

City Council



1049 State Avenue  
Marysville, WA 98270

**Meeting Minutes  
October 3, 2022**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Nehring led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

**Present:**

Mayor: Jon Nehring

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

Absent: None

Staff: Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Gloria Hirashima, Finance Director Crystil Wooldridge, Community Development Director Haylie Miller, Public Works Director Jeff Laycock, Chief Erik Scairpon, Parks & Recreation Director Tara Mizell (via Zoom), IT Director Stephen Doherty, City Attorney Jon Walker, Communications Manager Connie Mennie

**Approval of the Agenda**

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

**AYES: ALL**

**Presentations**

A. Snohomish Health District - Update on Public Health in Snohomish County

Tony Colinas, Asst. Director of Environmental Health, Snohomish Health District, gave an update regarding the Snohomish Health District. He reviewed environmental health statistics (restaurant permits, food inspections, pool inspections, school inspections, septic complaints, and solid waste complaints), vital records customer service statistics for birth and death certificates, and prevention services provided for communicable diseases, maternal/child health, and healthy communities. There is a new health officer, Dr. James Lewis. The Health District will be integrating with Snohomish County and become a department within the county which should result in some efficiencies and be a benefit to citizens. The Health District's website has received 1.2 million web views this year. There will be a new Board of Health once the merger happens in 2023. They are always open to partnering in community outreach events.

Councilmember King asked if they intend to stay in the building they are currently in. Mr. Colinas replied that they do.

Councilmember Richards asked about the purpose of most website visits. Mr. Colinas thought people discovered the website during COVID and just continued to visit.

Councilmember Muller asked about the 2 to 1 ratio of deaths to births. Mr. Colinas thought it has been constant since 2015. He was unsure about the reason.

**New Business**

1. Consider the Community Business Zone – Interim Regulations Extension

Director Miller discussed this item related to interim regulations for the Community Business zone. The focus of previous discussions has been specifically on the area south of Twin Lakes where staff was receiving inquiries from developers interested in doing multifamily development. The interim ordinance was adopted in May while staff looked into options for the code.

Staff has come to the conclusion that the area south of Twin Lakes would benefit from a form-based code or master plan where the zoning would be more specific regarding what the buildings look like and where they are located. Right now the code requires 100% commercial on the bottom floor with residential on top. Staff spoke with several retail experts in the area and came to the conclusion that all the major retailers are already there. This area would likely benefit from a specialty retailer or neighborhood retail uses with some residential. Staff is considering that this area could have a more strategic use for commercial. The 88th Street Master Plan adopted a few years ago shows commercial on the ground level but allows it to be placed on busy streets or on the corners.

Staff is proposing holding a public hearing on October 24 to extend the interim regulations for another six months while they work through the process with the Planning Commission and implement Council's direction thus far. This may include a

lower amount of units with some flexibility about where the units are placed and where the commercial is placed.

Councilmember Muller asked if they talked about the future freeway access point and future freeway service needs with the retail experts. Director Miller replied that they did mention that the interchange would open up that area to more commercial uses. They talked to five or six different groups that develop all over the region who thought it would be a good place for commercial, but wouldn't develop into the same sort of commercial that is seen north of there. Smaller neighborhood uses, service retail, and local retail would definitely be an option.

2. Consider the Washington State Department of Commerce Local Government Division Growth Management Services – Early Implementation Climate Planning Grant in the Amount of \$80,000.00

Director Miller explained this is a competitive grant the City was awarded for implementation of a Climate Action Plan in the Comprehensive Plan. It is not a required element in this plan, but staff believes it will be in the future. Staff has consulted with an expert in this to explore vulnerability and risk impacts in Marysville especially focusing on vulnerable populations.

Councilmember James asked if the consultant would just be an advisory position. Director Miller affirmed that the study would just give recommendations to the City.

3. Consider the Supplemental Agreement No. 8 with HDR, Inc. on the State Avenue (100th Street NE to 116th Street NE) Corridor Improvement Project in the Amount of \$353,339.73 for a Total Allocation of \$3,573,560.33

Director Laycock reviewed this supplemental agreement for the State Avenue widening project. They are planning to go out to bid later this year.

4. Consider the Purchase Order Authorization with King County Directors Association for the Comeford Playground Replacement in the Amount of \$296,540.00

Director Laycock reviewed this item regarding the Comeford playground replacement. Staff has selected Northwest Playground Equipment for the equipment and is requesting authorization of the purchase.

Council President Norton asked if this is the first location to have the artificial grass. Director Mizell replied that Cedar Fields has this, and it works very well. However, in the future they will make sure there is a clear delineation between gravel areas and the artificial grass. She stated that it is more cost effective in the long run.

Councilmember King asked about a life expectancy for the artificial grass. Director Mizell replied that the surfacing can vary depending on conditioning but they are hearing from neighbors that 10-15 years is the norm.

5. Consider the Purchase Order Authorization with King County Directors Association for the Harborview Playground Replacement in the Amount of \$172,287.54

This is similar to the above item but for Harborview playground replacement.

Councilmember Richards asked if this one would have wood chips. Director Laycock confirmed that it would.

6. Consider the Allocation Agreement for Opioid Settlement

City Attorney Walker reviewed this item. He recommended that the Council authorize the Mayor to sign and execute this agreement so the City can get the money. He recommended checking the box on page 9 regarding the MOU.

7. Consider the Evidence Building Professional Services Agreement with Botesch, Nash & Hall in the Amount of \$325,485.00

CAO Hirashima reviewed this item related to a new outdoor evidence facility for the Police Department. This item is a Professional Services Agreement with Botesch, Nash & Hall to finish the outdoor evidence facility at the site of the former Quilceda Auto yard facility in the amount of \$328,485.

Councilmember James noted that this is on the creek. He asked if anyone has looked at the lahar route in the event that there is volcanic activity from Glacier Peak. CAO Hirashima was not sure. (Councilmember James later reported that he had looked it up, and the flow would not be near this site).

Councilmember Condyles asked if the size would be adequate since it is smaller than they hoped. CAO Hirashima commented that it would be full, but the configuration is better than the existing location. There is another smaller building that could potentially be upgraded if needed in the future or they could build a second bigger building. The site would accommodate this. There could also be an option to build something like a carport.

Councilmember Richards asked about security risks in the area. CAO Hirashima explained they expect to spend additional money on security systems to surveil the property.

8. Consider a Resolution to re-schedule a Public Hearing for November 28, 2022 for Consideration of Vacating Unutilized Portion of Right of Way that was dedicated by the Plat Recorded under AFN 1111391

Director Miller reviewed this item regarding a hearing to consider the vacation of a portion of right-of-way per the plat of Kanikeberg Homesites for November 28. This resolution would set a new date for the hearing.

## **Mayor's Business**

Mayor Nehring said he attended the Premier Martial Arts ribbon cutting which was a great event. The Snohomish County Cites meeting was really good last week.

## **Staff Business**

Director Mizell:

- She gave an update on changes at Ebey Waterfront Park. Last week streets maintenance was able to restripe the parking area which will be used for trail parking. Hydroseeding is done, so it is starting to look greener down there. The two-hour parking signs are on order for the area. Staff is working with Park Mobile to get signage ready and launch the new parking program in the new year. Staff hopes to get the bollards and chains for the grasscrete area installed in November. They are still waiting for the RFP to go out for the dock replacement.
- The rest stop area at Smokey Point was closed for a few days this week so the City is seeing an uptick in activity because of this.
- She thanked the Parks team for getting purple lights for Domestic Violence Awareness up on the bridge. Staff is looking forward to the walk on Thursday at 11:00.

City Attorney Walker stated the need for an executive session for one item regarding purchase of real estate for 10 minutes with no action expected.

CAO Hirashima reported that staff is working on another national community survey. The last one was done in 2016. The goal is to issue it in early November with reports back to the City in January. This is a standardized national community survey issued throughout the country which allows the City to benchmark against last results and also other cities around the country.

Councilmember Richards asked about potentially timing the survey so it's not being conducted around election time. CAO Hirashima indicated they could delay the survey if it is the Council's desire. Council President Norton wondered if there are better responses at different times of the year. CAO Hirashima said they didn't indicate it would be an issue. Council President Norton commented that she wasn't concerned about the timing.

## **Call on Councilmembers and Committee Reports**

Councilmember Condyles said he went on a Public Works facility tour with other councilmembers today which was very interesting.

Councilmember James reported that he also went to the Premier Martial Arts ribbon cutting on Thursday the 29th. It was great to see them opening up. He also noted that the purple lights on the bridge look great.

Councilmember King reported that he also attended the ribbon cutting. He got a tour of the Civic Center campus last week. He was very impressed with the Public Works tour today.

Councilmember Stevens said he was sorry he missed the tour today.

Councilmember Richards had no comments.

Councilmember Muller:

- He commented that the candidate forum last Friday was one of the best he has seen. It was a great opportunity to hear from all the candidates. He thought Mark James did very well.
- He bought his purple shirt for the Domestic Violence Awareness walk on Thursday.
- He thinks the solicitation for the new fire chief will be starting this week.

Councilmember Norton thanked Director Laycock and his crew for showing the Council around today. She expressed appreciation to the people who make those important systems work for the community.

### **Adjournment/Recess**

The meeting went into recess at 7:56 p.m. and reconvened into executive session at 8:02 p.m.

### **Executive Session**

Executive session started at 8:02 for ten minutes for one item related to real estate with no action expected. Executive Session was extended for an additional five minutes.

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

### **Reconvene**

The executive session ended and the regular meeting reconvened at 8:17 p.m.

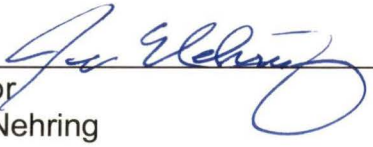
### **Adjournment**

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

**AYES: ALL**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Approved this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022.

  
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Mayor  
Jon Nehring