

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call	7:00 p.m.
Excuse the absence of Councilmember Stevens.	Approved
Excuse the absence of Councilmember Vaughan.	Approved
Committee Reports	
Presentations	
Swearing-In: Lieutenants, Police Officers, and Sergeants Promotions	Presented
Citizens United Decisions	Presented
Royalty Candidates' Presentation	Presented
Approval of Minutes	
Approval of the February 11, 2013, City Council Meeting Minutes.	Approved
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Review Bids	
Public Hearing	
New Business	
An Ordinance of the City of Marysville, Washington Related to Frontage Improvements Requirements, Amending Section 12.02A.090 Frontage Improvements Required.	Approved Ord. No. 2920
Legal	
Mayor's Business	
Staff Business	
Call on Councilmembers	
Adjournment	9:36

Regular Meeting
March 18, 2013

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. Dan Hazen from Allen Creek Community Church 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: Steve Muller, Kamille Norton, Jeff Seibert, Rob Toyer, and Donna Wright

Absent: Michael Stevens, Jeff Vaughan

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

Mayor Nehring noted that Councilmembers Stevens and Vaughan had both informed staff and Council of prior work commitments tonight.

Motion made by Councilmember Wright, seconded by Councilmember Seibert, to excuse the absence of Councilmember Stevens. **Motion** passed unanimously (5-0).

Motion made by Councilmember Seibert, seconded by Councilmember Muller, to excuse the absence of Councilmember Vaughan. **Motion** passed unanimously (5-0).

Committee Reports

Councilmember Norton reported on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting last Wednesday where the following items were discussed:

- A recommendation for a name for the park on 67th Avenue will be submitted to the Council sometime in May.
- The spray park design is moving forward with some slight modifications.
- The education campaign and signage has been ordered as a result of the smoking ordinance that the Council passed a few weeks ago. The Board reviewed these materials which have a positive message.
- Thanks to the Marysville Rotary for sponsoring the annual Easter Egg Hunt which will be held on March 30.

Presentations

A. Swearing-In: Lieutenants, Police Officers, and Sergeants Promotions

Chief Smith acknowledged some people from the City's past including: retired Police Chief Bob Carden, retired Police Commander Steve Winters, retired Sgt. Eldon Dennis, retired dispatchers Caroline Baker and Carl Clapp, former Lt. Darin Rasmussen, who is now Asst. Chief at western Washington University, and soon-to-be retired Commander Ralph Krusey.

Commander Wendy Wade introduced new hires: Jennifer Sweeney, Luke Plumbeck, Brandon Lawrenson, and James Tolbert who were sworn in by Mayor Nehring.

Chief Smith commended Kristie Guy and the Human Resources Department for assisting with all of the promotional testing and making the process go smoothly.

Chief Smith announced the promotions of and Mayor Nehring swore in the following:

- Lieutenant Brad Akau
- Lieutenant Larry Buell
- Lieutenant Mark Thomas
- Sergeant Rick Sparr
- Sergeant Wallace Forslof
- Sergeant Pete Shove
- Custody Sergeant Randy Nelson

There was a brief recess from 8:13 to 8:21 p.m. for congratulations.

B. Citizens United Decisions

Rick Bly, 13021 – 58th Ave NE, Marysville, 98271, urged the Council join with the many local and state jurisdictions around the country that have asked the Congress of the United States to amend the U.S. Constitution to limit the overwhelming influence of money in our politics. These jurisdictions include 11 states - two by statewide referenda; multiple counties including three in Washington - Island, Jefferson, and Snohomish County. 500 cities and towns throughout the country have also passed resolutions including Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, as well as nine cities in Washington (Bellingham, Coupeville, Kirkland, La Connor, Langley, Oak Harbor, Olympia, Port

Townsend, and Seattle). Additionally many groups and organizations have passed similar resolutions.

Ken Dammond, 410 Priest Pt. Drive NW, Tulalip, WA 98271, explained that they want this amendment because a huge proportion of people in this country think their voices are being stifled by the input of big money, and the statistics bear that out. Since 2010 when the Supreme Court ruled in *Citizens United*, a landslide of money outside of political campaign money has come into the political theater. That money is often anonymous and is not subject to any rules that limit contributions or require disclosure. This constitutes a threat to every politician at any level. A constitutional amendment is needed because this situation is the result of a Supreme Court decision and the only way to reverse that is for the court to do it itself or for the citizens of the country to ask for it. The people of the country are tired of the impact of big money and want an amendment to straighten it up.

Mr. Bly requested that the Council review the sample resolutions, especially those adopted by the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the City of Seattle; ask their constituents what they think; draft and adopt a resolution; and then notify state and federal officials of their action.

Councilmember Muller asked if this idea is gaining momentum across the country. Mr. Dammond explained that there are many groups across the state working toward the goal of limiting political funding. In Washington State there is a coalition called Washington Coalition to Amend the Constitution which consists of roughly 15 nationwide such as Move to Amend, WashPIRG, Public Campaign, Public Citizen, Free Speech for People, Washington Public Campaigns, and other groups. Around the country the number the number of resolutions that are being adopted is growing daily. In the last election in November there were over 100 referenda and of those not a single one failed to pass. The idea of the resolutions is to document public support for getting a constitutional amendment.

Motion made by Councilmember Seibert, seconded by Councilmember Muller, for staff and the city attorney to craft some options for a resolution and place it on the agenda for future consideration.

Councilmember Wright suggested that they have a work session first before drafting a resolution since they just received the sample documents tonight. Councilmember Muller spoke in support of having staff draft a document. Councilmember Wright noted that there are two sides to this and there is more involved than what this group has presented. Councilmember Seibert spoke in support of moving forward.

Motion carried 4-1 with Councilmember Wright voting against the motion.

C. Royalty Candidates' Presentation

The following royalty candidates gave presentations to the Council: Madison Doty, Kalyah Bojang, Derek Groves, Victoria Stefoglo, Forrest Brown, Israel Lopez, and Franceska 'Franqui' Rojas. Mayor Nehring thanked everyone for their participation.

Audience Participation

Gary Way, 1628 - 2nd Street, Marysville, expressed concern about the number and aggressiveness of beggars in Marysville. He also discussed an issue with pedestrians and bikers at night who are very hard to see. He acknowledged how busy the police are in the City and commended the job that they do.

Mayor Nehring concurred with the concerns about begging. He noted that part of the problem is a constitutional issue regarding free speech. Another issue is educating citizens to stop giving money to beggars, which simply exacerbates the problem, and instead contribute to organizations.

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the February 11, 2013, City Council Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Councilmember Muller, seconded by Councilmember Toyer, to approve the February 11, 2013, City Council Meeting Minutes. **Motion** passed unanimously (5-0).

Consent

2. Approval of the February 20, 2013, Payroll in the Amount of \$793,974.76; Paid by Check Number's 26316 through 26351.
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Motion made by Councilmember Wright, seconded by Councilmember Seibert, to approve the items 2 through 7 and item 9 from the Consent Agenda. **Motion** passed unanimously (5-0).

Review Bids

Public Hearings

New Business

8. An **Ordinance** of the City of Marysville, Washington Related to Frontage Improvements Requirements, Amending Section 12.02A.090 Frontage Improvements Required.

CAO Hirashima stated that this is a revision to existing frontage improvements requirements in response to issues staff has identified in implementation of the current code. Staff believes the ability to grant some variances from the code would be helpful in order to not create economic hardship on someone trying to improve a neighborhood, house, or a lot.

Motion made by Councilmember Muller, seconded by Councilmember Norton, to approve Ordinance No. 2920. **Motion** passed unanimously (5-0).

Mayor's Business

- Mayor Nehring stated he was in Washington DC last week along with Councilmembers Toyer, Stevens, Wright, and Seibert. It was a very productive NLC conference. They had the opportunity to meet with Congressman Larson and Senator Cantwell and Senator Murray's staff. They had the chance to meet with the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Transportation Beth Osborne regarding the coal train issues. The conference itself also had a number of very good speakers.
- He reported that the registered sex offender bill passed the full senate unanimously (49-0) and is now back at the House for a hearing at the House Public Safety Committee on Wednesday. He distributed a one-page summary of the history and status of the bill.
- The Alaska USA ribbon cutting was a great event.
- Congratulations to the Police Department and Chief Smith for all the great work they are doing.
- He mentioned that he received an email from Caroline Stamfly who commended the Police Department for the excellent service they provided with regard to an incident in her family.

- Another email from a family who lived next door to a drug house commended the amazing speed and efficiency of the Police Department.

Staff Business:

Jim Ballew:

- Clean Sweep is turning out to be quite a project for April 20-27. There will be a week long litany of activities. Anyone with ideas about specific projects or neighborhoods should contact him as there are many volunteers ready to help.
- Parks met with MaryFest group with annual proposals.
- The Spring and Summer Recreation Guide is completed. Doug Buell and Parks staff has created a wonderful guide.

Chief Smith:

- He was very pleased with the pomp and circumstance surrounding the police department promotions tonight.
- The Strawberry Festival Royalty candidates were amazing.
- He will be out of town as of Wednesday for a week. Commander Lamoureux will be in charge.
- Recent city crime statistics for the first two months of the year have shown an increase in burglary, theft, and vandalism. The Police Department is looking at ways to address this. Once the Police Department is fully staffed, they plan to have three members on the night team to effectively address this. The Burglary Strike Team was extremely effective during the three months it lasted and even for the two months afterwards, but now the numbers have increased again.
- There will be a Public Safety meeting next week run by Commander Lamoureux.

Kevin Nielsen:

- There was consensus to move the Public Works Committee from the 5th to the 12th.
- The Strawberry Festival royalty candidates were absolutely amazing.
- A valve on 528 and 3rd is broken and in the process of being repaired.

Sandy Langdon:

- There was a Finance Committee meeting scheduled for this week, but as there is no agenda it will be skipped this month.
- The auditors have called and are scheduled to come in mid-April.
- She asked for input about the tablets. No issues were reported. Councilmember Seibert said he appreciated the notification about updated agenda items.
- She thoroughly enjoyed seeing all the police promotions.

Grant Weed informed Council that beginning next week he will not be around for a couple weeks as he is going skiing and then getting a hip replacement surgery. He introduced his son Kevin Weed who was in the audience and has an interest in law enforcement.

Chief Corn stated that this was a great night for the City and especially the Police Department. The people promoted are high quality people. He congratulated Chief Smith.

Gloria Hirashima:

- Congratulations to the Police Department for a great presentation tonight.
- She gave an update on the Qwuloolt project. They had a meeting Monday with the Corps of Engineers, the Tribes, and others and were informed that the advance mitigation ran into some rules issues so the City is unable to get the kind of credit they were expecting. They will continue to work with the Corps to resolve this.
- She gave an update on Clean Sweep events. The bulk of the money budgeted by the Council will be used for dump fees. The neighborhoods identified for cleanup are the Timberbrook neighborhood, Kellogg Village and the north downtown area between I-5 and the railroad tracks. For the broader community there will also be larger right-of-way cleanups and cleanup of certain properties and corridors identified by staff.

Call on Council

Kamille Norton:

- Congratulations to Chief Smith on all the promotions.
- She reported that she completed her new council member orientation. She thanked each of the department heads she was able to meet with.

Steve Muller:

- Congratulations to Chief Smith for the success of his department and all the promotions. He commended the quality of the people in the Police Department.
- He agreed that that was the best group of royalty candidates he has seen. He believes this is a testament to the quality of schools in Marysville.

Rob Toyer:

- He congratulated the Police Department.
- The NLC conference was a great event. It was a great opportunity to get to know each other better.

Jeff Seibert:

- Congratulations to the officers and the Police Department tonight
- Washington DC was an adventure, as always. They made a good presentation to legislators.
- He discussed an issue with Community Transit buses parking on Grove Street in the eastbound direction by the coffee stand. They are parking where there is no space for them to be out of the traffic lane and causing people to drive around them into oncoming traffic or causing traffic to back up. He suggested that staff look into this issue.

- For Clean Sweep week he wondered if the area by 121st that was brought up earlier by a citizen would be a good spot to address. Mayor Nehring indicated they would check with Code Enforcement Officer Paul Rochon to determine the status of that area.

Donna Wright:

- Congratulations to the Police Department. It was wonderful to see the whole room filled tonight for the celebration. She enjoyed how Chief Smith honored the past, present, and future in the presentation.
- Washington DC was interesting. It's helpful to network with people from all over the United States. Some vendors had some products that the City may be interested in in the future. The speakers were great.

Adjournment

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

Approved this 8th day of April, 2013.



Mayor
Jon Nehring



April O'Brien
Deputy City Clerk