

<b>Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call</b>	7:00 p.m.
<b>Presentations</b>	
Snohomish County Tourism Bureau Annual Report Presentation	Presented
Citizen Commendation -Brie Stewart	Presented
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	
Approval of February 28, 2011 City Council Meeting Minutes	Approved
Approval of the February 16, 2011 Special Meeting Minutes	Approved
<b>Consent Agenda</b>	
Approval of March 2, 2011 Claims in the Amount of \$1,351,377.58; Paid by Check Number's 68593 through 68747.	Approved
Approval of March 9, 2011 Claims in the Amount of \$327,289.87; Paid by Check Number's 68748 through 68874.	Approved
Approval of March 4, 2011 Payroll in the Amount of \$1,327,502.36; Paid by Check Number's 24011 through 24055 with Check Number 24009 Voided.	Approved
Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Renewal Lease Agreement and Contract for Caretaker Services with Jeffrey and Karen Pickard for Deering Wildflower Acres Park.	Approved
<b>New Business</b>	
An Ordinance of the City of Marysville, Washington Authorizing the Condemnation, Appropriation, Taking, Damaging and Acquisition of Land and Other Property for the Purpose of Constructing a Pedestrian and Bicycle Trail and Associated Improvements.	Approved Ord. No. 2855
A Resolution of the City of Marysville for the Acceptance of a \$1,000.00 Gift Subject to Conditions.	Approved Res. No. 2300
<b>Legal</b>	
Authorize Mayor to Sign Special Counsel Agreement for Legal Services between City of Marysville and Perkins Coie LLP.	Approved
<b>Mayor's Business</b>	
<b>Staff Business</b>	
<b>Call on Councilmembers</b>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	8:15

# COUNCIL



# MINUTES

## **Regular Meeting** March 14, 2011

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

Mayor Nehring called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. David Carnes of Cross Connections Ministries gave the invocation.

### **Roll Call**

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

**Mayor:** Jon Nehring

**Council:** Lee Phillips, Carmen Rasmussen, Jeff Seibert, John Soriano, Michael Stevens, Jeff Vaughan, and Donna Wright

**Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Chief Administrative Officer Gloria Hirashima, Finance Director Sandy Langdon, Police Chief Smith, City Attorney Grant Weed, Public Works Director Kevin Nielsen, Parks and Recreation Director Jim Ballew, Chief Information Officer Doug Buell, Recording Secretary Laurie Hugdahl.

### **Committee Reports**

Councilmember Rasmussen reported on the March 9 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting where the following items were discussed:

- Director Ballew has been working on a Parks and Recreation survey as part of the 2012-2017 Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan process. The Board had input into the content of the survey and the items that will be measured. Councilmember Rasmussen invited Council to review a copy of the draft survey. This will be discussed at Marysville University on May 18 as well.
- The Board approved elimination of the 24-hour waiting period for reservations.
- The Board approved a request to modify the hours for Deering Wildflower Acres Park to match the rest of the parks in the City.
- Councilmember Rasmussen distributed two thank you cards, one to Marysville noon rotary for their donation for the Easter Egg Hunt and one to the

Soroptomists' Club for helping with installation of Wi-Fi at the community center and helped with funds to provide handicap-accessible swings at some of our parks.

- Waste Management is sponsoring concerts and movies this year. The Venture Church is sponsoring swim nights. She expressed appreciation for organizations in the community who are actively supporting the efforts of Parks and Recreation Department.
- Healthy Communities Challenge Day is June 4.
- Parks Maintenance staff are inspecting and repairing playgrounds. Restrooms should be opened this week. Irrigation at Strawberry Fields should be completed this week. Softball fields at the high school have been prepared and will be ready for tournaments.
- The online registration process has been phenomenally successful. At least 1/3 of the reservations are coming in online.
- Soccer registration is done.
- Spring and summer class listings are already online.
- Councilmember Rasmussen expressed appreciation to Parks staff for having programs that generate revenue, for improving efficiencies, and expanding classes and programs.

Councilmember Vaughan reported on the Graffiti Task Force meeting held March 3 where the following items were discussed:

- There was discussion about the use of volunteers in the community to clean up graffiti via a community clean-up event three times a year. A sub-committee was put together to explore opportunities to do this.
- There was a report about the work that the MVPs are doing with the police. Neighborhood Watch programs are expanding. There are 12 to 15 active Neighborhood Watch groups in the city. The Task Force discussed how to involve these groups in graffiti deterrent and possibly graffiti clean-up.
- SRO and school personnel assisted in the arrest of a 17-year old at one of the high schools who was a prolific tagger. Councilmember Vaughan expressed appreciation for the work of the Police department on this.
- Mayor Nehring added that Community Transit will be testing three different types of glass covering in an effort to thwart etching of glass at CT stops.

## **Presentations**

### **A. Snohomish County Tourism Bureau Annual Report Presentation**

Amy Spain gave a PowerPoint presentation (distributed to Council) on the Snohomish County Tourism Bureau 2010 Annual Report. Highlights included the following:

- Tourism in Snohomish County decreased 4.4% for a total economic impact of \$797.6 million.
- Generated 14,927 requests for information from ads.
- 470,949 web visitors; up 9.5% over 2009.

- Visitors to SCTB visitor centers decreased about 3% over 2009. Visitation countywide was down about 6%.
- Achieved \$387,608 of media coverage – up 177.9%
- Off-season discount program (aimed at the Canadian traveler) bookings were down considerably.
- 10,270 tentative and definite group room nights were booked representing \$15.1 million in economic impact.
- Hotels saw an increase in RevPar of 1.9%
- Hotel motel tax collections were 3.5%.

**Discussion:**

Councilmember Wright thanked Ms. Spain for her hard work. She noted that for the convention and tour group sales and service Ms. Spain mentioned all of the communities around Marysville, but not Marysville. Ms. Spain explained that often the itineraries are fulfilling the specific requests of the tour groups and for 2010 they didn't get a chance to visit Marysville.

An audience member commented that there were no references to Tulalip Inn or the reservation. He asked if these figures and calculations include the activities of the Tribes. Ms. Spain said she doesn't keep track of the Tulalip Tribes Resort because they do not contribute their numbers to the Smith Travel Research which is where the Snohomish County Tourism Bureau gets their numbers for hotel occupancies and average rates. She noted that they do work closely with the Tribes and they are now a financial partner of the Tourism Bureau.

**B. Citizen Commendation -Brie Stewart**

Mayor Nehring reviewed Ms. Stewart's response to a crime in process and expressed appreciation for her actions and bravery.

**Audience Participation - None**

**Approval of Minutes**

1. Approval of February 28, 2011 City Council Meeting Minutes.

Councilmember Phillips noted that he would be abstaining since he was not present.

**Motion** made by Councilmember Soriano, seconded by Councilmember Wright, to approve the minutes as presented. **Motion** passed unanimously (6-0) with Councilmember Phillips abstaining.

**Approval of the February 16, 2011 Special Meeting Minutes**

**Motion** made by Councilmember Seibert, seconded by Councilmember Vaughan, to approve the minutes as presented. **Motion** passed unanimously (4-0) with Councilmembers Rasmussen, Soriano, and Wright abstaining.

### **Consent**

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5. Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Renewal Lease Agreement and Contract for Caretaker Services with Jeffrey and Karen Pickard for Deering Wildflower Acres Park.

**Motion** made by Councilmember Wright, seconded by Councilmember Seibert, to approve Consent Agenda items 2, 3, 4, and 5. **Motion** passed unanimously (7-0).

### **Review Bids**

### **Public Hearings**

### **New Business**

6. An Ordinance of the City of Marysville, Washington Authorizing the Condemnation, Appropriation, Taking, Damaging and Acquisition of Land and Other Property for the Purpose of Constructing a Pedestrian and Bicycle Trail and Associated Improvements.

**Motion** made by Councilmember Rasmussen, seconded by Councilmember Soriano, to approve Ordinance No. 2855. **Motion** passed unanimously (7-0).

7. A Resolution of the City of Marysville for the Acceptance of a \$1,000.00 Gift Subject to Conditions.

**Motion** made by Councilmember Vaughan, seconded by Councilmember Wright, to approve Resolution No. 2300. **Motion** passed unanimously (7-0).

### **Legal**

8. Special Counsel Agreement for Legal Services between City of Marysville and Perkins Coie LLP.

City Attorney Weed explained the purpose of this agreement for special legal counsel regarding the Cedar Grove Compost matter.

**Motion** made by Councilmember Seibert, seconded by Councilmember Vaughan, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Special Counsel Agreement for Legal Services between City of Marysville and Perkins Coie LLP. **Motion** passed unanimously (7-0).

### **Mayor's Business**

Mayor Nehring:

- Thanked the Fire department, Community Development department, and also the Fire Marshal department for Smoke Alarm Saturday.
- At the SERS Board Meeting last Friday they formalized a policy establishing a 10% reserve and also formalized a single-source purchasing policy.
- Staff scheduled a meeting with representatives from Wal-Mart and the Rock Creek HOA which was very successful. A lot of the HOA's questions were answered and they left the meeting satisfied with the outcome. One concern they might still have is the tire shop, however they were relieved at Wal-Mart's efforts.
- He commended the Parks staff on another great basketball season.

### **Staff Business**

Kevin Nielsen commented that as a result of the tremendous amount of rain there are a lot of stormwater issues. He discussed some lessons learned from the recent disaster in Japan. He stated the importance of tabletop exercises, but also stressed the importance of citizens being prepared to be on their own for some amount of time in the event of a catastrophe.

Chief Smith:

- The Emergency Management Plan is complete and will be coming to Council soon.
- He agreed with Director Nielsen that emergency preparedness is a huge deal for both government and citizens.
- Crime stats were down overall for the City. He credited redeployment with this success.
- Overtime expenditures are down as well. Sergeants are doing an outstanding job looking at what can be done to reduce costs.
- He referred to a domestic violence situation last week and highlighted Sgt. Larry Buell, Sgt. Deryck McLeod, and Lt. Goldman for their excellent work on this case.
- The NITE team served four search warrants during the week, removed a lot of drugs off the street, and arrested a lot of people.
- He highlighted Commander Krusey, Commander Lamoureux, Lt. Rasmussen, Lt. Goldman, and Lt. Wade for the great job that they do making sure we are listening to what our folks are doing as well as providing important leadership and direction for the department. He also commended Bob Dolhanyk for doing a wonderful job as well.

Jim Ballew:

- Basketball has come to a close. Soccer begins tomorrow.
- He commended Dave Hall who did a great job with the basketball program.
- They received word from the Tulalips that they are signing the MOU for the bridge.
- There are some park closures up north due to soil saturation. The off-leash dog park and part of Strawberry Fields are also closed.
- Deering Wildflower Acres Parks' hours will change on April 1. The Park Board agreed unanimously with Council on that.
- Land Water Conservation Fund passed yesterday which is good news for funding.

Sandy Langdon reminded the Council that there would be a Finance Committee this Wednesday.

Grant Weed said he would be bringing several discussion items to Council regarding some tools and policy decisions they might consider implementing.

Gloria Hirashima:

- Regarding emergency preparedness, the CERT course (Community Emergency Response Team) will begin at the end of the month. This is a great opportunity for citizens to get trained in emergency response. The city is a co-sponsor of that. This is a 7-week training that begins in March.
- The arbitration hearing on the DOC issue was last week. We are still awaiting the response.

### **Call on Councilmembers**

Carmen Rasmussen:

- She reported that the Parks department and the golf course are working on possibly having a night golfing opportunity.
- Relay for Life was interested in knowing if the Council is putting together a team. Mayor Nehring said there is an active city employees' team and encouraged others to sign up as well.
- She commented that the disaster in Japan is a wake-up call and a tremendous tragedy.

Lee Phillips said he may be able to attend the Finance Committee meeting, but it is unlikely due to his work schedule. He concurred with CAO Hirashima about the CERT training and the importance for citizens to be prepared.

John Soriano acknowledged the amount of work that Bob Dolhanyk has done on the Emergency Management Plan.

Michael Stevens had no comments.

Jeff Vaughan thanked the Council for excusing his absence last week.

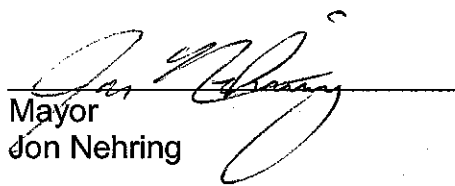
Donna Wright said she attended a large gathering of senior citizens where Sgt. McLeod gave a good presentation on how to avoid getting scammed. There will be a free pancake breakfast on Wed from 8 to 9:30 and they will be discussing fall prevention.

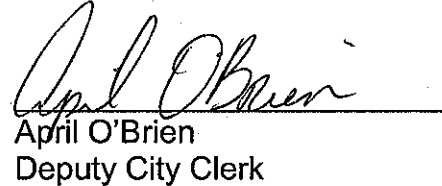
Jeff Seibert commented on a letter to the editor with positive comments about the handling of the roads in the snow. He asked staff for the name of someone who does presentations on emergency preparedness. Director Nielsen said he would forward a name to him.

### Adjournment

Seeing no further business Mayor Nehring adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Approved this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2011.

  
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Mayor  
Jon Nehring

  
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April O'Brien  
Deputy City Clerk