

MARYSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

DECEMBER 2, 1991

7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

Present: Rita Matheny, Mayor
Councilmembers:
 Ken Baxter, Mayor Pro Tem
 Dave McGee
 Dave Weiser
 Donna Pedersen
 Donna Wright
 Lee Cundiff
 Bob Lashua

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Carolyn Sanden, City Administrator
 Grant Weed, City Attorney (7:11 p.m.)
 Phil Dexter, City Clerk/Finance Director
 Steve Wilson, Asst. Finance Director
 Dave Zabell, Public Works Director
 Sue Jensen, Court Administrator
 Roger Kelley, Community Information Officer
 Bob Kissinger, Utilities Superintendent
 Wanda Iverson, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Matheny called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

Finance Director/City Clerk Dexter called the roll with all members present/absent as indicated above.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Councilor McGee moved and Councilor Wright seconded to approve the minutes of the 11/25/91 City Council meeting as presented. Passed unanimously.

STAFF'S BUSINESS:**1. Everett Water Transmission Pipeline.**

Public Works Director Zabell reported the water transmission pipeline is progressing at the rate of approximately 300 to 400' per day being constructed and all temporary easements have been resolved. There are two portions under negotiation with regard to being condemned, it was reported.

2. Library Bond Issue - Ballot Recount.

Finance Director Dexter stated the County called today and they did a manual recount with the same results as the computer results, the votes in favor 2 less than those against. He noted it only took them one day to do the recount instead of three, so hopefully their charge will be less than anticipated originally. He suggested placing this item on the agenda at a later date (in 1992).

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Councilor Lashua commented that there was a lot of confusion regarding the ballot and that may be why the people automatically said "no".

Finance Director Dexter said he knew there was a lot of confusion too, people saw a "bond issue" and voted no but hopefully, with a good advertising campaign it will pass next time, he added.

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MAYOR'S BUSINESS:

Mayor Matheny commented on the Budget process being the most trying with so many worthwhile efforts and things City Council wants to support, but hands are tied. She said she really wished they could fund all the good causes but they just can't.

CALL ON COUNCILMEMBERS:

Councilor McGee asked about the Grove St. improvement project and Public Works Director Zabell stated they will be commencing with roadway excavation next week; storm drainage should be completed this week. Their total estimated construction time is 45 days, he said.

Councilor McGee noted there had been some confusion about when the Food Bank meeting is to be and asked if Mary Swenson could notify him regarding that.

City Administrator Sanden said she would have Mary call him.

Councilor McGee asked about the applications for the the City Councilmember opening and City Administrator Sanden said she would report back on this.

Councilor Weiser asked about the stop sign status at 48th & 100th or what the possibility of one is and Public Works Director Zabell said he would bring it up at the upcoming TAC meeting and that he would be sure there is a representative from the County at the meeting to address this issue.

Councilor Baxter reported he went by the pipeline construction project today and they are planning on being out of the roadway by 1/1/92.

Councilor Cundiff asked about the Marysville Golf Center and City Attorney Weed reported pleadings were filed today in Snohomish County Superior Court and that this issue would be discussed further in Executive Session.

Councilor Lashua noted traffic at 3rd & State has improved but said he would like to see a light or a "stop and go" sign at 2nd & State for the truckers.

Public Works Director Zabell stated that had not been considered to date but he would look into the possibility further.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Authorize Mayor to Sign Fire Union Contract. (Reviewed in Executive Session on 11/25/91; signed contract has been received.)**

Councilor Baxter moved and Councilor Pedersen seconded to authorize the Mayor to sign the Fire Union Contract. Passed unanimously.

City Administrator Sanden explained there is also a Transition Agreement which was explained in Executive Session last week.

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City Attorney Weed explained the Transition Agreement simply rolls over the current agreement until the merger takes place and it would be appropriate for the City Council to approve the Transition Agreement.

Councilor Cundiff moved and Councilor Baxter seconded to authorize the Mayor to sign the Transition Agreement also, in conjunction with the Fire Union Contract. Passed unanimously.

REVIEW BIDS:

1. State Avenue Sewer Replacement; 10th St. to Grove St.

As explained at last week's meeting, Public Works Director Zabell noted this has come as a result of the failure of the old terra cotta sewer line and the project was sent out to bid. Collins Corp. responded with the low bid of \$66,541 and after checking their references, it is staff's recommendation that the bid be awarded to Collins, he said. They would start construction after the beginning of the year and it would take approximately 30 days, he said, with their having to keep the old sewer in operation until the new portion is ready. He added that the sewer line is behind the curb and not in the roadway.

Councilor Pedersen moved and Councilor McGee seconded to award the contract to Collins Corp. Passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:15 to 7:40 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. 1992 Budget.

Finance Director Dexter reviewed briefly the 1992 Budget. He noted Council has had two workshops and there have been a few changes: The total budget has been reduced from \$42.8 million to \$41.9 million, also an additional \$11,000 was taken out of the General Fund budget for the Public Safety Building Maintenance Budget and \$6,000 to go toward Tourism Promotion Budget.

He explained the hotel/motel tax funds (\$8,000 estimated revenue) can go only towards tourism. He also noted the Police Dept. budget was increased slightly under the personnel section to reinstate the Animal Control Officer from half time to full time, to assist with code enforcement. He explained that historically, Marysville had an interlocal agreement with Arlington but Arlington did not wish to renew this agreement and so Marysville has decided they could utilize the Animal Control Office for code enforcement.

He also pointed out that under Capital Items, there has been an increase in the Communications Equipment budget to accommodate the need for better dispatch and communication capabilities, now that the two fire departments have merged. The total budget is 31.2% over last year's budget, he said, but this does include a Library Bond Issue item of \$1,500,000 for preliminary work. He noted that Utility Construction would include the WWTF, completion of the water pipeline, ULIDs and \$1,000,000 has been included for a new ULID for widening of 67th along the golf course from 76th to 88th, including intersection improvements at 67th & 88th and some widening of 88th.

Linda Lindstrom, Executive Director of the Stillaguamish Senior Center, addressed Council and explained they have 3500 members, 1280 of whom are from Marysville. They have an annual budget of

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\$532,000, a staff of 13 and they extend services to the elderly in the areas of nutrition, senior housing, health, transportation and said they are in the process of applying to HUD for 40 more housing units. With regard to the Elderscreen program, she stressed how important this program is and in the past, Marysville has restricted funds to \$7500 but they have now been informed they are out of Marysville's budget altogether this year. She said she wished to thank Marysville for the past support and also wish to be put back into the budget as the seniors are the fastest growing segment of our society and this program is much needed. She said they felt this program is run very cost effectively and they hope Marysville will see fit to give them \$7500 again.

Mayor Matheny explained in the past this was out of federal funding up until last year.

Ms. Lindstrom asked if the City receives County population funds and Finance Director Dexter responded no, we had federal funding.

Ms. Lindstrom asked if the City had a certain portion of the budget specifically geared toward social human services and Finance Director Dexter said that he hadn't developed a figure for that level.

Ms. Lindstrom emphasized they did wish to thank the City for their past support.

Councilor Cundiff said that after being involved on their board, he has really been impressed with the leadership and the many services provided to Marysville citizens. He said he is also hopeful Council will support this in the future.

Norma Richards of Stanwood, Coordinator and Nurse Practitioner in the Elderscreen Program, addressed Council. She also thanked Marysville for their past financial support. She stated Elderscreen's goal is to prevent and cure disease in the elderly population. She noted her mother is now 88 and one of the things Ms. Richards is proud of is that Elderscreen is a very unique program --one that is in the business of promoting the quality of life for the elderly. She said there are only two programs like this in the U.S. Locally, she works out of about 5 senior centers throughout the county and they do a lot of teaching about exercise, diet, the aging process, nutrition, disease; the money given is really well spent, she said. She noted there were 447 "head to toe" physical exams given last year and out of that 447, there were 263 previously undetected and untreated conditions diagnosed. She stressed that this is a very good "free to the patient", quality health care program and most physicians in the area support Elderscreen also. She said we are really fortunate to have this program.

Alda Paulsen, 7424 69th NE, addressed Council, representing the Marysville-Tulalip Visitor Information Center on I-5. She said they are requesting funds from the hotel/motel tax for the Visitor Information Center and she proceeded to explain that they operate on a very slim budget with all their revenue being from donations and the fireworks stand which they set up only once a year. This brings in a total of about \$2500 to \$3000 annually and they do have to allow for emergencies, such as fixing pipes, etc. which they just had a bill for \$244 to pay. She noted most of the workers are elderly, it's all volunteer and they are very loyal. She pointed out that 45 out of their 100 volunteers have been with the VIC since inception 5-1/2 yrs. ago and 60 have been with the VIC for at least 3 years. She said they have entertained 235,491 visitors since inception, with 40,184 of those being in 1991 so

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far. She explained they have a lot of domestic and foreign visitors and they encourage all the visitors and tourists to come into Marysville. They have a lot of requests for golf courses and horseshoe pits, she added. She thanked the City for help with their lights, garbage and insurance but said they do need a consistent budget, one they can rely on as far as something from the hotel/motel tax.

Bill Walker, 5802 70th St. NE, addressed Council, representing the YMCA, requesting consideration for next year. He said they know the City is under a lot of restrictions, but this is a very worthwhile cause, too. He noted the Y recently had a dance and 186 kids showed up, so it was a great success and they also recently painted the building and paved the parking lot, so lots of things are happening and the Y could use the financial support from the City.

Jim Mulligan, 7922 56th Dr. NE, addressed Council, representing the Marysville Food Bank. He noted that several months ago they made a request of \$75/mo., a one year outlay of \$800 but that request could not be granted at that time. He pointed out that Marysville is now the only city in Snohomish County that does not support its local food bank, that other cities have donated buildings, eg. and the Marysville Food Bank pays \$5,000 to \$6,000 per year rent plus utilities. He noted they are having a meeting tomorrow with the City with respect to the possibility of receiving some land but in the meantime, they are very much in need of \$75/mo. for utilities to see them through one year. He gave some statistics for the last two months and noted they serve at least 3,000 households per month, over 37,000 meals and last month received 60 new applications. He also pointed out that these statistics represent four times what Arlington does so \$800 is rather a modest request, they feel, he stated.

Councilor Pedersen said these are all very worthwhile requests and the only suggestion she would have is that the budget be reviewed after the end of the year for excess funds.

Councilor Baxter agreed and Councilor Weiser said he did some calculation and came up with some reserve funds that could possibly be used for these requests. He asked that this possibility be checked into further with regard to the legality of using some of the reserve funds.

Councilor Pedersen said she liked the idea of having a specific budget for "Human Services."

Mayor Matheny asked about applying for HUD and block grants and City Administrator Sanden explained this past year, those funds were used for the handicap access door at City Hall, First Street improvements and Jennings Park, that there is a three year cycle on these grants.

There was discussion about the hotel/motel tax, human services, grants, the VIC, Maryfest, Chamber, YMCA, Food Bank, Senior Services, Tourism promotion all being good causes. It was pointed out that with regard to the Food Bank, the City is in the same situation this year as last year and things worked out last year as far as finding additional funds to support these various causes. The Mayor and 3 Councilmembers made on-the-spot donations to the Food Bank's \$75/mo. PUD expense at this time and Jim Mulligan accepted their donations gratefully.

City Administrator Sanden said she would look further into applying for HUD and block grants.

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The Public Hearing was then closed to public input.

Finance Director Dexter explained this Public Hearing may be continued next Monday night unless Council has specific major changes. An ordinance can be prepared for next Monday based on the same parameters as in the past, he said, with a total figure by fund and with a clause pertaining to salaries as negotiated by Union Contract, eg.

Councilor Lashua said he felt the Council has done all the cutting and appropriating, with the Budget Committee working extensively as well as the two workshops held. He pointed out that historically, nothing else changes at this point and he therefore moved to continue this Public Hearing to next Monday night at which time they would review the ordinance. Councilor Baxter seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Spencer McDonald, 7126 65th Pl. NE, addressed Council with regard to the excessive signs posted within city limits, i.e. real estate and development signs, especially on 64th, he said. He said he hasn't seen any results from past complaints about these signs and it really gives our city a "trashy" look. He suggested that it could be a "win-win" situation if the City were to allow fixed posts, eg., at intersections for all the real estate agents to use.

Councilor McGee asked if he was also seeing garage sale signs and Mr. McDonald said no, it was mainly real estate signs, left up all weekend, for example, and they are not collected at the end of the day.

Councilor Lashua asked if they are on the street right of way and Mr. McDonald said they are mainly on corners and he is not sure, but does not believe they are allowed there under the sign code.

City Attorney Weed pointed out that the code does restrict signs in the right of way.

Councilor Lashua left Council Chambers at 8:25 p.m.

City Attorney Weed continued that one of the main problems is the manpower it takes to enforce the sign code, and that's the reason the signs are not being taken down.

Mr. McDonald said he understands that but if the real estate agents and developers got together and made fixed signs, it would look a lot better than the individual signs and sandwich boards, in his opinion.

Mayor Matheny commented on the number of real estate signs in Bellevue--a lot more than Marysville, she noted.

Councilor Lashua returned to Council Chambers at 8:30 p.m.

Public Works Director Zabell said the street crew could pick up signs in the street right of way, if that would help.

There was discussion about the prevalence of signs--1000 garage sale signs picked up by McGees, for example.

CURRENT BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

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ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS: None.

LEGAL MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:30 p.m.

1. Personnel.

RECONVENED & ADJOURNED: Approx. 9:30 p.m.

Accepted this ^{pm} 9 day of DEC, 1991.

Rita Matheny
MAYOR

Phillip E Dexter
CITY CLERK

Wanda R. Iverson
RECORDING SECRETARY