

<b>Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call</b>	7:00 p.m.
Excuse the absence of Councilmembers Stevens and Wright.	Approved
Approve the agenda with one amendment.	Approved
<b>Committee Reports</b>	
<b>Presentations</b>	
Police Department Special Presentation: Medal of Valor to Officer Brandon Lawrenson	Presented
Hearing Examiner Retirement Presentation: Ron McConnell	Presented
Oath of Office: Kamille Norton	Presented
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	
Approve the November 12, City Council Meeting Minutes.	Approved
<b>Consent Agenda</b>	
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Consider the Amendment No. 5 to the Janitorial Services Contract with Advantage Building Services which Increases the Contract by \$2,586.98 for a Total Amended Contract Price of \$67,261.58 and Extends the Contract for a Fifth Annual Term.	Approved
Consider Approving the Business Licensing Service Agreement with the Department of Revenue's Business Licensing Service.	Approved
Consider Approving the Citizen Advisory Committees Funding Recommendations for Program Years 2014 & 2015, and Direct Staff to Notify Each Subrecipient of the Approved Funding Recommendations and Prepare a Program Year 2014 Annual Action Plan in Accordance with the 2012-2016 Consolidated Plan.	Approved

Consider Approving the Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Management Services with Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management (SCDEM).	Approved
Consider Approving the Wetland Mitigation Credit Buy/Sell Agreement with Mitigation Banking Services, LLC, in the Amount of \$137,600.	Approved
Consider Approving the Professional Services Agreement Supplement No. 1 in the Amount of \$258,833.00 with Murray, Smith and Associates, Inc.	Approved
Consider Approving an Interagency Agreement with Washington State Department of Enterprise Services, Selecting as the Emergency Services Company (ESCO) Ameresco.	Approved
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Consider a <b>Resolution</b> of the City of Marysville, Washington, Fixing a Time and Place for Hearing on the Final Assessment Roll for Local Improvement District No. 71, and Directing that Notice thereof be Given in the Manner Required By Law.	Approved Res. No. 2352
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<b>Legal</b>	
Rescind Council's prior action on the TBD Ordinance on November 12.	Approved
Consider an <b>Ordinance</b> Amending the Marysville City Code to Enact a New Chapter 12.06 Marysville Transportation Benefit District, Establishing a Transportation Benefit District, Specifying the Boundaries for the Transportation Benefit District, Specifying the Maintenance and Preservation of Existing Transportation Improvements, and Fixing a Time when the Same Shall Become Effective.	Failed
<b>Mayor's Business</b>	
Authorize the Mayor to run again for the board of Community Transit.	Approved
<b>Staff Business</b>	
<b>Call on Councilmembers</b>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	8:47 p.m.
<b>Executive Session</b>	
<b>Personnel</b>	
<b>Action</b>	No action taken
<b>Adjournment</b>	9:44 p.m.

**Regular Meeting**  
*December 9, 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.

**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 Jeff Vaughan

**Absent:** Michael Stevens and Donna Wright

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

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

Mayor Nehring requested moving item 35 to between items 23 and 24.

**Motion made by Councilmember Vaughan, seconded by Councilmember Toyer, to approve the agenda with the amendment moving item 35 to between items 23 and 24. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

**Committee Reports**

None

## **Presentations**

### **A. Police Department Special Presentation**

Chief Smith presented the Medal of Valor to Officer Brandon Lawrenson for distinguishing himself by conspicuous bravery knowingly and voluntarily, in the face of substantial risk of serious bodily injury or death, and using superior judgment in accomplishing the mission including sustaining human life.

### **B. Hearing Examiner Retirement Presentation**

Mayor Nehring recognized Ron McConnell upon his retirement from 23 years of service as the City of Marysville's Hearing Examiner.

### **C. Oath of Office: Kamille Norton**

Grant Weed administered the Oath of Office to Kamille Norton.

## **Audience Participation**

### **Approval of Minutes** (*Written Comment Only Accepted from Audience.*)

1. Approval of the November 12, 2013 City Council Meeting Minutes.

**Motion made by Councilmember Toyer, seconded by Councilmember Norton, to approve the November 12, 2013 City Council Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

## **Consent**

2. Approval of the November 20, 2013 Claims in the Amount of \$910,551.91; Paid by Check Number's 88417 through 88547 with Check Number 88237 Voided.
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**Motion made by Councilmember Vaughan, seconded by Councilmember Muller, to approve Consent Agenda items 2-4, 6-20, 22, 33, and 34. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

#### **Review Bids**

#### **Public Hearings**

#### **New Business**

21. Consider Approving the Visitor and Community Information Center Services Agreement with the Greater Marysville Tulalip Chamber of Commerce.

Finance Director Langdon noted that the 2012 and 2013 summaries of statistics were provided. A potential revision to the contract was also provided based on the discussion at the workshop.

Councilmember Vaughan referred to bullet number 2 on the Scope of Work and asked what a Comprehensive Information Network was. Finance Director Langdon was not sure, but she thought that it referred to the Visitor Information Center (VIC), the wall of brochures, and the information on the Chamber's website.

Councilmember Vaughan asked how many voters they have been able to register. Finance Director Langdon said that had not been confirmed.

Councilmember Vaughan referred to the item related to developing cooperative relationships with other chambers in the state and in the nation and asked about the status of that. CAO Hirashima was not certain.

Councilmember Vaughan referred to the bullet that talks about the VIC serving as a distribution point for materials generated and provided by the City's Economic Development committees. Another bullet talks about directing businesses seeking relocation to the City's Community Development Director. Another bullet talks about a report documenting businesses seeking location and/or relocation to the region. He asked how much information is being exchanged in regard to those three bullets. CAO Hirashima replied that there are brochures for Marysville in the VIC. There are also link

backs between the City's and the Chamber's websites. She does not recall many direct referrals.

Councilmember Vaughan referred to a bullet stating there would be regular meetings between the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chamber President as well as an annual meeting between Chamber board members and the City Council. He asked if this has occurred recently. CAO Hirashima stated that her office participates ex officio in the Chamber board meetings. The Mayor meets with the Chamber President and Director on a monthly basis. She was not aware of meetings involving the Council in the last few years.

Councilmember Vaughan asked if the Scope of Work or the contract itself has changed much in the last 12 years. Finance Director Langdon said it has not. Councilmember Vaughan thanked staff for the statistics they provided. He said he remembers getting this information on a monthly basis, but this is the first he remembers getting it recently. Finance Director Langdon affirmed that it was not done in 2013. Councilmember Vaughan referred to the information regarding a comparison between various visitor information centers provided by the Chamber and noted some discrepancies in the numbers. Finance Director Langdon explained that the Chamber had re-evaluated how they were counting information. She thought that 2012 and 2013 were probably more accurate than previous years.

Councilmember Vaughan again referred to the chart showing VIC statistics and noted that the Chamber is counting website hits or visits as "inquiries". He didn't think the numbers made sense. He suggested that phone calls, emails, or form submissions should be counted, but not necessarily website "hits".

Councilmember Seibert referred to the bullet referencing the City's Economic Development committees, and noted that he thought that this was just a holdover from the time when the City was really pushing economic development. He recommended that over the next year the City spend time looking over this agreement and cleaning it up. Mayor Nehring concurred.

Councilmember Muller said he was hoping a representative from the Chamber would be present tonight. He commented that he doesn't want to micro-manage the Chamber, but he wants to know that the committee chairs are in place and each committee has a directive for 2014, especially the Governmental Affairs Committee. He'd like to see a year-end report showing what they worked on last year. He recommended getting together with their board to work out details after the first of the year.

Councilmember Seibert commented that the City only has a contract with the Chamber to manage the Visitor Center, not to operate the Chamber. He isn't interested in telling them how to do their portion of the work. Councilmember Muller commented that he doesn't want to tell them what to do, but wants to know that they have a broad vision in place as a chamber that supports the City.



Councilmember Norton spoke in support of looking at what the City wants this visitor center to do for Marysville. She also is interested in working on the Scope of Work and coming up with measurable ways of gauging its effectiveness.

Councilmember Vaughan said he thinks this is a great opportunity to revisit this contract. He also is interested in looking at the question of what the City hopes to gain by supporting a visitor center. This will drive what the Scope of Work is and what things can be measured. Only then will the City know what they are getting for the investment. Right now, based on the little information the Council has, they can't tell what benefit, if any, there is in having a visitor information center in the City. He said he didn't feel comfortable passing this until the agreement and Scope of Work are clarified. He stated he was disappointed that the Chamber wasn't present to represent their interests.

Councilmember Toyer concurred with all previous comments. He asked about a possible timeframe for this process. Councilmember Vaughan suggested coming up with the City's objectives and then sitting down with the Chamber to discuss expectations and possible methods of measurement. He wasn't sure about the timeframe. Councilmember Muller asked about adding this to the agenda for the Economic Development Committee in January. Mayor Nehring concurred and noted they could invite Chamber representatives to the Economic Development Committee (EDC) or the Council or both. There was consensus to schedule this for the EDC for discussion in January and then invite the Chamber representatives in February. Councilmember Seibert requested information about other visitor centers and how they track and how they compare.

23. Consider a **Resolution** of the City of Marysville, Washington, Fixing a Time and Place for Hearing on the Final Assessment Roll for Local Improvement District No. 71, and Directing that Notice thereof be Given in the Manner Required By Law.

**Motion made by Councilmember Vaughan, seconded by Councilmember Muller, to approve Resolution No. 2352. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

35. Consider the Professional Services Agreement with Ogden Murphy Wallace, PLCC, for the LID #71 – 156<sup>th</sup> Street Overcrossing Project.

City Attorney Grant weed reviewed this item. Councilmember Seibert referred to the agreement and noted that the rate was blank. City Attorney Weed indicated it should state \$375 per hour.

**Motion made by Councilmember Seibert, seconded by Councilmember Vaughan, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Professional Services Agreement with Ogden Murphy Wallace, PLCC. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

24. Consider a **Resolution** of the City of Marysville Repealing Resolution Number 2268 and Adopting the Health Reimbursement

Arrangement/Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary Association ("HRA VEBA") Plan Designs.

**Motion made by Councilmember Muller, seconded by Councilmember Norton, to approve Resolution No. 2353. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

25. Consider a Resolution for Participation in the Hazard Mitigation Planning with Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management.

**Motion made by Councilmember Vaughan, seconded by Councilmember Seibert, to approve Resolution No. 2354. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

26. Consider an **Ordinance** Authorizing the Condemnation, Appropriation, Taking and Damaging of Land and Other Property for Purposes of Improving the Intersection at 88<sup>th</sup> Street N.E. and 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue N.E.

**Motion made by Councilmember Muller, seconded by Councilmember Vaughan, to approve Ordinance No. 2944. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

27. Consider an **Ordinance** Authorizing the Condemnation, Appropriation, Taking and Damaging of Land and Other Property for Purposes of Extending the Bayview Trail.

**Motion made by Councilmember Norton, seconded by Councilmember Toyer, to approve Ordinance No. 2945. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

28. Consider an **Ordinance** 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 Vaughan, seconded by Councilmember Muller, to approve Ordinance No. 2946. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

29. Consider an **Ordinance** of the City of Marysville, WA, Authorizing the City of Marysville to Continue to Impose A Sales and Use Tax as Authorized By RCW 82.14.415 As a Credit Against State Sales and Use Tax; Certifying the Costs to Provide Municipal Services to the Central Marysville Annexation Area; and Setting a New Threshold Amount for Fiscal Year 2014 Relating to Annexations.

**Motion made by Councilmember Muller, seconded by Councilmember Seibert, to approve Ordinance No. 2947. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

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

**Motion made by Councilmember Vaughan, seconded by Councilmember Muller, to approve Ordinance No. 2948. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

31. Consider an **Ordinance** of the City of Marysville Amending the 2013 Budget and Providing for the Increase of Certain Expenditure Items as Budgeted for in Ordinance No. 2911.

**Motion made by Councilmember Muller, seconded by Councilmember Norton, to approve Ordinance No. 2949. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

### **Legal**

32. Consider an **Ordinance** Amending the Marysville City Code to Enact a New Chapter 12.06 Marysville Transportation Benefit District, Establishing a Transportation Benefit District, Specifying the Boundaries for the Transportation Benefit District, Specifying the Maintenance and Preservation of Existing Transportation Improvements, and Fixing a Time when the Same Shall Become Effective.

City Attorney Weed recalled that on November 12 the Council approved the Ordinance establishing a Transportation Benefit District (TBD) subject to a limitation on the method of financing being limited to just the .2 of 1% sales tax. Following adoption of the ordinance he did some additional research and found that in state law any TBD formed must be subject to the provisions of state law which includes all of the various methods of financing. He recommended that the Council rescind the prior ordinance and give consideration to adopting a TBD ordinance as originally proposed on November 12.

**Motion made by Councilmember Seibert, seconded by Councilmember Toyer, to rescind Council's prior action on the TBD Ordinance on November 12. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

Councilmember Seibert said he was torn on this matter because he really wants to find a way to be self-funding on transportation needs. Letting the voters decide is a good option. Unfortunately he is not comfortable with passing something that can continue and be modified by future councils in ways that this Council never intended.

**Motion made by Councilmember Toyer, seconded by Councilmember Muller, to approve Ordinance No. 2938 as presented.**

Councilmember Muller asked about sunseting the TBD. City Attorney Weed stated that under state law there is a maximum time frame of 20 years. He did not think that could be modified.

Councilmember Seibert asked if the TBD can limit its own methods of financing. City Attorney Weed explained how this could work.

Councilmember Muller acknowledged concerns about this, but spoke in support of the ordinance in order to meet the public's expectations about transportation projects.

**Upon a roll call vote, the motion failed for lack of a four-vote majority (Councilmembers Norton, Muller, and Toyer voted in support of the motion, and Councilmembers Seibert and Vaughan voted against the motion).**

### **Mayor's Business**

Mayor Nehring:

- Merrysville for the Holidays was particularly spectacular this year. He thanked all of staff who pitched in to make this a great event.
- He commended Director Nielsen and his team who were awarded \$3 million in grant funding.
- Community Transit had a public hearing on the budget this past Thursday evening. Their sales tax is up about 8% throughout the year. This is an encouraging sign for the economy in general. They will look at adding back some service in 2014.
- Every two years there is a vote for representatives for the board of CT. He stated he would love to continue serving on that board, and he is in line to be Vice President of that board this year if he is re-elected.

**Motion made by Councilmember Seibert, seconded by Councilmember Toyer, to authorize the Mayor to run again for the board of Community Transit. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

- AWC held a board meeting at SeaTac recently where they put together the legislative agenda for this year. Top priorities include continuing to press for restoration of state shared revenues, Public Records Act, indigent defense, and fish consumption updates.
- Congratulations to Councilmember Norton for her successful election and swearing in.

Councilmember Seibert commented on issues related to liens on utility bills. He thinks that this should also be a priority for the legislative agenda. Finance Director Langdon explained that the different types of service have different liens.

### **Staff Business**

Jim Ballew:

- Merrysville for the Holidays was a lot of fun and a big success.
- Thanks to E&E Lumber and Judd & Black for sponsoring the fireworks show.
- The Tour of Lights is in full swing.
- The golf course has been closed because of the freezing weather, but the restaurant has been busy.

- A map was placed in the Baxter building and people were asked to identify where they were from. It was interesting to note that people came from all over, including South Korea; Gresham, Oregon; Battleground; Issaquah; Bellingham, etc.
- The Department of Revenue issued a paper today on reducing the tax burden to recreational activities.
- He wished everyone a great holiday.

Chief Smith:

- It was an honor to present the Medal of Valor to Officer Lawrenson.
- He introduced his father who was visiting and in attendance.
- As of January 1, Commander Lamoureux will be transferring to the Administrative Division and Commander Goldberg will be moving to Operations. On the 16<sup>th</sup>, James Maples will be promoted to the rank of sergeant.
- He encouraged everyone to drive safely.
- The Real Heroes Breakfast will be held on Thursday morning.
- Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all.

Kevin Nielsen:

- There are reader boards on 4<sup>th</sup> Street because the railroad is going to fix the crossings on Friday.
- Crews are ready for snow, but he is skeptical that it will happen.
- The City looks really clean and nice with the lights.
- John Cowling applied for the \$3 million TIB grant, and Director Nielsen is very proud of him for that.
- PUD will be pulling the pipe across 92 on Wednesday or Thursday.

Sandy Langdon:

- She agrees that the City looks very nice and festive.
- The City Holiday Party will be held at the Ken Baxter Center from 11:30 to 1:00 tomorrow.
- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

Grant Weed:

- He commented on an extremely productive year that the City of Marysville has had. He thinks 2013 has been a banner year.
- He stated the need for an Executive Session for 15 minutes with possible action following for the purpose of considering an employee performance matter.

Gloria Hirashima:

- Congratulations to Councilmember Norton for being elected to another two years on the Council.
- Thanks to all city staff for their work on Merryville for the Holidays, especially Jim Ballew who worked so hard. She also thanked the parks staff for their work on the Tour of Lights.

- Congratulations to Kevin Nielsen and his staff for the grant on Smokey Pt. Blvd. This is outstanding. She commended Public Works for doing such a great job seeking out and securing grants in a very competitive environment.
- She concurred with Councilmember Muller about the need to look for secure and stable transportation funding to meet the City's needs, noting that the TIB grant means that the City needs to come up with a \$1.2 million match. She is confident that staff will be able to figure out a plan for that, but having a stable transportation funding source would give the City more options in future situations such as this.
- She wished everyone Happy Holidays and Happy New Year. She agreed that this has been a very productive year for the City.

### **Call on Councilmembers**

Kamille Norton:

- She was happy to watch the presentation with Officer Lawrenson.
- She thanked the staff and Council for their patience with her. She has enjoyed serving on the Council and is looking forward to two more years.
- Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all.

Steve Muller:

- 2013 was a great year. He acknowledged the leadership team for making it easy for the Council.
- He commented from personal experience that it is quite frigid driving the train for the Tour of Lights.
- He wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Rob Toyer concurred with previous comments.

Jeff Seibert:

- Congratulations to Officer Lawrenson for his award and to Officer Maples for achieving the rank of sergeant.
- Thanks to John Cowling for applying for and receiving that TIB grant.
- He commented that in the paper there were comments related to Wal-Mart traffic. He suggested working on a grant for that.
- He expressed appreciation to Jesse for providing traffic information to the public.
- He brought up a citizen complaint about the light at 128<sup>th</sup>. Director Nielsen said they have checked the timing numerous times and it is fine.
- He wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Jeff Vaughan:

- If anyone wants to make any changes to committee assignments let him know. Otherwise we will just press forward as we are now. There was consensus to provide the Council with a list of available committee assignments.
- He praised Chief Smith, noting that he has done a great job for the City and made Marysville a better place.

Mayor Nehring acknowledged Peter, a young man in the audience who was just brought on to the Historical Society Commission. Mayor Nehring stated that it has been a pleasure working with Council and staff over the last year. He agreed that it is an exciting time to be in the City of Marysville. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Council recessed at 8:47 p.m. for five minutes before reconvening into Executive Session to address one item related to employee performance expected to last 15 minutes with possible action following.

### Executive Session

- A. Litigation
- B. Personnel – one item, per RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g)
- C. Real Estate


Executive Session extended 30 minutes. **Motion** made by Councilmember Muller, seconded by Councilmember Toyer to reconvene into regular session at 9:44 p.m. **Motion** passed unanimously (5-0).

### Adjournment

Seeing no further business Mayor Nehring adjourned the meeting at 9:44 p.m.

Approved this 13 day of JANUARY, 2013<sup>4</sup>.

  
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Mayor  
Jon Nehring

  
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April O'Brien  
Deputy City Clerk

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