

November 3, 2003

7:00 p.m.

City Hall

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / INVOCATION

Mayor David Weiser called the November 3, 2003 work session of the Marysville City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. He then led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. There was no invocation given.

ROLL CALL

Chief Administrative Officer Mary Swenson called the roll. The following councilmembers and staff members were in attendance:

Council: Mayor David Weiser, Mayor Pro Tem Mike Leighan, Councilmembers Jon Nehring, Jeff Seibert, Suzanne Smith, John Soriano, Donna Wright, and Lisa Vares.

Staff: Mary Swenson, Chief Administrative Officer; Grant Weed, City Attorney; Jim Owens, Public Works Director; Kevin Nielsen, City Engineer; Gloria Hirashima, Community Development Director; Robert Carden, Chief of Police; Robb Lamoureux, Police Commander; Jim Ballew, Parks and Recreation Director; Bill Spies, Fleet and Facilities Manager; Sandy Langdon, Finance Director; and Laurie Hugdahl, Recording Secretary.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Mike Leighan reported that the **Governmental Affairs Committee** had discussed opening meetings to the public as directed by Council. The discussion included:

- The determination that committee meetings do not fall under the Open Meetings Act.
- Having a two-part agenda – the first part being open and the second part being closed for more sensitive issues. There was discussion about what those might be.
- Possible issue raised by the Public Safety Committee that the committees are sometimes used to bounce ideas off its members. Some things that have not yet been presented to Council would be open to the public.
- Discussion about whether this would create a higher level of distrust of government, especially with having a closed portion. Could also cause undue worry in the public when items are simply being discussed.
- Legal issues.
- Public input – Would it be taken? When? For what issues?
- New mayor may not choose to use the present committee structure.
- Recommendation by the committee: It may be better to wait until after the first of the year.

Councilmember Jon Nehring said he would prefer not to wait until the first of the year and would like to see this on the agenda. There was then some discussion about the committee structure and how this is determined with each mayor. Councilmember Jeff Seibert thought that there were certain requirements for who appoints committees and how they are established, but he was under the impression that Council does have some power. There was general consensus to place this item on the agenda.

Councilmember Nehring reported that the **Library Board** approved a sculpture for the library from the Gellerson fund. All but one of the appropriate committees have approved the sculpture. They are requesting a letter from the City saying that the City will install the sculpture in the library. Chief Administrative Officer Mary Swenson explained that the letter was already in process.

Councilmember Nehring then noted that the **Business Retention and Attraction Committee** met today and had asked him to present their number one recommendation to Council since the budget is under discussion. They are requesting that the City hire the Economic Development Coordinator and approve a budget for that position.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

C. Approval of New Liquor License for Louisiana Latte, Inc.

There were no comments or questions regarding this item.

D. Authorize Mayor to Sign Amendment No. 1 to Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County for Police Radio Repair and Programming.

Mayor Weiser noted that this is simply amending the hourly rates that the County is charging the City. There were no further comments or questions.

E. Approve Staff Recommendations for Speed Revision on State Avenue.

Councilmember John Soriano asked if there would be a speed study on the south end of State Avenue. City Engineer Kevin Nielsen stated that this study went from Grove to 100th. A study for the south end has not been proposed, but that it could be done if money was in the budget.

Councilmember Seibert then noted that the study recommended a rate of 35 mph. He asked about the implementation of this. Mayor Weiser explained that they had decided to do it in steps. They were going to increase the speed to 30 mph and then re-evaluate. Kevin Nielsen added that they would do a six-month evaluation to see if there have been any more accidents. If not, they will bring it back for approval to raise the limit to 35 mph. There was some discussion about how the upper limits for speed are set.

F. Authorize Mayor to Sign Contract for Deferred Curb, Gutter, and Sidewalk; Dean Mellom.

Councilmember Seibert referred to a letter from Mr. Mellom which said he wanted to transfer the variance of requirements to the new owner at the time of sale. Public Works Director Gloria Hirashima explained that this is standard.

REVIEW BIDS

A. Effluent Transfer Pipeline, Contract A.

Public Works Director Jim Owens discussed the specifics of this bid. He commented that this contractor had a contract with Everett for a very different type of work and did not complete it. They are still recommending award since he is an expert in this type of work. There was discussion about a discrepancy between two different total amounts shown on the bid documents. Kevin Nielsen said he would get back to Council with the explanation. There were no further comments or questions.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. 2004 Preliminary Budget.

Mayor Weiser noted that some of the revenue numbers have changed slightly, but it still proposes that the operations are balanced. He then said that next Monday night they would be assuming that Council would take the 1% and bank it. There will need to be a property tax ordinance ready for the meeting in order to get it to the assessor by November 15th. Mary Swenson added that there would be a presentation at the hearing including the same information that Council has already received.

Councilmember Leighan asked for a breakdown of the budget for the Senior Center. Parks and Recreation Director Jim Ballew said that he would get that to them.

Councilmember Seibert referred to a program request through Human Resources with L&I. He said that earlier he had asked about the distribution of the refunds. He noted that the contract under review tonight says that they have a committee that determines the distribution of funds. This is different from the information he had received earlier. Mary Swenson said they would check on that.

Councilmember Nehring brought up the Economic Development Coordinator position. He asked about a competitive salary analysis. Finance Director Sandy Langdon explained that this has already been done. Councilmember Nehring then noted that the Business Retention and Attraction committee had requested that this individual report directly to the Chief Administrative Officer or the Mayor. Mary Swenson explained that the position would be located in the community development department and would report to that head; however, they would also be interfacing with the Mayor and the Chief

Administrative Officer as well. She explained why they believe this is the best arrangement. There was also discussion about how Everett and Renton have their positions set up. Councilmember Seibert asked about a budget for this position. Ms. Swenson noted that it would be included in the community development, but was really coming out of the general fund so it could be shown anywhere. Any large expenditure would need to be approved by Council. Councilmember Nehring asked if they could get the ads out and get the ball rolling as soon as this is approved. Ms. Swenson stated that it was their intention to begin advertising the position immediately.

Mayor Weiser then brought up the property tax issue again. There seemed to be consensus to take the 1%, but bank it. There was some discussion about the fire district's opinion of this.

Councilmember Nehring commented that he supports the new hires in the budget. His concern is that he hopes economic development will pay for these salaries. If it does not then there might need to be tough decisions made next year. Mary Swenson and Sandy Langdon indicated they were in agreement with this and those involved understand this.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Association of Washington Cities Worker's Compensation Group Retro Program.

Ms. Swenson stated that there would be a representative from AWC coming out to answer any questions Council might have on this. There were no comments or questions on this item at this time.

B. Model Home for Cedar View; PA 0101005.

Councilmember Seibert asked if all the conditions have been met. Gloria Hirashima affirmed that they have.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

A. An Ordinance of the City of Marysville Establishing Maximum Speed Limits on State Avenue Between Grove Street and 100th Street N.E. and Adding a New Section 11.04.0_ to the Marysville Municipal Code.

Discussed above under Consent Agenda Items.

INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Mayor's Business

Mayor Weiser commented that he hopes to have at least one Planning Commission appointment before Council on Monday.

B. Staff Business

Jim Owens had no comment.

Grant Weed stated that he had one pending litigation and one real estate matter for the Executive Session.

Mary Swenson had no comment.

Gloria Hirashima had no comment.

Jim Ballew had no comment.

Kevin Nielsen had no comment.

C. Call on Councilmembers

Mike Leighan referred to something he had seen on the Municipal Research web page which could possibly be a funding source for some of the economic development they have been discussing. Grant Weed explained that the City can authorize a district where business people can self-assess for specific purposes. This is driven by the benefit of the businesses in that area. In Snohomish, this is based on square footage of available retail space. Snohomish is in the first year of formation of this. Sandy Langdon noted that Everett also does this. The city does the billing, but it has been difficult to collect.

Jon Nehring commented that he noticed a mattress lying in a ditch down by Allen Creek Elementary.

Donna Wright commented that she attended the exit conference with the auditors. She had been pleased to hear their findings. She noted that they read all the minutes carefully. Councilmember Smith commented that they seem to raise the bar each year.

Suzanne Smith stated that there would be a population discussion entitled *Mapping Our Future* on Saturday, November 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Marysville Library. She also informed Council of a meeting on November 4 called *What's in Store for 2004 and Beyond* by Snohomish County. Ms. Smith asked Mayor Weiser about the proclamation. He replied that he is making progress on it.

Jeff Seibert asked about Snohomish County's population numbers. Gloria Hirashima explained that the County had looked at the initial feedback they received. They are fairly certain that they will be in the middle range and that no extreme response would be needed by the County. She believes that the City will be able to stay in the low range as desired due to the responses of the other cities. Ms. Hirashima then referred to the 2004

and 2005 docket for the County's Comprehensive Plan. She discussed some of the proposals that are currently being considered by the County.

Councilmember Seibert noted that he had spotted some pedestrian advertisers at 88th and I-5. Next, he asked about the State Avenue project. Jim Owens updated Council on the project. He said that initially there were quite a few complaints, but people are adjusting.

John Soriano stated that there will be a Cities and Towns meeting on November 20 in Everett at a location to be determined.

Lisa Vares had no comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business Mayor Weiser adjourned the work session at 8:18 p.m. There were two items to be discussed during the Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

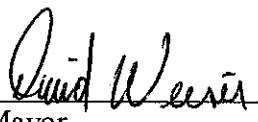
Council met in Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.; discussed one real estate issue and one pending/potential litigation issue; and reconvened into the Council work session at 8:37 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Vares, second by Councilmember Soriano to approve the Tenant Improvement Agreement as discussed in Executive Session. **Motion** carried unanimously (7-0).

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Weiser adjourned the November 3, 2003 City Council work session at 8:38 p.m.

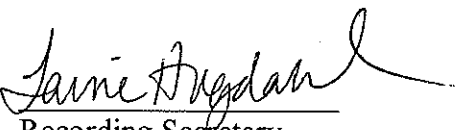
Approved this 10th day of November, 2003.



 Mayor
 David Weiser



 City Clerk
 Gerry Becker



 Recording Secretary
 Laurie Hugdahl