

# COUNCIL



# MINUTES

## **Work Session** *November 3, 2014*

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

Mayor Pro Tem Vaughan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. He announced that Mayor Nehring would be arriving shortly as he is taking care of business at the school district.

### **Roll Call**

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

- Mayor:** Jon Nehring (arrived at 7:07 p.m.)
- Mayor Pro Tem:** Jeff Vaughan
- Council:** Steve Muller, Kamille Norton, Jeff Seibert, Michael Stevens, Rob Toyer, and Donna Wright
- Absent:** None
- Also Present:** Chief Administrative Officer Gloria Hirashima, Finance Director Sandy Langdon, Police Chief Rick Smith, City Attorney Grant Weed, Public Works Director Kevin Nielsen, Parks and Recreation Director Jim Ballew, and Recording Secretary Laurie Hugdahl.

Mayor Pro Tem Vaughan pointed out that item 8 had been removed from the agenda.

**Motion** made by Councilmember Toyer, seconded by Councilmember Muller, to approve the agenda with the removal of item 8. **Motion** passed unanimously (7-0).

### **Committee Reports**

None

## **Presentations**

### **A. Puget Sound Energy**

Don Amor, Local Government Community and Customer Engagement Manager for PSE introduced his staff Dave Matulich, Lisa Griffith, and Cory Urtel, and gave a presentation regarding PSE in Marysville. PSE engages very heavily with the communities in Snohomish County. He reviewed the PSE service territory and explained that they are a gas and electric company. They are the second largest utility in the country that owns wind farms. The green power company is one of the highlights of their service. In Snohomish County they are the natural gas provider as well as in Seattle and other communities. He commented that some local businesses will be turning to natural gas as a fuel. He reviewed examples of businesses that have converted parts of their businesses to using natural gas. PSE is also involved in safety and preparedness campaigns and outreach. He distributed emergency contact cards and natural gas safety brochures.

Dave Matulich, Municipal Liaison Manager, reviewed natural gas system and safety. In Marysville and all of Snohomish County, PSE is the provider of natural gas. Even though PSE doesn't provide electricity in Snohomish County they have 130 miles of transmission lines that run through the county. PSE has 12,000 miles of natural gas main in the ground throughout six counties. Safety is a big priority and replacement of infrastructure is underway. There are just over 200 miles of natural gas pipeline in Marysville. There is no major system work planned. PSE works closely with the Public Works Department to improve efficiency. He encouraged people to call 811 before digging. He discussed the prevalence of cross bores and noted that they are rare, but dangerous. PSE is working to correct this issue. If you have a blocked sewer you should call PSE who will come out for free to make sure you don't have an intersecting gas pipe. PSE is working to raise awareness of this issue.

Councilmember Muller asked if all the system is through lines or if they use compressed gas on the rails. Mr. Amor replied that there is a compressed natural gas truck that is used for injecting the system in low pressure situations, but it is not used very often. Councilmember Muller asked about the expansion of compressed natural gas vehicles. Mr. Amor explained that business fleets are switching over to compressed natural gas. Some auto dealers are selling compressed natural gas vehicles. There is a public fueling station in Everett on Smith Street and 41<sup>st</sup>. Councilmember Muller asked about industrial applications. Mr. Amor noted that many businesses install a compressor so they can fill up onsite.

City Attorney Weed asked if PSE has a franchise agreement to operate in the rights of way of the City. Mr. Amor replied that an expired one is currently in place, and they are in the process of updating that.

Mayor Pro Tem Vaughan asked about the fluctuation in prices of coal and gas and how that impacts PSE rates. Mr. Amor explained the electric portfolio is managed separately

from the gas. The electric rates are impacted by the fuel source. Natural gas rates are based on market prices as well.

Mayor Nehring thanked Council President Vaughan for starting the meeting for him.

## **Discussion Items**

### **Approval of Minutes**

1. Approval of October 13, 2014 City Council Meeting Minutes.
2. Approval of October 20, 2014 City Council Budget Work Shop Minutes.

### **Consent**

3. Consider Approving the October 22, 2014 Claims in the Amount of \$296,854.71; Paid by Check Number's 95504 through 95627 with No Checks Voided.
4. Consider Approving the October 20, 2014 Payroll in the Amount of \$885,770.64; Paid by Check Number's 28275 through 28314.

### **Review Bids**

### **Public Hearings**

5. Consider an **Ordinance** of the City of Marysville Adopting a Biennial Budget for the City of Marysville, Washington, for the Years 2015-2016, Setting Forth in Summary Form the Totals of Estimated Revenues and Appropriations for Each Separate Fund and the Aggregate Totals of All Such Funds Combined, and Establishing Compensation Levels as Proscribed by MMC 3.50.030 (*Public Hearing will be held November 10, 2014*).
6. Consider an **Ordinance** of the City of Marysville 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 2015 (*Public Hearing will be held November 10, 2014*).
7. Consider an **Ordinance** of the City of Marysville 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 2015 (*Public Hearing will be held November 10, 2014*).

### **New Business**

9. Consider the Maintenance Agreement for the SR 9/84<sup>th</sup> Street Roundabout with the Washington State Department of Transportation.

Director Ballew stated this is an agreement with WSDOT for maintenance of the new roundabout as a result of the City's commitment to put in two new gateway signs.

## **Mayor's Business**

Mayor Nehring reported on the following:

- Thanks to everyone who participated in the all-city food drive which raised 6300 pounds of food and over \$200.
- He had a coffee klatch last Wednesday. It was a good community event. Other than MPHS, the other biggest topic was around the trains.
- He gave an update on events related to the tragedy at MPHS. He thanked those who have stepped up to help out with the situation. He displayed a flag he received from the First Selectman of Newtown who experienced a similar tragedy and who has been a huge source of support.
- Thanks to Jim Ballew and Gloria and everyone who worked to put together the Muscles on Third event in just a few days. Cross Fit Marysville did a tremendous job at raising a lot of money for a good cause.
- Congressman Larsen was in town this week. He and Director Nielsen took him on a tour of transportation projects.

Commander Lamoureux had no items.

Chief Smith also gave an update on the events related to the recent shooting. He commended Mayor Nehring's handling of the events. He spoke to importance of working together and commended staff and his department.

Sandy Langdon said she was at a class in Spokane and received many messages of support and prayer from those in attendance.

Jim Ballew:

- He was also amazed at what Cross Fit was able to do in just a few days.
- He distributed and reviewed a summary of golf course operations 2013-2014. Sandy Langdon reviewed the three year comparisons of year end totals. Director Ballew summarized that the facility is not improving dramatically, but they are not in dire straits. His recommendation is that Council authorize staff to start getting a request for information about management groups to see if there are alternatives that the City has not explored to change the status. CAO Hirashima noted that staff is keeping a really close eye on the golf course. Jim Ballew and his staff have done a remarkable job with running the program and improving efficiencies. Because of their excellent work the City is not in dire straits right now and the situation would have been much worse. She spoke to the value of management groups. There was general consensus for staff to proceed with getting an RFP.

Kevin Nielsen reminded Council of the Public Works meeting this Friday.

Grant Weed:

- It is true that the City is working with PSE on an agreement, but also working on a cross bore agreement.
- Will have a need for an executive session next week to discuss pending litigation.

Gloria Hirashima:

- She met with Sno-Isle libraries regarding the transfer of the Marysville library to Sno-Isle. Their board is interested in continuing the discussion to look at a transfer of the facility.
- The City has been working with Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County to provide a domestic violence advocate that assists the city prosecutors and police with domestic violence cases. This was a 20-hour a week position that was funded by CDBG funds with the remainder being funded by city funds. Prosecutors and police recently identified that the part-time position wasn't sufficient. After discussing this with Domestic Violence Services they have agreed to fill a full-time advocate position with only a nominal increase in the city contract. This is excellent news.

## Call on Council

Steve Muller:

- Asked about the status of the officers involved in the other incident this month. Commander Lamoureux stated that they have all returned to work except the one who is still having surgeries.
- They YMCA will keep its facility open to students and families for the rest of the year.
- He reported that Boeing contributed a \$25,000 gift today to support families involved in the Marysville Pilchuck tragedy.

Kamille Norton:

- She expressed thankfulness and gratitude for the way this situation has been handled.
- It has been amazing to see the support from neighboring communities.

Donna Wright:

- She agreed with what has been said about the handling of the MPHS incident.
- She noticed the nice article in the paper about the community beautification.

Michael Stevens:

- He reiterated the positive comments about the way the City and first responders handled the tragedy at the high school.
- The gateway sign design is beautiful.

Jeff Seibert:

- He ran into Councilmember Soriano over the weekend who sent his best wishes to the Council.

- He asked to talk to Director Nielsen about the traffic signal at 88<sup>th</sup> at the freeway onramp and the one at 35<sup>th</sup> to see what can be done about some of the congestion going westbound during Saturdays and Sundays.
- He will try to make the Public Works meeting on Friday, but may not be able to attend due to work.

Rob Toyer had no comments.

Jeff Vaughan:

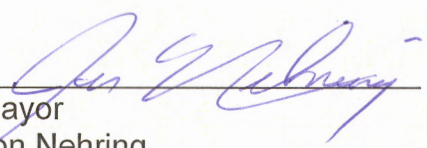
- He was amazed at the Muscles for Marysville event.
- With regard to the funeral on Saturday there were a number of churches involved in setting up, taking down, and serving food.
- He has some family members and associates outside of this state in law enforcement. He has received comments about how well the police and first responders handled this.

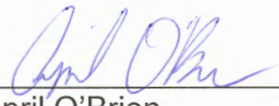
CAO Hirashima reminded Council of the Firework Committee meeting this week.

### Adjournment

Seeing no further business Mayor Nehring adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Approved this 24 day of November, 2014.

  
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Mayor  
Jon Nehring

  
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April O'Brien  
Deputy City Clerk