

Marysville City Council Meeting

October 8, 2007

7:00 p.m.

City Hall

Call to Order / Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Dennis Kendall called the October 8, 2007 meeting of the Marysville City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Pastor John Mason of Mountain View Presbyterian Church. 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, Jeff Vaughan, and Donna Wright

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

Committee Reports

Councilmember Seibert reported on the September 26 Finance Committee meeting where the following topics were discussed:

- City Clerk update – Cindy Moore has been hired. City Clerk staffing is up to needed level.
- Passports update
- Records conversion and storage are ongoing.
- Financial update – The City received the best audit ever. Budget preparation is in progress. There are requests for 24 new employees in the budget.
- Utility billing update – Credit card by phone starting to work out.
- Technology update – Outlook conversion was generally successful.

Councilmember Vaughan reported on the 10/4 Graffiti Task Force meeting. Topics discussed included the following:

- Overview of GIS mapping – 250 different graffiti incidents have been entered with pictures, locations, certain monikers, etc. They are able to use a color-coded graphic to see where the biggest hotspots are. Marysville's number one hotspot is Jennings Park, followed by Comeford Park, then the skate park and the area around Thriftway. The GIS system appears to be a very useful tool.
- County's efforts in graffiti eradication.
- Future use of city employees to clean up graffiti.
- Discussions with school district about issues they are facing.
- The next meeting will be held on November 8.

Councilmember Seibert reported on the Public Works Committee on October 5. Items discussed at that meeting were as follows:

- Letter from Mr. Kruger regarding the ability to have large items picked up at the curb.
- Stillaguamish Water Filtration Plant issues.
- Sunnyside reservoir and 67th main should be online this week
- Navy contract – There is ongoing discussion about the rate structure for the Navy
- Grove Street channelization presentation. They are recommending no parking along Grove Street.

Presentations

A. Dr. Nyland-District Update.

Dr. Nyland delivered a brief update on the status of schools in Marysville.

- He noted that there will be a joint meeting on October 29 with the Council.
- He thanked Marysville for taking leadership in bringing the University of Washington to the north county area.
- He thanked Marysville for partnering with the school district in so many ways such as the Grove Street property and the Graffiti Task Force.
- He gave a construction update on new schools.
- He thanked Mayor Kendall for the help in getting traffic connections set up near Marysville-Getchell.
- The district is still counting kids, but it appears that the October count is close to last year and below what they expected. There are 6000 students in new places this year, compared to last.
- Marysville Secondary Campus is exciting to watch come to fruition.
- He discussed EHJR 4204 which would require a simple majority for school levies to pass instead of the 60% that they have now.

Mayor Kendall suggested that the school district pass information regarding one of their schools on to the folks they will be meeting with on Thursday

morning. He thought this would be a beautiful temporary campus for the new University of Washington at Marysville.

B. Proclamation - "Friends of the Library Week".

Mayor Kendall read the Proclamation urging all citizens to recognize and applaud the invaluable services of Friends of the Library during the week of October 21, 2007. Council's representative to the library board, Councilmember Lee Phillips, accepted the award on behalf of the library board.

Audience Participation

Mayor Kendall solicited public comment on any items not already on the agenda.

Steve Muller, 4919 Sunnyside Blvd, co-chair for the UW North Tri-County Coalition, thanked the council for their support of bringing a university to this area. It was great to see the support at the town meeting and to see how Marysville has grown and developed. He believes this is an opportunity to elevate Marysville to another level. He urged the Council to stay focused as a community to bring this to fruition.

Joel Hylback, 19638 Snowden Lane, Mt. Vernon, thanked the Council for their vision and courage. He feels this is a great opportunity for Snohomish County and is the right thing to do. He commended the City for bringing Strategies 360 on board in this endeavor. He discussed key players in the coalition and the work they are doing to back the City up on this effort. He encouraged them to stay the course and to envision the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the temporary campus.

Mary Swenson thanked Steve and Joel and other community members who are supporting this and stepping up to the plate. Their involvement is critical in this process.

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of September 24, 2007 City Council Meeting Minutes.

Carmen Rasmusen referred her comments on page 4 of 13. She requested striking the last sentence: *"This would be a benefit to Marysville."* She stated that those were not her words. What she recalled saying was that there would be a discrepancy between Marysville's level of funding and other cities' level of funding of sales tax.

Also, on page 12, the second to last paragraph after Councilmember Wright's suggestion regarding Grove Street, she noted that there was discussion about that. She clarified that her comments regarding 528 were made in the context of a discussion about the future possibility of widening 528 and eliminating parking.

Jeff Vaughan referred to his committee report on the September 13 Graffiti Task force on page 2. The spelling on the third bulleted item should be corrected to Dave **Doop**

Councilmember Lee Phillips stated that he would be abstaining from the vote since he wasn't there for most of the meeting.

Motion made by Councilmember Nehring, seconded by Councilmember Vaughan, to approve the September 24, 2007 City Council meeting minutes as amended. Motion passed unanimously (6-0) with Councilmember Phillips abstaining.

2. Approval of October 1, 2007 City Council Work Session Minutes.

Jeff Vaughan referred to the last paragraph on page 4 of 5. He emphasized that he is **not against bike lanes**. This should be replaced with, "Councilmember Vaughan stated that our city can not easily accommodate bike lanes because of the width of roads."

Motion made by Councilmember Wright, seconded by Councilmember Seibert, to approve the October 1, 2007 City Council Work Session minutes as corrected. Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Soriano, seconded by Rasmussen, to approve the following consent agenda items 3 - 6 and 9:

3. Approval of September 26, 2007 claims in the amount of \$275,354.85; Paid by check no.'s 42169 through 42342 with no voided checks.
4. Approval of October 3, 2007 claims in the amount of \$662,156.09; Paid by check no.'s 42343 through 42532 with check no.'s 31952, 40094 and 42086 voided.
5. Approval of October 5, 2007 payroll in the amount of \$1,080,471.52; Paid by check no.'s 18613 through 18687.
6. Acceptance of the Delta Avenue Sewer Replacement Project to start the 45-day lien filing period project closeout.
9. Approval for the Mayor to sign the Washington Traffic Safety Commission Memorandum of Understanding.

Motion passed unanimously (7-0)

Review Bids

7. SR 528 (47th Avenue NE to 67th Avenue NE) Road Improvement Project.

Public Works Director Paul Roberts discussed the difference between this bid and the one they had in June. He thanked Kevin Nielsen for his hard work to make this huge cost-savings a reality.

Carmen Rasmussen also commended Kevin Nielsen for his work on this. She commented on the high level of trust that Council has in the staff.

John Soriano asked if the City has contracted with G.G. Excavation in the past. Chief Administrative Officer Swenson indicated that the City has not, but other jurisdictions have used them and have assured us them that they are a good contractor.

Mayor Kendall asked about the timeline. Director Roberts said he would bring back more information on that. He thought that the work would begin almost immediately as soon as the paperwork is processed. He added that it would be subject to the weather.

Motion made by Councilmember Rasmussen, seconded by Councilmember Seibert, to authorize the Mayor to award the bid for the SR 528 (47th Ave. NE to 67th Ave. NE) Road Improvement Project to G.G. Excavation, Inc. in the amount of \$1,998,756.00 including Washington State Sales Tax, and approve a management reserve of \$99,937.80 for a total allocation of \$2,098,693.80. Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Public Hearings

Current Business

New Business

10. A **Resolution** declaring a 2000 GMC Sonoma pickup truck, Thermoplastic trailer and Polaroid camera equipment to be surplus and authorizing the sale or disposal thereof.

Motion made by Councilmember Nehring, seconded by Councilmember Wright, to approve Resolution No. 2223 authorizing the Mayor to sign this resolution declaring items of personal property to be surplus and authorizing the sale or disposal thereof. Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

11. A **Resolution** of the City of Marysville relating to the Sound Transit (A Regional Transit Authority) and RTID (A Regional Transportation

Investment District) Proposition #1 for regional roads and transit system, and urging voter turnout and education concerning said proposition which is on the ballot November 6, 2007.

The ballot title reads substantially as follows;

To reduce transportation congestion, increase road and transit capacity, promote safety, facilitate mobility, provide for integrated regional transportation system, and improve the health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of Washington, shall Sound Transit (a regional transit authority) implement a regional rail and transit system linking Lynnwood, Shoreline, Northgate, Seattle, Bellevue, Redmond, SeaTac airport, Kent, Federal Way and Tacoma as described in the Sound Transit 2 plan, financed by the existing taxes approved by the voters in 1996 and an additional sales and use tax of up to five-tenths of one percent imposed by Sound Transit, all as provided in Resolution No. R2007-15; and shall a regional transportation investment district (RTID) be formed and authorized to implement and invest in improving the regional transportation system by replacing vulnerable bridges, improving safety, and increasing capacity on state and local roads to further link major education, employment, and retail centers as described in Moving Forward Together: A Blueprint for Progress - King Pierce and Snohomish Counties, financed by a sales tax and use tax of one-tenth of one percent and a local motor vehicle excise tax of eight-tenths of one percent imposed by RTID, all as provided in Resolution No. PC-2007-02; further provided that the Sound Transit taxes shall be imposed only within the boundaries of Sound Transit, and the RTID taxes shall be imposed within the boundaries of RTID?

YES []

NO []

City Attorney Weed acknowledged that the Council had already given members of the public an opportunity to speak on this matter, but he suggested that they give another opportunity tonight. He also stated that approval of this resolution would be subject to the addition of a very short recital paragraph as had been directed by Council.

Public Works Director Paul Roberts stated that the paragraph would read:

"Whereas the RTID package includes a number of projects that will improve traffic and transportation in the City of Marysville"

Mayor Kendall solicited public comment on this issue. There was none.

Councilmember Phillips noted that the edited version showed that the "Voter Approval" section was taken out, but the hard copy did not show that it was taken out. City Attorney Weed thought that there should be a version that showed that.

Council indicated that they did not receive that. Mr. Weed clarified that the version with the red and blue marking was the one that Council would be approving.

Motion made by Councilmember Vaughan, seconded by Councilmember Nehring, to approve Resolution 2224. Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Legal

Mayor's Business

Mayor Kendall:

- Attended the Diabetes Association walk where there was a great turnout despite the weather.
- Went to Arlington for ribbon cutting ceremony for Olympic Avenue.
- Did a ribbon-cutting at Verizon wireless at Lakewood Commons on Friday. He added that business has greatly exceeded Verizon's expectations for that location.

Staff Business

Grant Weed attended a WSAMA convention last week where the following subjects were addressed:

- New model rules on electronic records
- Global warming and land use issues
- Public/private partnerships
- Annexation law update
- Ordinance that the City of Sunnyside has passed concerning gangs. This is a very interesting ordinance that has received national attention.
- Torte law update
- Land use law update

On Wednesday there was a ½-day conference with WCIA. Mr. Weed and the city attorney for Bothell spoke on the proposed requirement of taping of Executive Sessions. Many jurisdictions are concerned about this matter. He suggested updating council on this bill at an upcoming work session. There was consensus to do so.

Mary Swenson:

- Noted that she has seen more mobilization with this college project than any other project. It's great to see citizens so willing to invest their time and money.
- She commented on the new furniture in Council chambers.
- She will be extremely busy until the end of the year. People should leave a message if they cannot get hold of her and she will return it as soon as possible.

Call on Councilmembers

Jeff Vaughan reported on the County's graffiti paint-out event. About 100 people showed up at the fire station in Mountlake Terrace. He was impressed that the County managed to put together event where everyone who showed up got a free t-shirt, donuts, muffins, rollers, paint, etc. and none of it was paid for with county funds. It was all donated. He was able to speak about what Marysville is doing as the city in the county who is leading the way in the eradication of graffiti. After the meeting they proceeded to an area behind Funtasia on 220th Street where there was a huge wall covered with graffiti. They painted over 800 feet of graffiti, picked up the litter, and instructed people how to clean up areas in their own communities. The county will make the tools available. This was a very positive event and he was glad that he went.

Jeff Seibert:

- Commended people in our community that are dealing with graffiti. Areas in his neighborhood have been cleaned up quickly and efficiently.
- Asked now that Hunter's Store is gone could they take a look at the road design in this area. Gloria Hirashima responded that the school district purchased that property and part of the reason was to improve the alignment of 88th Street. Councilmember Seibert was pleased to hear that.

Lee Phillips stated that he would be out of town next week on his honeymoon.

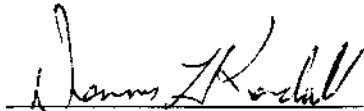
John Soriano complimented all the people involved in the UW North matter. He also commended Councilmember Vaughan for taking the lead on the graffiti eradication effort.

Information Items

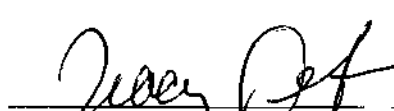
Adjournment

Seeing no further business, Mayor Kendall adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

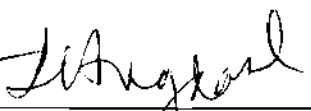
Approved this 22nd day of October, 2007.



Mayor
Dennis Kendall



Assy. Admin. Svcs. Director
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