

City Council



**501 Delta Ave
Marysville, WA 98270**

**Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2023**

Call to Order

Mayor Nehring called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation

Chaplain Dan Hazen gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Nehring led those present in 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, Council President Kamille Norton

Excused: Councilmember Steve Muller

Staff: Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Gloria Hirashima, City Attorney Jon Walker, Police Chief Erik Scairpon, Parks, Culture, and Recreation Director Tara Mizell, Community Development Director Haylie Miller, Information Systems Administrator Chris Brown, IT Director Stephen Doherty, Assistant Public Works Director Max Phan, Public Works Director Jeff Laycock, Finance Director Jennifer Ferrer-Santa Ines, Fire Chief Vander Pol, Community Information Officer Connie Mennie (via Zoom), IT Services Supervisor Jeremiah Nyman (via Zoom), Human Resources Director Megan Hodgson (via Zoom)

Motion to excuse the absence of Councilmember Muller moved by Council President Norton seconded by Councilmember King.

AYES: ALL

Approval of the Agenda

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

AYES: ALL

Presentations

- A. Proclamation Declaring Oct. 28, 2023, as National First Responders Day in Marysville

PROCLAMATION National First Responders Day 2023.pdf

Mayor Nehring read the proclamation into the record.

Audience Participation

Ryan Brown, President/CEO, LINC NW, 17903 Highland View Drive, Arlington, expressed gratitude to the City and gave an update about the hotel voucher program, cold weather shelter, and other Family Resource Center efforts at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Jesus Martinez Gordado, 9440 50th Ave NE, Marysville, moved recently from Lakewood and loves the community. He expressed concern about the frequent loud noise from the trains and the way it shakes the homes and disturbs his family's sleep. He wondered about having speakers instead of horns at certain times like they do in Edmonds and Seattle. Mayor Nehring welcomed him to the community and acknowledged his concerns. He explained that Marysville has dozens of crossings, and they would like to address them all. They are doing some preliminary work looking at quiet zones. He explained the process if this is approved. Director Laycock reviewed where they are in the process and options available to the community. Mayor Nehring thanked Mr. Gordado for his comments and assured him that they are looking at a solution.

Approval of Minutes

1. September 25, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes

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Motion to approve September 25, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes moved by Councilmember King seconded by Council President Norton.

AYES: ALL

2. October 2, 2023 City Council Work Session Minutes

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Motion to approve October 2, 2023 City Council Work Session Minutes moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Councilmember Condyles.

AYES: ALL

3. October 9, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes

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Motion to approve October 9, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes moved by Councilmember James seconded by Councilmember King.

AYES: ALL

Consent

4. October 4, 2023 Claims in the Amount of \$2,310,525.73 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 165525 through 165635

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5. October 10, 2023 Payroll in the Amount of \$1,883,589.75 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 34788 through 34800
6. September 25, 2023 Payroll in the Amount of \$2,137,291.82 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 34773 through 34787
7. October 18, 2023 Claims in the Amount of \$1,106,015.74 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 165755 through 165907 with Check Number 164982 Voided

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Motion to approve Consent Agenda items 4, 5, 6, and 7 moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Councilmember James.

AYES: ALL

Review Bids

Public Hearings

New Business

8. Snohomish County PUD Customer Service Contract – Authorization for Additional Funds for the Downtown Stormwater Treatment Project

PUD customer service contract_DSTP_09-07-21.pdf

PUD revised estimate_09-14-23.pdf

Director Laycock reviewed this item related to the Stormwater Treatment Project.

Motion to authorize additional funds in accordance with the customer service contract with Snohomish County PUD for the Downtown Stormwater Treatment Project moved by Council President Norton seconded by Councilmember Condyles.

AYES: ALL

9. Recommended Funding for 2023 Community Beautification Grant Applicants

2023OCT23 CBG Summary_Council Packet.pdf

CAO Hirashima made a presentation related to the 2023 Beautification Grant Program. Only four applications were received, and the committee recommended funding for all requests. The requests included the following:

- Whiskey Ridge Views HOA - improve common green space
- Pacific Meadows HOA - update and improve community parks
- Pinewood Neighborhood - new neighborhood sign
- Cedar Crest Greens Neighborhood - subdivision entry signs

Councilmember King said he went to the Pinewood neighborhood meeting and was impressed with their enthusiasm. He asked if the Pinewood neighborhood sign will kick start the rest of the neighborhood signs. CAO Hirashima replied that it would. Staff worked with them to get a nice template that could be used in all of the neighborhoods.

Councilmember Richards asked if the cost of all the neighborhood signs will be around \$12,000. CAO Hirashima stated they would.

Council President Norton asked how the number of applications compared to previous years. CAO Hirashima said what was missing was commercial applications.

Motion to approve the 2023 applicant awards for Community Beautification Program funding in the amount of \$30,388.81 moved by Councilmember Condyles seconded by Councilmember King.

AYES: ALL

10. Recommended Funding for 2023 Hotel/Motel Tourism Grant Applicants

CAO Hirashima reviewed this item related to Hotel/Motel Tourism grant award recommendations. Ten applications were received. The committee recommended funding for every application except the pickle ball tournament.

Councilmember King requested removing the Marysville Festival item so he could vote on the rest of the items.

2024 Application Scoring Sheet_BLANK.pdf

2024 Tourism Grant Score Summary and Funding Recommendations.pdf

Motion to approve the Hotel/Motel Tourism Grant award recommendations for the 2023 Applicants minus the Marysville Strawberry Festival for \$123,400 moved by Councilmember James seconded by Councilmember Stevens.

AYES: ALL

Councilmember King recused himself for the Strawberry Festival item.

Motion to approve the Hotel/Motel Tourism Grant award recommendation for the Strawberry Festival application for the 2023 in the amount of \$60,000 moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Councilmember James.

AYES: ALL

Councilmember King returned to the meeting.

11. An Ordinance to modify MMC chapter 10.04 Animal Control related to fowl regulations.

Ordinance - Fowl 10-23-23 (2).pdf

Director Miller reviewed the proposed regulations related to fowl. Suggestions from the City Council have been incorporated.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 3290 moved by Councilmember Condyles seconded by Councilmember James.

AYES: ALL

12. 2024 Transportation Benefit District (TBD) Projects

2024 TBD Projects.pptx

Assistant Public Works Director Phan and Director Laycock made the presentation. Asst. Director Phan reviewed expenses, revenues, and the list of 2024 Transportation Benefit District Projects. 2024 Projects include: Sunnyside Blvd and 53rd Ave NE Intersection, 2024 Pavement Preservation, and SR531/172nd Interim Walkway. Asst. Director Phan reviewed details of the projects. He also discussed the TBD Renewal vote schedule which would continue the existing tax (not a new one).

Councilmember James asked how they determine which projects get the funding. Asst. Director Phan reviewed the process.

Councilmember King thanked the Public Works department for their great work. He said he hears a lot of positive comments about the projects.

Motion to approve the list of 2024 Transportation Benefit District Projects as presented moved by Councilmember King seconded by Council President Norton.

AYES: ALL

13. [Park Access Agreement for construction within Olympic View Park](#)

Access Agreement - Olympic View Park.pdf

Director Laycock reviewed the proposed access agreement with Keystone Land, LLC to allow construction within Olympic View Park.

Councilmember James asked about parking. Director Laycock indicated he would follow up with details.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign and execute the access agreement with Keystone Land, LLC, allowing construction within Olympic View Park moved by Council President Norton seconded by Councilmember King.

AYES: ALL

Legal

Mayor's Business

- The Port of Everett is doing a boundary extension survey which was forwarded to Council. Citizens of Marysville will have the opportunity to weigh in.
- Thanks to everyone who participated in domestic violence awareness month activities.
- There has been some great activity out at Strawberry Fields. Pickup games have been happening on Fridays as well which have been packed.

Staff Business

Director Laycock reported that the public hearing on the sewer recovery contract has been pushed out until the end of next month.

City Attorney Walker stated the need for an Executive Session to address two items: one regarding purchase or acquisition of real estate and one regarding collective bargaining negotiations. No action is expected on either. The time was estimated at 20 minutes.

PIO Connie Mennie reminded everyone to try to use their microphones.

Call on Councilmembers and Committee Reports

Councilmember Condyles:

- The signal box wraps turned out great. He is looking forward to seeing more of those.
- TBD revenues continue to increase. This is a tax that people can easily see the benefit of throughout the community and is very valuable.

Councilmember James:

- He agreed that the TBD program is great. It's wonderful to see projects getting completed.
- He reported on the Finance Committee meeting. They reviewed the Marysville levy coming up. There will be a 0% increase for 2024. They also reviewed the numbers for sales tax (construction and non-construction). Numbers are up slightly over the last report. They also talked about the jobs report. Total open jobs in 2023 was 131. They were able to fill 97 of those over the year.
- He participated in the DVS walk and luncheon. He is happy to support such a worthy cause.
- He attended the Snohomish County Cities meeting on October 19. They will be holding elections again in January.

Councilmember King:

- The Housing Action Plan open house was held on October 10. Thanks to staff for hosting that.
- Public Works Committee discussed the 10-20 year projection for water needs and talked about the success of the TBD. Next year they plan to clean the exteriors of some of the water tanks. They also talked about the Marysville west water leak and the interim 172nd Street walkway.
- At the last Fire Board meeting, the Chief gave an update on the Station 61 remodel which is almost completed.
- Thanks to the Marysville Soroptimists' Club for the great work they do in the community.

Councilmember Stevens:

- Thanks again to the first responders.
- He loves seeing the TBD map getting filled in with all the colors. He is hopeful that the community will continue to support that.

Councilmember Richards:

- Thanks again to the first responders. They deserve more than a day.
- Thanks to Ryan Brown for leading LINC NW.
- Thanks to Mr. Gordado for sharing his concerns and thoughts about the trains.
- He is excited to see the Pinewood sign, but he wishes they found a less expensive one so they could get more up.

- He attended the Snohomish County Cities meeting where they had a presentation about affordable housing and homelessness. He shared some of his thoughts about how this topic might be addressed.
- He also attended the Public Works Committee meeting.
- The TBD program in the city is awesome. He hopes they will be able to have that for another ten years.

Council President Norton:

- She also thanked police officers and firefighters for their service.
- Regarding TBD, she noted that the pavement preservation saves the City a lot of money in the long run.
- She gave an update on the Public Safety Committee meeting where they reviewed crime stats and staffing.
- She recommended a brief discussion on the public comment process to address concerns. She recommended that staff come to the Council with some options. There appeared to be consensus to bring something back to the work session.

Adjournment/Recess

Council recessed from 8:07 until 8:15 p.m.

Executive Session

Council went into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. At 8:35 p.m. the Executive Session was extended for five minutes. At 8:40 the Executive Session was extended for five minutes. At 8:45 it was extended another five minutes.

Reconvene

Council reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:51 p.m. moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Council President Norton.

AYES: ALL

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Approved this 14th day of November, 2023.

Mayor
Jon Nehring