

MARYSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 23, 2007

7:00 p.m.

City Hall

Call To Order / Invocation / Pledge Of Allegiance

Mayor Kendall called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Greg Kanehen from Marysville Free Methodist Church gave the invocation. Mayor Kendall 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: Mayor Pro Tem Jon Nehring, Lee Phillips, Carmen Rasmussen, Jeff Seibert, John Soriano, and Donna Wright

Staff: Mary Swenson, Chief Administrative Officer; Grant Weed, City Attorney; Gloria Hirashima, Community Development Director; Sandy Langdon, Finance Director; Tracy Jeffries, Assistant Administrative Services Director; Paul Roberts, Public Works Director; Rick Smith, Chief of Police; Rob Lamoureux, Police Chief, and Laurie Hugdahl, Recording Secretary.

Chief Administrative Officer Mary Swenson noted that Councilmember Vaughan was out of town with a Boy Scouts camping trip.

Motion made by Councilmember Nehring, seconded by Councilmember Seibert to excuse the absence of Councilmember Vaughan. **Motion** passed unanimously (6-0).

Committee Reports

None.

Presentations

A Employee Service Awards.

The following employees received accolades and their employee service awards:

- Maryke Burgess, Ken Baxter Senior Community Center Coordinator – 5 years
- Kayla Flynn, Recreation Coordinator – 5 years
- Darryn Wiersma, Police Officer – 5 years
- James Maples, Police Officer – 10 years

- Desi Szechenyi, Maintenance Worker II, Golf Course – 10 years
- Jeremie Roth, Maintenance Worker II, Golf Course – 10 years
- Diane Bergman, Engineering Project Aid – 5 years
- Larry Larson, Public Works Supervisor – 15 years
- Gloria Hirashima, Community Development Director – 15 years
- Julie Swick – LaFave, Custody Officer – 15 years

Mary Swenson commented how much she enjoys this recognition of employees. She thanked all those present for attending. Mayor Kendall thanked everyone for their service.

B. Recognition Award.

Mayor Kendall recognized Candy Schorpp, Real Estate Paralegal for Weed Graafstra and Benson for her excellent assistance to the City of Marysville and its citizens. City Attorney Grant Weed and Mary Swenson both commended her great work that she has done on legal transactions on behalf of Marysville. They described some of the many cases she has worked on in which she has delivered a tremendous value to the City.

C. D.O.E. Waste Water Award.

Laura Frickey, Washington State Department of Ecology, presented the Outstanding Wastewater Treatment Plant Award to Doug Bye who accepted the award on behalf of the City of Marysville. She commended the excellent work done by the City of Marysville to protect Washington State's valuable water resources. The Council and staff gave the recipient a standing ovation.

Audience Participation

Todd Borseth, 1241 State Avenue, asked if the new court building had to pay traffic mitigation fees. Ms. Hirashima said if the use was deemed similar to the previous use it would not have been required to pay a fee. She explained that she would look at this further. He congratulated Gloria on her term with the City.

Valerie Toll, 6307 60th Place, Marysville, founder of a non-profit community improvement organization called Change Quick. She requested a crosswalk to provide safe access to Jennings Nature Park and offered to be involved in any way necessary. Paul Roberts asked for her contact information so she could talk with the traffic engineering group. Mayor Kendall noted that the crosswalk would be across a state highway so WSDOT would have a lot to say about that. Seibert commented that there is a proposed redesign of the intersection there which may take care of her concerns.

Approval of Minutes

3. Approval of July 9, 2007 City Council Meeting Minutes.

Councilmember Nehring noted that he would be abstaining since he was not present at that meeting.

Motion made by Councilmember Wright, seconded by Councilmember Seibert, to approve the minutes as presented. **Motion** passed unanimously (5-0) with Councilmember Nehring abstaining.

4. Approval of July 16, 2007 City Council Work Session Minutes.

Councilmember Seibert referred to page 6, under Sandy Langdon's comments. He noted that the word *reminder* should be deleted.

On that same page Councilmember Rasmussen corrected *Vision 20/20* to *Vision 2040*.

Councilmember Nehring noted that he would be abstaining since he was not present at that meeting.

Motion made by Councilmember Seibert, seconded by Soriano, to approve as amended. **Motion** passed unanimously (5-0) with Nehring abstaining.

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Nehring, seconded by Councilmember Wright, to approve the following consent agenda items:

5. Approval of July 11, 2007 Claims in the Amount of \$427,470.30; Paid by Check No.'s 40450 through 40582 with Check No.'s 5376, 5468, 5701, 6074, 6779, 6815, 7409, 7647, 15705, 23114, and 31210 voided.
6. Approval of July 18, 2007 Claims in the Amount of \$854,669.91; Paid by Check No.'s 40583 through 40801 with Check No. 31556 voided.
7. Approval of July 5, 2007 Payroll in the Amount of \$1,038,966.23; Paid by Check No. 18116 through 18204.
8. Supplemental No. 4 Professional Services Agreement with KPFF Consulting Engineers for the State Avenue 136th Street NE to 152nd Street NE Corridor Improvement Project.
9. Supplemental No. 1 Professional Services Agreement with Harmsen & Associates, Inc. to conduct a "Short Plat" Survey of the City's Sunnyside Reservoir Property.
10. Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Final Plat Mylar for Getchell Hill PRD – Phase 3
12. Utility Relocation Agreement with Snohomish County PUD for State Avenue 136th Street NE to 152nd Street NE Corridor Improvements Project.

13. Professional Services Agreement with the Transpo Group, Inc. to Provide Services to update the City's Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan.
18. State Avenue 136th Street NE to 152nd Street NE Improvements – Purchase of Wetland Mitigation Credits from Habitat Bank, LLC.
20. Approval of July 20, 2007 Payroll in the Amount of \$746,523.22; Paid by Check No. 18205 through 18285.

Motion passed unanimously (6-0) to approve the consent agenda.

New Business

11. PUD Delta – Marysville 12kV Distribution Project Easement through Ebey Waterfront Park.

Gloria Hirashima said that a work session with PUD staff occurred at the finance committee meeting where many questions that had been posed at last week's council work session were answered. Councilmembers Seibert, Nehring and Phillips were present at that meeting.

Councilmember Rasmussen remarked that they had received new information in their packets and wondered if anything was different. Ms. Hirashima stated that it was a similar document, but the legal description was adjusted. The compensation document was also attached. She noted that some of the things they discussed at the subcommittee meeting last week were the addition of mounting materials for the gateway on the pole and the resolution of an IAC interagency for outdoor recreation issue with the waterfront park grant. She has since talked with both the PUD and the City Attorney about language that could be added to the easement approval that would address that.

City Attorney Grant Weed explained that if the pole is placed where it is proposed it would encumber the city park property. There is some language in the IAC grant agreement that restricts the city's right to encumber properties from which we get IAC funding. Rather than hold up this request, he suggested that the action of the Council be to approve the easement subject to resolution of any issues related to the IAC grant funding. Gloria Hirashima noted that they were hoping to pursue an exemption with the IAC and also see if there would be any need to replace the pole area.

Seibert said he appreciated the PUD's attendance at the finance committee meeting and their cooperation in this issue. He concurred with approving this pending resolution of the IAC issue. He also requested that the city be allowed to have some say in the design of the pole.

Motion made by Councilmember Seibert, seconded by Councilmember Rasmussen, to authorize the Mayor to sign the easement subject to a resolution of any issues related to IAC grant funding and allowing mounting of city overhang or gateway signage if feasible. **Motion** passed unanimously (6-0).

14. An **Ordinance** of the City of Marysville, Washington, Amending Chapter 11.04 of the Marysville Municipal Code Adding A New Code Section Codified as 11.04.36, 11.04.037 and 11.04.038 Regarding the Setting of Speed Limits and Severability.

Motion made by Councilmember Nehring, seconded by Councilmember Seibert, to approve Ord. 2705. **Motion** passed unanimously (6-0).

15. An **Ordinance** of the City of Marysville, Washington, Amending Chapter 14.19, Section 080 (1) of the Marysville Municipal Code Modifying the Reduction and Appeals Section.

Motion made by Councilmember Seibert, seconded by Councilmember Soriano, to approve Ordinance No. 2706. **Motion** passed unanimously (6-0).

16. A **Resolution** of the City of Marysville Declaring Certain Items of Personal Property to be Surplus and Authorizing the Sale or Disposal Thereof.

Motion made by Councilmember Rasmussen, seconded by Councilmember Wright, to approve Resolution 2218. **Motion** passed unanimously (6-0).

17. Staffing Proposal and Budget Update.

Mary Swenson reviewed the personnel requests for various departments as follows:

Police Department:

- Upgrade Commander Positions to eliminate compression issues effective (7/1/07) (M12)
- Upgrade Confidential Administrative Assistant position (N6)
- Downgrade one current Commander position to Lieutenant (M11)
- Lieutenant – Professional Standards Unti (PSU) (M11)
- Training Sergeant (MPOA contract)
- Patrol Officer –training (MPOA contract)
- Admin. Division Manager (M9)
- Crime Analyst (to be added in 2008)

Finance Department:

- Administrative Assistant (part-time)(N2)
- Deputy City Clerk(N5)

Parks Department:

- Maintenance Worker II (Teamster)

Sandy Langdon reviewed the funding portion of these requests as shown on the 2007-Mid-Year Adjustment and Adjusted New Sales Tax Remaining and Available.

Police Chief Rick Smith discussed the police department's proposed staffing needs and the rationale for changes made. He also highlighted proposed remodeling and technology upgrades. Mary Swenson pointed out that Chief Smith is not asking for additional officers on the road. She explained that the sergeants are currently doing a lot of the work that should be passed on to others. She noted that the recommendations from the Corona Solutions staffing study were incorporated in this recommendation. She feels that this will be a positive change. Chief Smith added that the department is preparing for growth, accountability and stability.

Rick Lawson, 6307 60th Place NW, Marysville WA asked if the civilian position would be outside the ranks of lieutenant. Chief Smith said it was a non-sworn position outside the ranks of lieutenant.

Carl Hall, 8110 43rd Avenue NE, commented in support of the chief. He then reported that he is not happy with the response they have gotten from the police department that their situation is not a priority because there are worse things happening in the City. He concurred that there is a staffing shortage. He supported backing up the chief and the department and giving them the resources that they need. He noted that the people that they are dealing with know that the police department is stretched too thin and are taking advantage of the situation.

Mary Swenson commented that they have gotten the pay up to where it needs to be to attract good lateral candidates. This is a huge benefit for the City and they are pleased with the progress of the police department.

Councilmember Soriano noted that the Corona Solutions study shows different plans for various beats. He asked what kind of growth we would need to see to see the different plans. Chief Smith explained that they are revisiting philosophies regarding this. He is in favor of having a zoning type of policing strategy. Councilmember Soriano said it sounded like they are looking at a more appropriate distribution of coverage. Chief Smith concurred.

Mary Swenson reviewed the positions and the pay grade (identified above).

Councilmember Rasmussen referred to the last page on the funding document. She asked Sandy Langdon if the bottom section labeled, "35% Funded of Finance" is the portion of those positions that are funded out of Utilities. Finance Director Langdon explained that this refers to funding outside of the General Fund and comes mostly from Utilities.

Motion made by Councilmember Wright, seconded by Councilmember Soriano, to authorize the above position reclassifications and new positions with the pay grades as

identified and the associated remodeling costs and direct staff to prepare a budget amendment. **Motion** passed unanimously (6-0).

19. Final Plat Mylar for The Orchards on Sunnyside Blvd.

Motion made by Councilmember Nehring, seconded by Councilmember Wright, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Plat Mylar for The Orchards on Sunnyside Blvd. **Motion** passed unanimously (6-0).

Surplus Skippers Restaurant Items

Motion made by Councilmember Wright, seconded by Councilmember Seibert, to approve Resolution No. 2219 declaring items of personal property to be surplus and authorizing the sale or disposal thereof. **Motion** passed unanimously (6-0).

Legal

Mayor's Business

21. Reappointment of Donald Card to the Salary Commission.

Motion made by Councilmember Rasmussen, seconded by Councilmember Seibert, to affirm the re-appointment of Donald Card to the Marysville Salary Commission for a three-year term ending June 23, 2010. **Motion** passed unanimously (6-0).

Mayor Kendall announced that there would be a grand opening of a new gaming place, the Space Station in the Safeway Plaza at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

Staff Business

Doug Buell distributed and discussed the Marysville Healthy Communities publication. This is a great marketing and informational piece for the City. He noted that there will be a Chamber breakfast on Friday at the casino where this will be featured.

Jim Ballew:

- Director Ballew reported that camps are full for the summer.
- Construction of the skate park surveillance system is underway.
- Jennings Park will be under construction next week for the concrete work.
- He discussed the lack of graffiti in the City of Minneapolis where he recently visited. He researched what they have done and noted that Marysville is right on track with what the Minneapolis has done. He was very impressed with their success. He noted that they have invested \$1 million in cameras for the entire community.

Paul Roberts wished everyone a nice break for the month of August.

Gloria Hirashima:

- She said the Planning Commission hearing regarding the Comprehensive Plan amendments and Development Code revisions would be this Tuesday. Hopefully this will be on the Council agenda in September.
- She discussed new businesses in the town.

Grant Weed noted the need for a twenty-minute Executive Session to discuss four real estate matters and one pending litigation matter with action expected on three of the real estate matters.

Mary Swenson:

- She referred to the article on 531 in the paper. She said they are continuing to work on this with Powell Development and hope it will be done within the week.
- The City has been invited to participate in a program regarding graffiti done by Executive Reardon on Thursday.
- The financial audit going well.

Sandy Langdon wished Council a happy August.

Chief Smith:

- He gave an update on Mr. Hall's neighborhood issue. He explained that Commander Lamoureux has been put in charge of this area.
- The Special Olympics motorcycle ride was held on Saturday. He acknowledged the work done by Patricia on that and other fundraising events. Officers will be serving at Red Robin in Marysville as another fundraiser for Special Olympics.
- He thanked the Council, Mary Swenson and the rest of City staff for their support in allowing him to move the police department forward.
- August 7 will be National Night Out at Comeford Park.

Call on Councilmembers

Carmen Rasmussen:

- She congratulated Gloria Hirashima for her 15 years of service.
- She recently attended several fun events in the community including the Harry Potter event at the library at midnight; Business After Hours opening at Meadows; and the Concert in the Park with the Love Lights.
- Thanks to Doug Buell for his work on the Healthy Communities Flyer.

John Soriano said he was sorry he missed the motorcycle ride.

Jon Nehring:

- He asked if there would be a public safety meeting on Wednesday. Chief Smith said he didn't have anything else for the agenda.
- He wished everyone a happy August.

Jeff Seibert:

- He congratulated Gloria Hirashima for her time with the City. He commended her helpfulness and cooperation.
- He noted that it was impressive to have all the police officers here to support the Chief.
- What was the date when the bridge would be repainted? Ms. Swenson thought it would be this week or next week depending on the weather.

It was noted that the next work session would be held on Tuesday, September 4.

Information Items

Adjournment

Mayor Kendall recessed at 9:02 p.m. into Executive Session which began at 9:10 p.m.

Executive Session

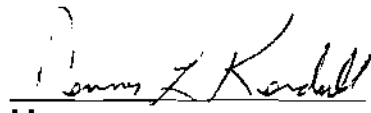

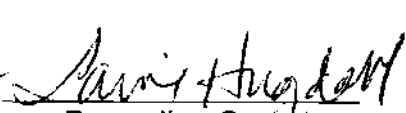
Council met in Executive Session at 9:10 p.m. to discuss one item under pending litigation, one item under personnel, and four items under real estate.

Council reconvened into Regular Session at 9:35 p.m. Motion by Councilmember Seibert, second by Councilmember Nehring to authorize the Mayor to sign property State Avenue right of way acquisitions that are ten percent (10%) above the appraisal with Mall at the Crossroads LLC, Lloyd Cannon/Roundhill Investments LLC, and Everett I LLC as discussed in Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Seeing no further business, Mayor Kendall adjourned the meeting at 9:36 p.m.

Approved this 23 day of July, 2007.

		
Mayor Dennis Kendall	Asst. Admin. Svcs. Director Tracy Jeffries	Recording Secretary Laurie Hugdahl