

City Council



1049 State Avenue
Marysville, WA 98270

**Work Session
April 5, 2021**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nehring at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Nehring led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present:

Mayor: Jon Nehring

Council: Council President Kamille Norton, Councilmember Jeff Vaughan, Councilmember Tom King, Councilmember Mark James, Councilmember Kelly Richards, Councilmember Michael Stevens

Absent: Councilmember Steve Muller

Staff; Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Gloria Hirashima, Finance Director Sandy Langdon, Police Chief Erik Scairpon, Assistant Police Chief Jim Lawless, Public Works Assistant Director Kari Chennault, City Attorney Jon Walker, Parks & Recreation Director Tara Mizell, Community Development Interim Director Alan Giffen, Community Development Director Haylie Miller, Human Resources Manager Teri Lester, Community Information Officer Connie Mennie, Information Services Manager Worth Norton, Systems Analyst Mike Davis

Motion to excuse Councilmember Muller's absence moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Councilmember Stevens.

AYES: ALL

Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda moved by Councilmember King seconded by Councilmember James.

AYES: ALL

Presentations

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the March 8, 2021 City Council Minutes
2. Approval of the March 22, 2021 City Council Minutes

Consent

3. Approval of the March 17, 2021 Claims in the Amount of \$2,665,745.55 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 147068 through 147238
4. Approval of the March 24, 2021 Claims in the Amount of \$1,225,738.82 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 147239 through 147376 with Check Numbers 143320, 145870, and 146848 Voided
5. Approval of the March 25, 2021 Payroll in the Amount of \$1,623,029.61 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 33401 through 33410
6. Approval of the March 31, 2021 Claims in the Amount of \$220,303.66 paid by EFT Transactions and Check No.'s 147377 through 147453

Review Bids

Public Hearings

7. Consider an Ordinance Amending the Marysville Municipal Code to Allow "Mini-Storage" as a Conditional Use Under Limited Circumstances in the Community Business and General Commercial Zones (Public Hearing to be held April 12, 2021)

Interim Director Giffen explained that staff had received a request from a property owner to consider allowing mini-storage within the General Commercial and the Community Business Zones on a limited basis. He reviewed the types of properties that would be eligible for this and related conditions. This has been reviewed by the Planning Commission who has recommended amendments to the existing standards.

New Business

8. Consider the Revised Emergency Management Performance Grant COVID-19 Supplemental Agreement with Washington State Military Department

CAO Hirashima explained this is a grant from Homeland Security which the City gets every year for the Emergency Management Program.

9. Consider the Professional Services Agreement with Parametrix, Inc. for Design and Permitting Services for the Geddes Remediation Project

Assistant Director Chennault explained this is a request for a Professional Services Agreement to do remediation, design and permitting on the former Geddes property to get the site ready for development.

Councilmember King asked if the culvert would be extended through the existing lagoon. Assistant Director Chennault affirmed that the pipe would be extended through the lagoon.

10. Consider the Puget Sound Energy Easement Agreement for Providing Gas Service to the New Civic Center

CAO Hirashima explained this easement would allow for services to the new facility.

11. Consider an Ordinance Amending the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget and Providing for the Increase of Certain Expenditure Items as Budgeted for in Ordinance No. 3160

Finance Director Langdon made a presentation regarding the status of the budget including projected and actual revenues and expenses since the adoption of the 2021/2022 Biennial Budget in October 2020. Sales tax revenue has continued to be received at levels above those projected for the budget. Some revenues that are related to business closures continue to be sparse. At the February 2020 Council retreat there was a request for 39.5 FTEs. The request for this budget amendment is 34.5 FTEs. There is a line item request for small items from departments. Finance Director Langdon gave an update on projects and services which were discussed at the Council retreat. Community Development activity continues to be at or near high levels. The Civic Center is entering its last year of construction.

CAO Hirashima further discussed the need to address staffing levels. This is an issue that is very overdue and is beginning to affect employee morale.

12. Consider Approving a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Act on Behalf of the City in Regards to Downtown Stormwater Treatment Project Funding (Requesting Action on April 5, 2021)

Mayor Nehring explained that action was being requested on items 12 and 13 at this meeting because of an upcoming due date.

Motion to waive normal Council rules and take action on Items 12 and 13 moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Councilmember James.

VOTE: Motion carried 6 - 0

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2495 authorizing the Mayor to Act on Behalf of the City in Regards to Downtown Stormwater Treatment Project Funding moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Councilmember King.

VOTE: Motion carried 6 - 0

13. Consider Approving a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Act on Behalf of the City in Regards to Mother Nature's Window Park Project Funding (Requesting Action on April 5, 2021)

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2496 authorizing the Mayor to Act on Behalf of the City in Regards to Mother Nature's Window Park Project Funding moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Councilmember King.

VOTE: Motion carried 6 - 0

Legal

Mayor's Business

Mayor Nehring had the following comments:

- He attended the Little League opening night at Rudy Wright Memorial Field / Cedar Field.
- The Crumbl Cookies ribbon opening was great.
- Senator Hobbs is re-releasing his transportation package for another hearing tomorrow. Mayor Nehring plans to testify tomorrow morning on that.

Staff Business

Chief Scairpon introduced and welcomed Assistant Chief Jim Lawless to the City. The Police Department has been dealing with a lot of issues and appreciates the Council and community support.

Director Langdon gave a reminder about the Finance Committee meeting tomorrow at 11:30 a.m.

Director Miller said she is excited to be back in her hometown and serving in this community after working for seven years in Ferndale. She gave an update on a property she had received a question about north of Walmart where there is some grading going on. That property will be a single-family Planned Unit Development subdivision.

Assistant Director Chennault reported that the Centennial Trail is under construction and on track to be done in June with a possible opening in July.

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City Attorney Walker stated the need for an Executive Session tonight for 10 minutes to address potential litigation with no action expected.

CAO Hirashima had the following items:

- She reported that the emission site closed last week and is now owned by the City. Thanks to everyone involved in this complicated real estate matter.
- Welcome to new Community Development Director Haylie Miller.
- Allan Giffen will be continuing on with the City to do some project work. This will be helpful to the Community Development Department given their heavy workload.
- The second packet of the Council calendar and committee reports and minutes was sent out by Leah today. After the next packet goes out CAO Hirashima would like to follow up to see if this process is meeting Council expectations.
- The pallet shelter tour is taking place on April 8 at noon at the Everett plant.
- The Teamster MOU passed last week. The salary grids were in the budget package, and the MOU will be added to the packet for the next meeting.

Call on Councilmembers and Committee Reports

Councilmember James:

- He welcomed Director Miller.
- He agreed it was fun to be at the first game at Cedar Field last week. It looks phenomenal out there.
- The ribbon-cutting at Crumbl Cookies was a lot of fun. He went on a tour of the Civic Center two weeks ago and was very impressed.
- He asked about an area under construction up 67th where it turns into Lyon Road and asked if there would be a road connector between that and 71st. CAO Hirashima replied there is a road planned that would continue 67th to 71st.

Councilmember Vaughan welcomed Director Miller. He noted he has a conflict with the Finance Committee meeting tomorrow, but will try to be there.

Councilmember Stevens welcomed Director Miller.

Councilmember Richards welcomed Director Miller

Councilmember King:

- Welcome to Director Miller.
- The Egg Hunt was a success. He commented he met a family that came up from Shoreline to participate in the event.

- Cedar Field was a lot of fun last Thursday.
- He plans to attend the pallet shelter tour.

Council President Norton:

- She referred back to the budget amendment discussion and asked for clarification about the number of pickleball courts being planned. Director Mizell replied it was 8 courts.
- Welcome to Director Miller.

Adjournment/Recess

Council recessed at 7:44 p.m. and reconvened into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. for 10 minutes to discuss one potential litigation item with no action expected.

Executive Session

Executive session was extended 10 minutes and ended at 8:10 p.m. with no action taken.

- A. Litigation – RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) one potential litigation item
- B. Personnel
- C. Real Estate

Reconvene

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting moved by Councilmember James seconded by Council President Norton.

AYES: ALL

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Approved this 27th day of April, 2021.

Mayor
Jon Nehring