

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call	7:00 p.m.
Approval of Minutes	
Approval of November 7, 2011 City Council Work Session Minutes.	Approved
Consent Agenda	
Approval of the November 4, 2011 Payroll in the Amount of \$1,385,116.62; Paid by Check Number's 24858 through 24905.	Approved
Approval of the November 9, 2011 Claims in the Amount of \$503,024.80; Paid by Check Number's 73547 through 73685 with Check Number 73029 Voided.	Approved
Approval of the November 16, 2011 Claims in the Amount of \$428,532.34; Paid by Check Number's 73686 through 73824.	Approved
Public Hearing	
Public Hearing Regarding the 2012 Proposed Budget and Property Tax Levies.	Held
New Business	
An Ordinance of the City of Marysville, Washington Levying EMS Taxes Upon All Property Real, Personal and Utility Subject to Taxation within the Corporate Limits of the City of Marysville, Washington for the Year 2012.	Approved Ord. No. 2878
An Ordinance of the City of Marysville, Washington Levying Regular Taxes Upon All Property Real, Personal and Utility Subject to Taxation within the Corporate Limits of the City of Marysville, Washington for the Year 2012.	Approved Ord. No. 2879
A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Marysville, Washington Establishing that Special Market Conditions Exist with Respect to the Purchase of Certain Ultraviolet Sanitizing Equipment and Technical Assistance and thereby Waiving that Competitive Bidding Occur.	Approved Res. No. 2311
Professional Services Agreement for Child Interview Specialist Service with Snohomish County Child Advocacy Center dba Dawson Place.	Approved
Grade Crossing Warning Sign Installation Agreement with BNSF Railway Company.	Approved
An Ordinance of the City of Marysville, Washington Increasing Water, Sewer, and Surface Water Utility Rates and Amending Sections 14.07.060, 14.07.0170, and 14.19.050 of the Marysville Municipal Code as Allowed Under Section 14.07.075.	Removed from Agenda
An Ordinance of the City of Marysville Amending Sections 3.64.020 (1) and (2) of the Marysville Municipal Code, Relating to the Utility Tax on Telephone Services.	Approved Ord. No. 2880
An Ordinance of the City of Marysville, Washington Adopting a Budget for the City of Marysville, Washington, for the Year 2012, Setting Forth in Summary Form the Totals of Estimated Revenues and Appropriations of Each Separate Fund and the Aggregate Totals of All Such Funds Combined, and Establishing Compensation Levels as Proscribed by MMC 3.50.030.	Approved Ord. No. 2881
Legal	
Mayor's Business	

Staff Business	
Call on Councilmembers	
Adjournment	8:35 p.m.
Executive Session	8:40 p.m.
Litigation – one item per RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)	
Personnel – one item per RCW 42.30.140 (4)(a)	
Real Estate	
Adjournment	8:58 p.m.

COUNCIL



MINUTES

Regular Meeting November 28, 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. The invocation was given by Dave Carnes of Cross Connection Ministries.

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, Financial Planning Manager Denise Gritton, Chief Smith, City Attorney Tom Graafstra, Public Works Director Kevin Nielsen, Parks and Recreation Director Jim Ballew, Recording Secretary Laurie Hugdahl.

Committee Reports

Councilmember Rasmussen reported on the Marysville Fire District Board of Directors meeting on November 16 where the following items were discussed:

- Staff reported on a part-time recruit academy. 8 people were selected and 10 more will be selected in January for a total of 18 that will be ready to work in March.
- Light bulbs have been changed out in several of the stations which will result in a long-term savings in electrical costs.
- There has been a substantial reduction in overtime costs from last year due to the agreement with the labor union to approve a Supplemental Acting Captains List which increased the number of eligible candidates to be acting captains.
- The Board of Directors and the District 12 commissioners approved the Operating Budget for 2012.

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of November 7, 2011 City Council Work Session Minutes.

Councilmember Seibert stated that he would be abstaining as he was not present at the November 7th Work Session.

Motion made by Councilmember Soriano, seconded by Councilmember Wright, to approve the November 7, 2011 City Council Work Session Minutes as presented.

Motion passed unanimously (6-0) with Councilmember Seibert abstaining.

Consent

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

Review Bids

Public Hearings

5. Public Hearing Regarding the 2012 Proposed Budget and Property Tax Levies.

Mayor Nehring commented that the 2012 budget is a conservative budget and is very similar to the 2011 budget. There were a lot of difficult decisions made in the 2011 budget because staff and the Council anticipated that the economy would not improve in the near future. There were several goals at that time:

- To get reserves up to a minimum of 6% with a goal of getting it at 10% - We are on track to have 8.5% reserves by the end of this year.
- Have a plan to reduce debt - We will be able to pay off some of our buildings within the next year. We will be cautious about incurring debt in the future.
- Be able to fund core services of government with the existing confines of a flat revenue - Overall we are able to fund the core services with the existing budget.

He commended the director team and employees who worked hard to find efficiencies at all levels. He expressed appreciation for the fact that the departments under-spent

their already conservative budgets. This shows responsibility on the part of the director team.

He stated that the Governor's proposed budget is concerning because it appears to be balanced largely on the backs of school districts and cities. There are proposals to eliminate or reduce shared revenues that the state has for cities that have annexed, for liquor excise tax, and for streamlined sales tax. Staff is meeting one-on-one with the legislative delegation to communicate their message. They are especially lobbying for the annexation sales tax credit to be left where it was supposed to be for ten years. He cautioned that they need to be prepared for the fact that the State could sweep some of the revenue away that they actually have budgeted for.

Finance Director Langdon reported on 2011 accomplishments. Since the Budget Work Shop they heard about the Governor's proposal and CAO Hirashima recommended amending of some of the requests. This resulted in reductions of \$371,654 as follows:

- Eliminated seasonal help
- GASB 34 report writer
- Qwuloolt
- Downtown revitalization
- Council Chamber computer projection improvements.

CAO Hirashima added that these projects all had been recommended to move the City forward. With the Governor's proposal the City stands to lose approximately \$400,000 for the second half of 2012. This is an attempt to address that reduction. If the cuts go through as proposed it would result in an ongoing yearly loss of more than \$800,000 and the City would need to look for additional ways to cut programs.

Mayor Nehring discussed the importance of the downtown revitalization plan and his hope that they would be able to fund this if at all possible. He also stressed the importance of street paving and sidewalks when there are funds available.

Finance Director Langdon continued to review the 2012 Preliminary Budget as contained in Council's packet.

Mayor Nehring thanked Jim Ballew, Kevin Nielsen and Council for striving to reduce the General Fund subsidy of the golf course. He thanked Sandy Langdon, Denise Gritton, and all the directors for their hard work on the budget and for their conservative nature.

The hearing was opened for public comment on the proposed 2012 budget at 8:01 p.m. There were no comments. The public hearing was closed at 8:01 p.m.

Council comments and questions:

Councilmember Stevens referred to slide 45 and asked for more clarification on the 1% property tax option. Finance Director Langdon explained that the 1% or IPD is allowable, whichever is less.

New Business

7. An Ordinance of the City of Marysville, Washington Levying EMS Taxes Upon All Property Real, Personal and Utility Subject to Taxation within the Corporate Limits of the City of Marysville, Washington for the Year 2012.

Mayor Nehring noted that since the EMS levy is capped out this item could be removed from the agenda. Councilmember Rasmussen noted that the Fire District is in the same situation but they took action anyway just as a formality. Mayor Nehring noted that it would be up to the Council if they wanted to take action.

Motion made by Councilmember Rasmussen, seconded by Councilmember Stevens, to approve Ordinance No. 2878. **Motion** passed unanimously (7-0).

8. An Ordinance of the City of Marysville, Washington Levying Regular Taxes Upon All Property Real, Personal and Utility Subject to Taxation within the Corporate Limits of the City of Marysville, Washington for the Year 2012.

Sandy Langdon explained that there are two possibilities for this item; one is for 1% and one is for 0%.

Motion made by Councilmember Rasmussen, seconded by Councilmember Stevens, to approve Ordinance No. 2879 taking the 1%. Upon a roll call vote, the **Motion** carried (4-3) with Councilmembers Wright, Rasmussen, Stevens, and Soriano voting in favor and Councilmembers Vaughan, Seibert, and Phillips voting against the motion.

9. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Marysville, Washington Establishing that Special Market Conditions Exist with Respect to the Purchase of Certain Ultraviolet Sanitizing Equipment and Technical Assistance and thereby Waiving that Competitive Bidding Occur.

Director Nielsen explained that this eliminates the process for going out to public bid. They are asking approval of the sole source because it is a unique item.

Motion made by Councilmember Wright, seconded by Councilmember Soriano, to approve Resolution No. 2311. **Motion** passed unanimously (7-0).

10. Professional Services Agreement for Child Interview Specialist Service with Snohomish County Child Advocacy Center dba Dawson Place.

Chief Smith reviewed this item and recommended Council approval.

Motion made by Councilmember Rasmussen, seconded by Councilmember Phillips, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Professional Services Agreement for Child Interview Specialist Service with Snohomish County Child Advocacy Center dba Dawson Place. **Motion** passed unanimously (7-0).

11. Grade Crossing Warning Sign Installation Agreement with BNSF Railway Company.

Director Nielsen reviewed this item.

Motion made by Councilmember Soriano, seconded by Councilmember Phillips, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Grade Crossing Warning Sign Installation Agreement with BNSF Railway Company. **Motion** passed unanimously (7-0).

12. An Ordinance of the City of Marysville, Washington Increasing Water, Sewer, and Surface Water Utility Rates and Amending Sections 14.07.060, 14.07.0170, and 14.19.050 of the Marysville Municipal Code as Allowed Under Section 14.07.075.

This item was removed from the agenda.

13. An Ordinance of the City of Marysville Amending Sections 3.64.020 (1) and (2) of the Marysville Municipal Code, Relating to the Utility Tax on Telephone Services.

Motion made by Councilmember Rasmussen, seconded by Councilmember Phillips, to approve Ordinance No. 2880 reflecting a February 2013 expiration. **Motion** passed unanimously (7-0).

6. An Ordinance of the City of Marysville, Washington Adopting a Budget for the City of Marysville, Washington, for the Year 2012, Setting Forth in Summary Form the Totals of Estimated Revenues and Appropriations of Each Separate Fund and the Aggregate Totals of All Such Funds Combined, and Establishing Compensation Levels as Proscribed by MMC 3.50.030.

Motion made by Councilmember Rasmussen, seconded by Councilmember Stevens, to approve Ordinance No. 2881 with an amendment to reflect the addition of the 1% in revenue which was approved by the Council tonight. **Motion** passed (5-2) with Seibert and Vaughan opposed.

Legal - None

Mayor's Business

Mayor Nehring:

- Thanks to everyone on the budget team for their hard work and diligence on this year's and also last year's budget.
- Last Tuesday he attended an NJROTC Passing Review which was a phenomenal event.

- Staff has met with nine of twelve state legislators and will meet with the remaining three this week. He thanked Councilmember Wright for participating in many of those. The meetings have been extremely productive.
- He gave an update on lobbying efforts. Staff has put together a binder which was sent to County Council Member John Koster. This will be forwarded to our federal delegation to try and include in the federal budget for much needed transportation funding for a potential on and off ramp to 529 and some initial work on making 156th a full interchange.

Staff Business

Jim Ballew:

- Merrysville for the Holidays will be held on Saturday.
- Cedarcrest Tour of Lights starts on Thursday.
- The basketball program starts in December. There are 700 kids and 170 volunteer coaches involved in the program.
- Staff is working hard on the next activity guide.
- 57 wreaths will be installed tomorrow.

Chief Smith

- There was a collision on 528 as a result of two cars who were racing. At least five cars were affected and some people were hospitalized.
- The community forum on personal safety and awareness went very well. He thanked Andrea Kingsford, Jim Ballew, Marysville Community Coalition, and Doug Buell for their work on this. He also commended Lt. Rasmussen, Lt. Wade, and Detective Dan Vinson who gave great presentations. There will be another community forum in February for personal preparedness/emergency management and one in March on traffic safety.

Kevin Nielsen:

- The rain last week resulted in some localized flooding, especially on 136th and 152nd. Most of the problem areas have to do with the corridors that are flat. The US Army Corps of Engineers is regulating these areas as wetlands. The City is seeking permission from the Corps to start dredging problem areas so they don't have these problems every year.
- Staff will be sweeping around the clock to remove fallen leaves.
- Cages are going in at 156th.
- There is \$200 million available nationwide through the federal government that came back because projects came in under budget.

Sandy Langdon thanked Denise Gritton and all the directors for their help on the budget. She will continue to review the Governor's proposed budget for implications to the City.

Denise Gritton had no comments.

Judge Towers had no comments.

Kristie Guy had no comments.

Tom Graaftstra stated the need for an Executive Session for 15 minutes to discuss two items, one concerning potential litigation and the other regarding collective bargaining.

Gloria Hirashima thanked everyone for their work on the 2012 budget. She noted that there are a lot of challenges ahead of them. They will have to work hard to prepare, not only for 2012, but also for 2013 and 2014. They will remain very responsible to the public for their money and try to deliver the best services they can.

Call on Councilmembers

Carmen Rasmussen commended Director Nielsen and his staff for keeping most of the roads clear of standing water. She reiterated that the budget is translated to real life by our creative, dedicated employees. She commended the staff who is our biggest asset for the great quality of service they provide to the citizens.

Lee Phillips stated that he will have to miss the December 7th Work Session due to work requirements.

John Soriano attended the community forum. He thought it was well done, informative, and reached the target audience.

Michael Stevens also thanked staff for all the work they have done on the budget. He encouraged everyone to contact the legislators regarding the shared tax revenue items to encourage them to find other ways to balance the budget.

Jeff Vaughan had no comments.

Donna Wright:

- She also commended the staff for their excellent work.
- She attended the Navy Jazz Band concert which was really well done.
- She will be out of town next Monday for the work session.

Jeff Seibert:

- He thanked everyone for the excused absence on November 7.
- He thanked staff for their excellent work on the budget.
- He asked about the December Public Works Committee meeting. There was consensus to postpone the meeting until January.

Council recessed at 8:35 for five minutes then reconvened into Executive Session at 8:43 for 15 minutes to discuss two items, one concerning potential litigation and the other regarding collective bargaining.

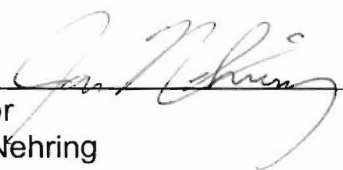
Executive Session

- A. Litigation – one item per RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)
- B. Personnel – one item per RCW 42.30.140 (4)(a)
- C. Real Estate


Adjournment

Seeing no further business Mayor Nehring adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

Approved this 12th day of December, 2011.



Mayor
Jon Nehring



April O'Brien
Deputy City Clerk