Round Two Votes: Vaughan – Peterson; Wright – Rasmussen; Seibert – Voigt; Nehring – Woodward; Soriano – Voigt; Phillips – Rasmussen.

Round Three Votes: Vaughan – Peterson; Wright – Rasmussen; Seibert – Voigt; Nehring – Woodward; Soriano – Voigt; Phillips – Rasmussen.

At this point, according to the Procedures, the Mayor opened the floor for renomination of any candidate and a weighted vote was performed. Nominations included: Woodward, DuFour, Voigt, Rasmussen and Peterson.

First Weighted Vote:

Nehring – Peterson, Woodward, DuFour
 Wright – Rasmussen, DuFour, Peterson
 Seibert – Voigt, DuFour, Rasmussen
 Nehring – Woodward, Peterson, Rasmussen
 Soriano – Voigt, Rasmussen, Peterson
 Phillips – Rasmussen, Voigt, Woodward

A weighted vote was then conducted on just the top three - Rasmussen, Peterson and Voigt.

Second Weighted Vote:

Vaughan – Peterson, Rasmussen, Voigt
 Wright – Rasmussen, Peterson, Voigt
 Nehring – Peterson, Rasmussen, Voigt
 Seibert – Voigt, Rasmussen, Peterson
 Soriano – Voigt, Rasmussen, Peterson
 Phillips – Rasmussen, Voigt, Peterson

CORRECTED: SEE 12-12-05
 MINUTES S/B VAUGHAN

The results were Rasmussen – 14; Peterson – 11; Voigt – 11.

Motion made by Councilmember Nehring, seconded by the other half of the council to affirm the vote for Carmen Rasmussen. **Motion** passed unanimously (6-0).

B. Swear-In New Councilmember.

Mayor Kendall swore in Carmen Rasmussen. The councilmembers took turns expressing thanks to all who participated in the process and to welcome Ms. Rasmussen to the Council. Those interested were encouraged to apply for the vacant position on the Planning Commission. Councilmember Carmen Rasmussen stated that it was an honor to serve on the Council and she was looking forward to learning and serving.

There was a recess from 9:55 to 10:00 p.m.

Motion made by Councilmember Seibert; seconded by Councilmember Phillips to extend the work session for an additional hour until 11:00. **Motion** passed 5-1 with Councilmember Nehring voting against.

C. An Ordinance of the City of Marysville Amending MMC 14.32 Relating to the City's Utility Service Area and Revising the City's Water & Sewer Utility Policy.

City Attorney Grant Weed noted that as a result of the record being left open to written comments they had received one letter from Barclays North dated December 2, 2005. He pointed out a correction to the date on page 5. The effective date should be December 12. He also recommended adding a section stating that the public hearing had been held open to December 2, 2005 to accept written comments.

Motion made by Councilmember Seibert; seconded by Councilmember Vaughan to approve Ordinance No. 2606 as amended by the City Attorney. **Motion** passed (6-0) with Councilmember Rasmussen abstaining.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

OTHER ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 12, 2005 MEETING

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

A. November 28, 2005 City Council Meeting.

B. December 5, 2005 City Council Work Session.

CONSENT

A. Approval of November 30, 2005 Claims in the Amount of \$77,604.94; Paid by Check No. 27019 through 27143.

- B. Approval of December 7, 2005 Claims.**
- C. Approval of December 5, 2005 Payroll.**
- D. Approval of New Liquor License for The Odom Corporation, 13733 Smokey Point Boulevard.**

There were no comments or questions regarding this item.

- E. Authorize Mayor to Sign Amendment III to the Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County for Police Radio Repair and Programming.**

There were no comments or questions regarding this item.

- F. Authorize Mayor to Sign Fourth Amendment to Interlocal Jail Services Agreement-2005 Renewal with City of Arlington.**

Chief Carden responded to a question from staff about whether or not this was a reduction in beds. He stated that it is not.

- G. Authorize Mayor to Sign Letter of Agreement with the Snohomish County Center for Battered Women.**

Chief Carden stated that this is a pass-through agreement.

REVIEW BIDS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Kellogg-Marsh Elementary School Annexation; PA 05028.**

There were no comments or questions regarding this item.

- B. Greg Blunt Street Vacation; PA 05040.**

There were no comments or questions regarding this item.

- C. Powell Street Vacation; PA 05037.**

There were no comments or questions regarding this item.

CURRENT BUSINESS

- A. Contract for Municipal Court Judge; Fred Gillings.**

Chief Administrative Officer Mary Swenson explained that they are recommending that Council extend the contract with Judge Gillings to the first quarter in order to allow staff time to research the matter of state reimbursement of costs for elected judges. Staff will be bringing this back in the first quarter of the year with a recommendation.

Councilmember Seibert referred to action already taken at the last meeting regarding Judge Gillings. Ms. Swenson explained that Council had taken action to appoint the judge, but did not authorize the Mayor to sign a contract. Grant Weed added that a certain sequence of steps needs to be taken in order to get lined up for an elected judge and to be reimbursed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Cedarcrest Golf Committee Recommendations.

Mayor Kendall recommended that this be put on the agenda for the first meeting in January in order to allow sufficient time for study. Doug Buell acknowledged the presence of one of the committee members, Bob Steenfott.

- Donna Wright asked about the timeline. Mr. Buell explained that some considerations were short-term and some require monitoring over the long-term. Mayor Kendall added that these are recommendations to consider, but Council will need to prioritize them.
- John Soriano referred to the Family Plan Promotion mentioned on page 6 and asked if this was being considered as a benefit. Mr. Buell responded that the committee thought that it might be good during the slower times of the week.
- Jon Nehring confirmed that this would be taken off the agenda for next week. Mayor Kendall confirmed that it would be moved to the next full cycle. Councilmember Nehring stated that the committee had put a lot of work into this recommendation. He encouraged the Council to really take time to study it.
- Councilmember Seibert pointed out that there were two sets of 9/13 minutes. It was noted that the first set of 9/13 minutes was in error and should be disregarded.

B. 45 Road Water Main Project – Murray Smith & Associates Consultant Contract Supplement No. 1.

Councilmember Seibert asked if the completion date referred to the design or the project. Paul Roberts thought that it was for the design. There was then discussion about the possible costs related to permitting issues due to extension versus the cost-savings for doing it this way. Mr. Roberts stated that staff believes that this is the best way to proceed.

LEGAL

City Attorney Retainer Agreement, Calendar Year 2006.

Mary Swenson stated that this is related to the services of Grant Weed and his firm.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Kendall noted that the 2005 Budget Amendment was not numbered in the packet or on the agenda. Sandy Langdon reviewed this amendment.

A. An Ordinance of the City of Marysville Amending the 2006 Budget and Providing for the Increase of Certain Expenditure Items as Budgeted Along with Salary Schedules for 2006 and Amending Ordinance No. 2604.

Ms. Langdon reviewed this amendment relating to the \$18,000 grant received and the salary schedules.

B. An Ordinance of the City of Marysville Vacating a Portion of Unimproved 71st Avenue NE Right-of-Way, North of 52nd Street NE and West of 67th Avenue NE Being Legally Described On Exhibit A Attached.

There were no comments or questions regarding this item.

C. An Ordinance of the City of Marysville Vacating a Portion of Unimproved Twin Lakes Avenue Right-of-Way, South of 169th Street NE and West of Twin Lakes Avenue Being Legally Described on Exhibit A Attached.

D. A Resolution of the City of Marysville for the Acceptance of a Gift Subject to Conditions.

Mayor Kendall noted that this was a resolution accepting a donation from Ross and Mary Jane Miller for the Parks and Recreation Youth Basketball League program. He stated that the Millers have been very supportive of all the parks programs and he expressed appreciation for this.

E. A Resolution of the City of Marysville Stating Its Intention to Annex Certain Unincorporated Area Known as the Kellogg Marsh Elementary School Annexation, into the City and Transmitting the Matter to the Snohomish County Boundary Review Board for Approval.

There were no comments or questions regarding this item.

INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Mayor's Business

Mayor Kendall stated that he had a great time at the Merrysville for the Holidays. There was a huge turnout. He expressed appreciation to Parks, Streets and all involved in the celebration.

B. Staff Business

Jim Ballew had no comments.

Doug Buell had no further comments.

Ryan White had no comments.

Paul Roberts had no further comments.

Cheryl Dungan had no further comments.

Sandy Langdon had no further comments.

Chief Carden discussed Mental Health Court with the prosecutor and how Snohomish County is looking at alternatives for mental health issues.

Grant Weed had no further comments.

Mary Swenson stated that she had three items for Executive Session: one litigation, one personnel, and one real estate item. She thanked the City Clerk's office and Doug for all the work done on the selection process.

C. Call on Councilmembers

Jeff Vaughan welcomed Councilmember Rasmussen to the Council. He thanked staff for the process. He also stated that he enjoyed Merrysville for the Holidays.

Donna Wright agreed that Merrysville for the Holidays was delightful. She welcomed Ms. Rasmussen to the Council. She also noted that she would be leaving tomorrow for the National League of Cities conference.

Jeff Seibert welcomed Ms. Rasmussen. He asked if the other Councilmember's would be sworn in on the December 12. Mayor Kendall affirmed this.

Jon Nehring welcomed Councilmember Rasmussen. He stated that it was a great process and expressed thanks to the staff for organizing it.

John Soriano welcomed Ms. Rasmussen. He stated that he would have the Public Safety Committee notes at the next meeting.

Lee Phillips said that he enjoyed Merrysville for the Holidays. He thanked staff for the work done for the selection process. He noted that the photos were especially helpful. He welcomed Councilmember Rasmussen.

Carmen Rasmussen stated that she was excited to be part of Council and she was ready to dig in and learn. She pointed out her abstention in the first vote on the ordinance related to amending the City's water & sewer utility policy due to the fact that she had not had time to study this.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kendall recessed at 10:33 p.m. into Executive Session which was scheduled to begin at 10:40 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council met in Executive Session at 10:40 p.m. to discussion real estate, personnel, and litigation issues.


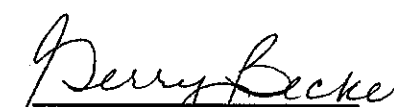
ADJOURNMENT

Council reconvened into Regular Session at 11:05 p.m., took no further action and adjourned.

Approved this 12th day of December, 2005.



Mayor
Dennis Kendall



City Clerk
Gerry Becker

Recording Secretary
Laurie Huggahl