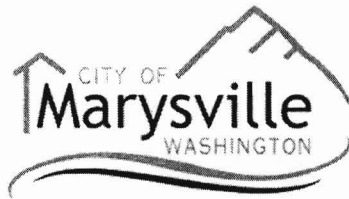


# COUNCIL



# MINUTES

**Work Session**  
*December 1, 2008*

## **Call to Order / Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Kendall called the December 1, 2008 work session of the Marysville City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. at Marysville City Hall and 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:** Jeff Seibert, Councilmember Jon Nehring, Councilmember Lee Phillips, Councilmember Carmen Rasmussen, Councilmember John Soriano, Councilmember Jeff Vaughan and Councilmember Donna Wright

**Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Chief Administrative Officer Mary Swenson, Finance Director Sandy Langdon, Chief of Police Rick Smith, Public Works Director Kevin Nielsen, City Attorney Grant Weed, Community Information Officer Doug Buell, Information Services Manager Worth Norton, Parks & Recreation Services Manager Tara Mizell, Engineering Services Manager Shawn Smith, Court Administrator Suzanne Elsner, Recording Secretary Laurie Hugdahl

## **Committee Reports**

None

## **Presentations**

1. New Employees

City Attorney Grant Weed introduced three new members of the City Attorney's office prosecution team – attorneys Jennifer Millet and Al Treacy and Administrative Assistant Josie Pendergast.

2. Greater Marysville Tulalip Chamber of Commerce Centennial Week

Mayor Kendall presented a proclamation to Deb Lowry Johnson and Caldie Rogers in honor of the celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Greater Marysville Tulalip Centennial. The proclamation declared the week of November 30-Dec 6 as Greater Marysville Tulalip Chamber of Commerce Centennial Week. Additionally, Mayor Kendall presented them with a proclamation from Governor Gregoire declaring the same.

### **Discussion Items**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

1. Approval of November 24, 2008 City Council Meeting Minutes.
2. Approval of December 1, 2008 City Council Work Session Minutes.

#### **Consent**

3. Approval of November 19, 2008 Claims in the Amount of \$678,562.76; Paid by Check No.'s 51619 through 51764 with Check No. 51533 Voided.
4. Approval of November 26, 2008 Claims in the Amount of \$321,472.25; Paid by Check No.'s 51765 through 51929 with Check No. 51377 and 51389 Voided.
5. Approval of November 20, 2008 Payroll in the Amount of \$718,596.82; Paid by Check No.'s 20644 through 20693.

#### **Review Bids**

#### **Public Hearings**

#### **New Business**

6. Jacqueline Ridge Phase 2 – Final Plat Mylar.

Engineering Services Manager Shawn Smith reviewed this item. There were no questions.

7. Janie Vista – Final Plat Mylar.

Mr. Smith stated that this item is totally complete.

8. Edward Springs 327 Zone Reservoir Project to Start the 45-Day Lien Filing Period.

Director Nielsen reviewed the function of the Edward Springs 327 Reservoir. He stated that the project is done and recommended acceptance of the project and to start the 45-day lien filing period.

9. Interlocal Agreement for Smokey Point Fiber Network between the City of Arlington and the City of Marysville.

Councilmember Seibert asked about a dollar amount. Worth Norton explained that this is just for the right-of-way, but there is budget for the materials which will come later.

10. Intergovernmental Facilities Use Agreement with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Washington.

Courts Administrator Suzanne Elsner reviewed this item.

11. Interagency Agreement between State of Washington Administrative Office of the Courts and Snohomish County the City of Marysville for Court Interpreter Reimbursement.

Ms. Elsner reviewed the requirement to prepare a language assistance plan.

12. A Resolution of the City of Marysville, Washington, Establishing a Parks and Recreation Department Fee Schedule and Repealing Resolution No. 2202.

Tara Mizell explained the revisions.

Councilmember Seibert, referred to the 3rd block down on the first page. He asked if those classes would be deleted. Ms. Mizell explained that the classes are contracted with instructors and are just not listed here.

Councilmember Nehring asked about the concessionaires fees. Ms. Mizell explained that this hasn't been used for a couple years, but is being left in there anyway.

Councilmember Nehring asked if the rates for tournaments were competitive rates. Ms. Mizell replied that the rates are the same as they have been and that they are competitive.

Councilmember Nehring asked why summer day camps had gone up substantially. Ms. Mizell explained that these have not been adjusted at all for the last three years.

13. A **Resolution** of the City of Marysville, Washington, Declaring Multiple Computers of Personal Property to be Surplus and Authorizing the Sale or Disposal Thereof.

Worth Norton explained that these are budgeted for replacement.

14. An **Ordinance** of the City of Marysville, Washington, Amending MMC 14.07.005 General Fee Structure to Increase the Bank Return Item Fee from \$30 to \$40; and Providing for Severability.

Sandy Langdon explained that the bank is increasing its fees and so they are amending the code to pass this along to those responsible.

15. An **Ordinance** of the City of Marysville, Washington Amending the 2008 Budget and providing for the increase of certain expenditure items as budgeted for in 2008 and Amending Ordinance No. 2723.

Sandy Langdon stated that this is the only amendment they have this year. All of these have already been approved by Council. This just gives the authority to amend the budget.

16. An **Ordinance** of the City of Marysville, Washington, Increasing Water, Sewer, and Surface Water Utility Rates, Amending Sections 14.07.060, 14.07.070, and 14.19.050 of the Marysville Municipal Code as Allowed Under Section 14.07.075.

Director Nielsen stated that this is the 2% annual increase. Surface water did not have a 2% increase last year as had been scheduled so staff is recommending a 4% increase this year. There was discussion about revenues which are currently down.

Councilmember Nehring asked about lobbying efforts as a result of numerous unfunded mandates. CAO Swenson explained the various ways that cities are uniting to respond to this situation.

Sandy Langdon explained that a 2% increase to surface water would result in a 16 cent increase for the average resident. A 4% increase would be approximately 32 cents. There was unanimous consent to go to a 4% increase this year only with a 2% annual increase thereafter. Kevin Nielsen discussed changes they are anticipating to the way surface water is handled. He also discussed the benefit of Council's adoption of the stringent storm water regulations several years ago. He believes there is a direct correlation between this and the minimal flooding in Marysville even with the tremendous storm events, as opposed to the surrounding areas.

17. Interlocal Data Sharing Agreement between Washington State Department of Licensing and City of Marysville.

Sandy Langdon explained that items of concern have been addressed. Grant Weed added that this would extend the agreement for a period of five years.

## **Legal**

18. City Attorney Retainer Agreement Calendar Year 2009.

Grant Weed stated that the only thing that has changed is the effective dates. Rates will remain the same.

Councilmember Nehring expressed appreciation for Mr. Weed's services.

Mayor Kendall explained that there will be another item on the agenda next week regarding a new for-hire business.

### **Mayor's Business**

Mayor Kendall:

- Strawberry fields for Rover ribbon-cutting will be held on Saturday.
- Next Saturday night is the Merrysville for the Holidays parade at 6:30.
- Staff had a meeting with Tribes this afternoon. They were very pleased with Black Friday.
- He and Mary Swenson presented Senator Murray with stimulus package information. They will be meeting with her and Representative Rick Larsen on Wednesday.

### **Staff Business**

Suzi Elsner discussed moving toward electronic ticketing at the beginning of next year.

Tara Mizell:

- Parks and Recreation staff will be attending a conference next week
- Basketball signups continue next week
- Lilly's Legacy – they are trying to get 250 toys by next Friday.

Worth Norton commented that he would be in Detroit looking at new RMS system for the police department.

Doug Buell:

- Our Town section in *The Herald* should have a good piece on the 25<sup>th</sup> Merrysville for the Holidays.
- The Mayor's State of the City address coming soon.

Kevin Nielsen:

- He distributed maps and reviewed lighting improvements. Funding for this is in the existing 2008 budget. Councilmember Seibert asked about coordinating this with dark areas that get hit with graffiti. Director Nielsen indicated they could look into that.
- He then reviewed new channelization plan for 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE. He commended John Tatum for the plan. He noted that they are also negotiating now to get the right of way so they can do additional lanes on 27th.
- Councilmember Soriano asked about discouraging u-turns on 172<sup>nd</sup> turning south. Director Nielsen explained that they got permission for them to do the u-

turns because the channelization blocked off some of the businesses. Councilmember Vaughan added that part of the problem is that people are turning right on a red arrow. He suggested that it might be a signage problem. Staff indicated they would look into this issue.

Chief Smith:

- They can do a pin map for the graffiti with an overlay of the lighting issues. This is a great idea.
- New custody officer started today.
- Went with Chief Corn to the fire station on Monday to look at the new fire station.
- Lateral testing on Thursday. Their entry level list has some good candidates. They are also looking forward to seeing what kind of laterals they get.
- Public Safety meeting will be moved to January.
- He alerted everyone to wear their seatbelts appropriately.

Sandy Langdon had no comments.

Grant Weed:

- The City's new program to bring the prosecutor's office in-house is very advantageous to the City. He thanked Suzi Elsner for the help that she has given them to get moving forward.
- He discussed the need for a ten-minute executive session on two real property acquisition items with no action and one brief personnel update.

Mary Swenson stated that they are working hard on the stimulus package and trying to position Marysville in many different areas.

### **Call on Councilmembers**

Jon Nehring:

- He commented on the County court direction which has an impact on the jails and asked if the City would need to look at amending its contracts with other cities. CAO Mary Swenson indicated that they are taking a look at the whole process. Suzi Elsner added that the hiring of the new prosecutors will probably reduce the jail population. Mayor Kendall noted that he is involved with legislation to change the level of the charge.
- Councilmember Nehring asked if the Parks Department has any type of ongoing scholarship fund for people who wish to donate. Tara Mizell indicated that they are planning to look at a foundation.

Donna Wright said she had been contacted by Nathan Olson, an Everett Community College student, who is interested in renaming Highway 529 between Everett and Marysville as the Veterans Memorial Highway. Mayor Kendall and Director Nielsen both thought that this was for Highway 527 in Bothell. They indicated that staff would look into it.

Carmen Rasmussen had no comments.

Jeff Vaughan wished everyone happy Cyber Monday.

Lee Phillips had no comments.

John Soriano stated that there is no longer a charge for disposal of old style monitors as of January 1.

Jeff Seibert:

- He commented that this is actually a take-it back program with sites at places like Best Buy and Staples.
- He noted that Black Friday and Saturday traffic was bad.
- He appreciates Mayor Kendall being back.

### **Adjournment**

Mayor Kendall recessed at 8:27 into Executive Session which was scheduled to begin at 8:35 p.m.

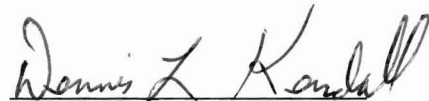
### **Executive Session**

- A. Litigation
- B. Personnel – 1 item (employee qualifications) was discussed with no action taken.
- C. Real Estate – 2 items (update real estate purchase acquisition and right-of-way) was discussed with no action taken.

### **Adjournment**

Seeing no further business, Mayor Kendall adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Approved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2008.



Mayor  
Dennis Kendall



Asst. Admin. Svcs. Director  
Tracy Jeffries