

City Council



**1049 State Avenue
Marysville, WA 98270**

**Regular Meeting
Minutes
March 28, 2022**

Call to Order

Mayor Nehring called the hybrid meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Marysville City Hall and on Zoom.

Invocation

Pastor Dan Hazen gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Nehring invited those present to participate in a moment of silence to remember police officers who have been tragically lost recently. He then led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present:

Mayor: Jon Nehring

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

Absent: None

Staff: Finance Director Sandy Langdon, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Gloria Hirashima, Courts Administrator Suzanne Elsner, Public Works Director Jeff Laycock, Police Chief Erik Scairpon, Fire Chief Martin McFalls, Judge Fred Gillings, City Attorney Jon Walker, Community Information Officer Connie Mennie, Judge Lorrie Towers, Information Services Director Worth Norton, Parks Director Tara Mizell, Systems Analyst Mike Davis

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Councilmember Muller.

AYES: ALL

Presentations

A. Community Transit

Roland Behee from Community Transit, made a presentation regarding agency priorities including a focus on ridership and safety; regional integration; Orange Line development; service innovation, zero emissions fleet study; long range plan; and 2024 network planning with the opening of the Lynnwood Link station. Expanded frequent service will include the Swift Blue Line, the Swift Orange Line, the Swift Green Line, and a transit emphasis corridor focus for other frequent routes. The Gold Line which will be coming to Marysville in 2027 will complete the connection of all the regional growth centers in the County with the BRT network.

New service options will include on-demand transit service within a specified area which will be accessed via technology and will have flexible stops and destinations. This will be underway with a Lynnwood pilot project. He reviewed other new service options including access to Lynnwood Link via a spine of all-day bi-directional express bus service in the north county area. Community Transit is looking at new routing for the local bus service to more effectively serve the Cascade Industrial Center. They are looking at additional east-west connections between Marysville and the Tulalip Reservation / Quilceda. They will look at opportunities for on-demand services as they learn lessons from the pilot project in Lynnwood. In 2027 the Gold Line will provide further opportunities to expand the local network.

Mr. Behee also reviewed how Community Transit also plans to prioritize service to equity populations. The outreach process reflects this larger focus on equity. What they heard in the outreach process was a desire for convenience and ease of use of the service and a preference for more neighborhood service to local destinations in Snohomish County in addition to the traditional service to regional destinations such as Snohomish and Bellevue. They also heard a preference for more weekday service balance between peak hour service and midday options. He reviewed the project schedule.

Ric Ilgenfritz, of Community Transit, thanked the Mayor and City Council for the partnership that Community Transit has enjoyed with the City of Marysville. He discussed how Community Transit is approaching the challenge of rethinking how to serve and engage with communities in Snohomish County. He encouraged the City to participate in the process.

Councilmember Richards asked if there is the ability for the app to show where the local bus is. Mr. Behee explained that the Bus Finder app actually allows that right now.

Councilmember King asked if they would be offering late night service from Seattle stadiums and arenas to the Mountlake Terrace center when that opens. Mr. Ilgenfritz explained they will be looking at this as part of the network planning process.

B. Snohomish Health District

Shawn Frederick, Administrative Officer with Snohomish Health District, discussed how the Snohomish Health District is building for the future by a commitment to the community; advancing clear, open and honest communications; responsible use of resources; driven by diversity, equity and inclusion; and operating as a team. He commented on the goal of reducing the rates of communicable diseases and other notifiable conditions in the county. He gave an update on COVID-19 and the future of the healthcare system with a focus on preserving hospital capacity, preparing vaccines availability, and lifting masking requirements in most settings.

The Health District continues to focus on preventing or reducing chronic disease and injuries. The rise of synthetic opioids has steadily increased over the past several years. Data shows that there has been a decrease in youth suicides. SHB 1074 allows for the creation of adult fatality review committees which allows a multi-faceted approach to look at deaths. Trends for Marysville include: 291 annual food permits, 284 food inspections, 40 food complaints, 24 pool complaints, 28 solid waste complaints, and 5 sewage complaints.

The Washington legislature made a significant investment in environmental health. New resources are coming online due to new state funds. The Health District is working on digitizing paper records. The food safety code revision took effect March 1. School safety inspections are in progress during the school year. The front counter is fully open again.

He reviewed outreach and education activities in 2021. 330 families were provided with access to baby and child dentistry information. There were 600+ child care consultations, 11,992 children with special health care needs services performed, 3,635 STARS courses completed for child care providers, and 3,891 people and providers reached with oral health outreach.

The Health District will be updating the Community Health Assessment which looks at over 100 different data points in order to revise the community improvement plan. He discussed the ABCs for Health Kids Campaign. Every two weeks there is a new letter of the alphabet introduced along with resources and information to help support healthy behaviors in the community.

Council President Norton asked how the Health District and the City staff interact as far as solid waste and sewage complaints. Mr. Frederick explained that a lot of the solid waste complaints come in from residents through the Snohomish County Nuisance

Property Task Force. There is an opportunity for Health District staff to work with City staff, but he was not sure exactly how the two work together. He indicated he would follow up with more information on that.

Audience Participation

Lisa Hust, 3612 94th Place NE, Marysville, WA, 98270, raised a concern about a light that recently changed at 47th and 3rd. Director Laycock reviewed the new configuration of this intersection.

Anita Azariah, State Senate Candidate, asked why there are more buses being added if the number of riders has decreased. Mayor Nehring replied there is some growth in the system around Link Light Rail. There is also some replacement of older coaches as needed. Councilmember Richards added that the 15 new buses are part of a new route, the Gold Line, going from Mill Creek to Lynnwood. Mayor Nehring encouraged her to reach out to Community Transit for more information.

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the February 28, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the February 28, 2022 meeting minutes moved by Council President Norton seconded by Councilmember Richards.

VOTE: Motion carried 6 - 0

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Stevens

2. Approval of the February 28, 2022 Board to Board City Council and Marysville School District Round Table Minutes

Motion to approve the February 28, 2022 Board to Board City Council and Marysville School District Round Table Minutes moved by Councilmember King seconded by Council President Norton.

AYES: ALL

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the entire consent agenda moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Councilmember Muller.

AYES: ALL

3. Approval of the February 25, 2022 Payroll in the Amount of \$1,637,084.77 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 33832 through 33851
4. Approval of the March 1, 2022 Miscellaneous Payroll in the Amount of \$29,295.49 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 33852 through 33857

5. Approval of the March 2, 2022 Claims in the Amount of \$1,189,144.51 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 153788 through 153978 with Check Number 153524 Voided
6. Approval of the March 9, 2022 Claims in the Amount of \$1,050,024.60 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 153979 through 154146 with Check Numbers 153360 and 153439 Voided
7. Approval of the March 10, 2022 Payroll in the Amount of \$1,594,910.66 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 33858 through 33876

Public Hearings

New Business

8. Consider Approving the Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County for Strawberry Fields Athletic Center Improvements Not To Exceed \$1,000,000.00

Director Mizell reviewed this item.

Councilmember Richards asked how much it would be to do two fields instead of just one. Director Mizell commented that it would be about double the price, and there would not be much of a cost savings in doing two fields.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County for Strawberry Fields Athletic Center Improvements moved by Councilmember Muller seconded by Councilmember Richards.

AYES: ALL

9. Consider Approving the Project Acceptance for the Centennial Trail Connector Project

Director Laycock reviewed this item. Councilmember King commended staff for the project.

Motion to approve project acceptance for the Centennial Trail Connector Project moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Council President Norton.

AYES: ALL

10. Consider Approving the Local Agency Agreement and Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus with Washington State Department of Transportation for the Sunnyside Boulevard & 52nd Street NE Signalization Project

Director Laycock reviewed this project which will convert a four-way stop to a traffic signal at the intersection with federal funds.

Councilmember Richards asked how much a roundabout would be. Director Laycock said they did not evaluate that, but it would likely be two to three times the cost of a signal.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign and execute the Local Agency Agreement and Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus with Washington State Department of Transportation for the Sunnyside Boulevard & 52nd Street NE Signalization Project moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Councilmember King.

AYES: ALL

11. Consider Approving the Project Acceptance for the 2019 Citywide Highway Safety Improvements Project (HSIP)

Director Laycock explained this is another project acceptance. He reviewed the project and stated the project was completed under management reserve.

Motion to approve the Project Acceptance for the 2019 Citywide Highway Safety Improvements Project (HSIP) moved by Council President Norton seconded by Councilmember James.

AYES: ALL

12. Consider Approving the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Marysville and the City of Everett for Work Completed by Bridgeways

Judge Gillings presented this item related to a contract for a local social services provider pilot project at Everett and Marysville courthouses. The vision is to connect the drug-involved individual with resources at the courthouse in a rapid manner.

Motion to authorize the mayor to sign and execute the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Marysville and the City of Everett for Work Completed by Bridgeways moved by Councilmember Muller seconded by Councilmember Richards.

AYES: ALL

13. Consider Approving the Agreement with PNW Investors Concerning the Whiskey Ridge Sewer System

Director Laycock reviewed this agreement related to construction credit reimbursement.

Motion to approve the Agreement with PNW Investors Concerning the Whiskey Ridge Sewer System moved by Councilmember King seconded by Councilmember Muller.

AYES: ALL

14. Consider Approving the Administrative Service Contract with Premera Blue Cross

CAO Hirashima explained that the City is entering the third year of self-insurance for health benefits plan using Premera as the third-party administrator.

Councilmember Muller asked how the City has done compared to its modeling. CAO Hiroshima explained that the City has done well according to the plan and met its goals. However, initially the goal was to build a two-month reserve, but staff has decided it would be beneficial to have a larger reserve.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign and execute the Administrative Service Contract with Premera Blue Cross moved by Council President Norton seconded by Councilmember Muller.

AYES: ALL

15. Consider Approving an Ordinance Amending the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget and Providing for the Establishment of Pay Classifications and Grades or Ranges as Budgeted for in Ordinance No. 3160

Director Langdon reviewed details of the proposed budget amendment to add 5.5 FTEs and four reclassifications.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 3212 amending the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget and Providing for the Establishment of Pay Classifications and Grades or Ranges as Budgeted for in Ordinance No. 3160, with the correction in the summary statement, line 1, as mentioned by Director Langdon that they are adding 5.5 FTEs and 4 reclassifications moved by Councilmember Muller seconded by Councilmember Richards.

AYES: ALL

16. Consider Approving an Ordinance Amending Marysville Municipal Code in Regard to Official Bonds

City Attorney Walker reviewed this item which would eliminate bond requirements for judges since they are already covered by insurance. It would also repeal language which refers to the City's membership in WCIA.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 3213, an Ordinance Amending Marysville Municipal Code in Regard to Official Bonds moved by Councilmember James seconded by Councilmember Vaughan.

AYES: ALL

17. Consider Approving Resolutions for Congressional Community Program Funding Request for City of Marysville Projects

Mayor Nehring briefly reviewed these resolutions. Council President Norton asked what led up to this. Mayor Nehring explained they learned from lobbyists that these actions could help.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2513 for the Grove Street Overcrossing moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Council President Norton.

AYES: ALL

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2514 for the 156th Street Northeast Overcrossing moved by Council President Norton seconded by Councilmember James.

AYES: ALL

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2515 for the Cities of Marysville and Lake Stevens Trail Connector moved by Council President Norton seconded by Councilmember Muller.

AYES: ALL

Legal

Mayor's Business

Mayor Nehring explained they would start collecting letters from the County Executive, County Council, surrounding cities, Economic Alliance Snohomish County, Port of Everett, Tulalip, Fire District, Parks Board, Chamber of Commerce, Amazon, NorthPoint, WSDOT, school districts, state representatives and Community Transit as part of the process for beefing up applications with supporting documents.

He was in touch with Everett Police Chief and Mayor Franklin over the weekend who expressed appreciation for the tremendous support from Marysville.

Staff Business

City Attorney Walker stated the need for an executive session to address three items - two potential litigation items with no action expected and one collective bargaining item with action expected. The total time was expected to be 10 minutes.

Director Laycock reminded Council of the Public Works Committee meeting on Friday. He expressed appreciation for his appointment as Director and thanked Council for the approval of additional positions.

CAO Hirashima congratulated Jeff Laycock for stepping into the Public Works Director role. She thanked Council for their support in the restructuring of the department. She thanked law enforcement for all they do, noting that the City's thoughts are with Everett and all those who continue to do this difficult job.

Chief Scairpon:

- He thanked everyone for their support. He stated that officers from Marysville were assisting Everett the night of the incident. They also attended the Behind the Badge incident planning for the officer's funeral to offer Marysville's support and anything they might need.
- He reported that members of the department were also impacted by the Edmonds police officer who was killed tragically off-duty out of state.

- He expressed gratitude for the support that the police receive from the Marysville community, the Mayor, and the City Council.
- Police will be severing the contract with Compass due to their inability to comply with the reporting requirements of the grant. Police will continue to work with the group of regional chiefs to find another health partner to step in.

Mayor Nehring thanked the City Council for being receptive to budget amendments.

Call on Councilmembers and Committee Reports

Councilmember Vaughan had no comments.

Councilmember James:

- He commented on the positive Council and school board joint meeting before this meeting.
- This past week he attended the military community resource fair at the Opera House which was a great event. He would like to see this be a regular event.
- He went on a civic center tour. It is nice to see the project coming along.
- He expressed condolences to the officers' families in the area.

Councilmember King:

- He also toured the civic center campus and was very impressed.
- He agreed that the joint meeting with the school board was good.
- The LEOFF 1 Committee met last week and approved three claims.
- He asked Director Laycock about the schedule for the 8th and Cedar unveiling. Director Laycock replied that it will be several weeks.
- He expressed thanks to police officers for what they do.

Councilmember Stevens thanked police and their families for what they do to protect the community. He stated his and his family's thoughts and prayers are with the families of the three officers who have been killed recently. He added that the civic center is looking wonderful.

Councilmember Richards:

- He commented that the NLC meeting was a great time.
- He asked when the pickleball courts be finished. Director Mizell reported they are waiting on the weather.
- He reported on the Affordable Housing Committee meeting where they passed the budget. The City's share went up by \$230. HASCO increased their contribution by \$15,000 to keep Chris Collier on.
- He will be attending the Public Works meeting on Friday.
- He will be doing a ride along with Public Works on April 5.
- He congratulated Director Laycock on his new position.
- His thoughts and prayers are with law enforcement everywhere.

Councilmember Muller:

- His thoughts and prayers are with officers.
- The presentations were great tonight.
- He noted that he has been seeing an uptick in graffiti lately.

Council President Norton commented that her thoughts and prayers are with the police department and their families. She expressed support for the service they provide.

Adjournment/Recess

Council recessed at 8:52 p.m.

Executive Session

Council reconvened into Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. to discuss three items: two items related to potential litigation with no action expected and one item related to collective bargaining with action expected for ten minutes total. Executive Session was extended for five additional minutes until 9:15 p.m.

- A. Litigation - two items
- B. Personnel - one item
- C. Real Estate

Reconvene

The main meeting reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the Memorandum of Agreement with the Marysville Police Officers Association to continue operation of the body-worn camera program moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Council President Norton.

AYES: ALL

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Approved this 26th day of April, 2022.

Mayor
Jon Nehring