

November 10, 2003

Marysville City Council  
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**ORIGINAL**

<b>Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call</b>	7:04 p.m.
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	
Approval of October 16, 2003 City Council Budget Workshop Minutes.	Approved
Approval of October 27, 2003 City Council Meeting Minutes.	Approved
Approval of November 3, 2003 City Council Work Session Minutes.	Approved
<b>Consent Agenda</b>	
Approval of November 10, 2003 Claims in the Amount of \$1,100,638.49; Paid by Check No. 10876 through 11201 with Check No. 10822, 55420, 6714, 8754, 8786, 8921, 10403, 56775, 70290, and 70693 Void.	Approved
Approval of November 5, 2003 Payroll in the Amount of \$712,876.82; Paid by Check No. 11640 through 11719 with Check No. 11640 Void.	Approved
Approval of New Liquor License for Louisiana Latte, Inc.	Approved
Authorize Mayor to Sign Amendment No. 1 to Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County for Police Radio Repair and Programming.	Approved
Approval of Staff Recommendations for Speed Revision on State Ave.	Approved
Authorize Mayor to Sign Contract for Deferred Curb, Gutter, and Sidewalks; Dean Mellom.	Approved
<b>Review Bids</b>	
Approval of Award of Effluent Transfer Pipeline A to the apparent low bidder, Frank Coluccio Construction.	Approved
<b>Current Business</b>	
Approval of Open Meetings	Continued
<b>New Business</b>	
Approval of Association of Washington Cities Workers' Compensation Group Retro Program.	Continued
Approval of Model Home for Cedar View; PA 0101005.	Approved
<b>Ordinances and Resolutions</b>	
Approval of Ordinance 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.	Approved Ord. No. 2501
Approval of Ordinance to Increase the Property Tax Levy.	Approved Ord. No. 2498
Approval of Ordinance Levying Taxes upon all Property Real, Personal and Utility Subject to Taxation within the Corporate Limits of the City for the Year 2004.	Approved Ord. No. 2499
Approval of 2004 Budget.	Approved Ord. No. 2500
Adopt the Recommendations of the Economic Development Land Use and Permitting Subcommittee.	Approved Res. No. 2110
<b>Mayor's Business</b>	
Confirm appointment of Toni Matthews to the Planning Commission.	Approved
<b>Adjournment</b>	9:04 p.m.
<b>Executive Session</b>	9:10 p.m.

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1. Two Personnel Issues.	No Action Taken
Adjournment	9:25 p.m.

**MARYSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

November 10, 2003

7:00 p.m.

City Hall

**CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / INVOCATION**

Mayor David Weiser called the November 10, 2003 meeting of the Marysville City Council to order at 7:04 p.m. He then led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Victor Rodriguez of the Marysville Free Methodist Church gave the invocation.

**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: Jeff Seibert, Suzanne Smith, John Soriano, Donna Wright, and Lisa Vares.

Mayor Weiser noted the excused absence of Councilmember Jon Nehring who was out of town on business.

**Staff:** Robert Carden, Chief of Police; Sandy Langdon, Finance Director; Mary Swenson, Chief Administrative Officer; Grant Weed, City Attorney; Gloria Hirashima, Community Development Director; Jim Owens, Public Works Director; Jim Ballew, Parks and Recreation Director; Denise Gritton, Accounting Manager; Doug Buell, Community Information Officer; and Laurie Hugdahl, Recording Secretary.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilmember Jeff Seibert reported that the **Tourism Committee** had met and discussed ideas for the downtown area such as setting development standards for certain areas. He also reported that the **Land Use Committee** had discussed the downtown area and also had some recommendations.

Councilmember Suzanne Smith asked about a letter from the **Business Retention and Attraction Committee**. Councilmember Lisa Vares commented that there had been a letter from the committee to encourage Council to move forward with the economic development position proposed in the budget. The letter also included reasons why the committee thought this was important. Mary Swenson stated that she had the letter on her computer and offered to make copies. There was interest in this so she made copies of the letter and distributed them to all interested.

Ms. Vares continued that she had gone to Stanwood today along with some others to review a project that will be presented to the Committee of the Whole.

## PRESENTATIONS

### **Proclamation: Education Recognition Month.**

Mayor Weiser read a proclamation declaring December as Education Recognition Month. He commented that he was glad to do this. He felt it was a great start. He concluded by stating that he felt there was a great need in the community for parents to be more involved in students' education.

## AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mayor Weiser solicited audience participation. There was none.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### **A. October 16, 2003 City Council Workshop.**

**Motion** made by Councilmember Vares, seconded by Councilmember Wright to approve the minutes as presented. **Motion** passed unanimously 6-0.

### **B. October 27, 2003 City Council Meeting.**

Councilmember Seibert referred to the third paragraph on page 8. The second sentence, which says: "*Mr. Seibert further stated that he hoped they would do a tiered system for roadways...*" should read: "*Mr. Seibert further stated... a tiered system for mitigation...*" He then went on to clarify his intent related to the next sentence, which begins: "*His opinion was that the projects should be identified...*"

**Motion** made by Councilmember Seibert, seconded by Councilmember Soriano to approve the minutes as amended. **Motion** passed unanimously 6-0.

### **C. November 3, 2003 City Council Work Session.**

**Motion** made by Councilmember Vares, seconded by Councilmember Smith to approve the minutes as presented. **Motion** passed unanimously 6-0.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Weiser asked if anyone in the audience would like to remove any of the consent agenda items for further discussion. No one did. He then asked if any councilmembers wished to remove any of the items. No one did.

**Motion** made by Councilmember Soriano, seconded by Councilmember Smith to approve Consent Agenda Items A-F. **Motion** passed unanimously 6-0.

- A. **Approval of November 10, 2003 Claims in the Amount of \$1,100,638.49; Paid by Check No. 10876 through 11201 with Check No. 10822, 55420, 6714, 8754, 8786, 8921, 10403, 56775, 70290, and 70693 Void.**
- B. **Approval of November 5, 2003 Payroll in the Amount of \$712,876.82; Paid by Check No. 11640 through 11719 with Check No. 11640 Void.**
- C. **Approval of New Liquor License for Louisiana Latte, Inc.**
- D. **Authorize Mayor to Sign Amendment No. 1 to Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County for Police Radio Repair and Programming.**
- E. **Approval of Staff Recommendations for Speed Revision on State Ave.**
- F. **Authorize Mayor to Sign Contract for Deferred Curb, Gutter, and Sidewalks; Dean Mellom.**

#### **REVIEW BIDS**

##### **A. Effluent Transfer Pipeline, Contract A.**

Public Works Director Jim Owens explained that they had redrafted the bid tab to clarify the numbers. He noted that they had also removed the reference to construction contingency. Councilmember Soriano confirmed that the issue with the Coluccio Brothers in Everett had been a different type of project. Mr. Owens concurred with this. There was no audience comment. Councilmember Seibert thanked Mr. Owens for restructuring the bid tabulation.

**Motion** made by Councilmember Seibert, seconded by Councilmember Vares to award the Effluent Transfer Pipeline, Contract A project to the apparent low bidder, Frank Coluccio Construction in the amount of \$9,615,892.79 including Washington State Sales Tax, authorize the Mayor to sign the contract documents and approve a 5% management reserve of \$480,794.64 for a total allocation of \$10,096,687.43. **Motion** passed unanimously 6-0.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

##### **A. 2004 Preliminary Budget.**

Mayor Weiser opened the public hearing by presenting the 2004 preliminary budget to the residents of Marysville. The Mayor then gave his budget message. He noted that the proposed budget was for \$122.7 million. He reviewed the breakdown of where the funds

were going stating that 58% was going toward capital projects. Some of the projects mentioned were: waste water treatment plant upgrade, deep water outfall, State Avenue improvement, Waterfront Park, Strawberry Fields, North Marysville regional detention system, and Stillaguamish River filtration and treatment. Mayor Weiser then reviewed the general categories of expenses and revenues. He noted that the general fund was balanced. The general fund-operating budget was balanced and no new taxes were proposed. He recommended using a portion of unreserved cash balance to fund additional programs in economic development, public safety and infrastructure.

Chief Administrative Officer Mary Swenson then explained how economic development had become a focus of the budget for 2004. She described some of the reasons for this as limited property tax growth, sales tax growth stagnancy, voter initiative - street revenue reduction, traffic and road improvements needed, and public safety needs. She then reviewed the steps that the City has already implemented to further economic development and some of the proposals currently under consideration.

Next, Finance Director Sandy Langdon detailed:

- Property Tax: history, annual percent change, breakdown and comparison between City and County
- Sales Tax: history, annual percent change
- Business Taxes: utility tax history, annual percent change
- General Fund: 2004 preliminary expenditure summary, program requests, 2004 revenue summary
- Program Requests: special revenues, enterprise funds, internal services,
- 2004 Preliminary Budget Revenue Summary
- 2004 Preliminary Budget Expense Summary
- Financial Planning Model: Pre-Program Requests – 6-year summary of revenues, expenses, and fund balance
- Financial Planning Model: Program Requests

Mary Swenson noted the recommendation of the addition of a \$30,000 budget for the economic development position to be added to the Mayor's budget and to be used solely for activities related to economic development.

Mayor Weiser solicited public comment on the budget. There was none. He then stated that this was the 15<sup>th</sup> budget he has helped to prepare. He explained how it was easier than some years and how it was more difficult than other years. He reviewed improvements that have been made to the process and contributions by staff and council. He discussed the building of reserved from zero to \$3 million over the last fifteen years. He stated that he felt it was appropriate to use the reserves for the purposes of this budget. He asked Council to approve the use of the reserves to help invest in the community and to reduce the burden of increased property taxes on the citizens. He referenced the hard work and sacrifices of the seven directors who have worked on this budget for the sake of the City.

*Discussion:*

Councilmember Seibert asked Ms. Langdon about the slight increase in property taxes. Ms. Langdon explained that this was not due to the City's budget, but was a result of the formula used.

Councilmember Leighan referred to economic development and asked if the results of the citizens' survey had been taken into account. Ms. Swenson replied that they had taken into account how the needs of the community dovetailed with economic development. Councilmember Leighan then asked how they would ensure that the \$30,000 earmarked for economic development in the Mayor's budget would be brought to Council for approval. Ms. Swenson explained that this could be part of the budget approval process. Mr. Leighan asked about putting it into the Council budget. Ms. Swenson responded that in practice the Council doesn't need to approve the things in the Council budget.

Councilmember Smith agreed that the money should be tied to actions stemming from the committees. She also asked how they could be sure that the funds were brought forward to Council for approval. Sandy Langdon suggested a pre-planning stage of the economic development budget upon hire of the person for that position. They would also publish in the final budget that this amount is designated for economic development and must be approved by Council. There was then discussion about the sufficiency of this amount. There was general consensus that this was a good start.

Councilmember Wright commented that she appreciated the budget. She gave credit to the Mayor and the department heads. She noted that they could not have done more with less. She was in favor of using the reserves to cover the needed amount.

Councilmember Soriano commented on the good direction of this budget. He suggested public education of the banked capacity for future use so there was full understanding by the public of this. Ms. Swenson agreed that this was a good idea. She briefly discussed putting something to the voters for various subjects.

Councilmember Seibert complimented staff's work on finding other ways of stimulating revenues without tacking on another tax. He noted that they have done a good job. He said he was in favor of the budget amendment for the \$30,000 budget.

Councilmember Smith asked if there was money budgeted for putting something to the voters. Ms. Swenson indicated that it was not because there was not certainty that this would be the desired action. Councilmember Smith referred to the Lake Stevens Family Center and the community service programs offered there. She suggested that money be put aside for something similar to this. Mayor Weiser commented that many of these activities are already being done in the community. He felt that more research was needed on this issue. Councilmember Leighan added that the Council did not have a proposal from that group so they do not even really know what it would cost. He stated that at this point the budget was already stretched thin and added that this could be done later as a budget amendment.

*See Ordinances and Resolutions for actions taken regarding the budget.*

## **CURRENT BUSINESS**

### **A. Open Meetings (continued from September 15, 2003).**

City Attorney Grant Weed referred to the information that he had provided on open meetings for Council review. Councilmember Smith suggested continuing this until the next cycle so they could have time to review that information. Councilmember Seibert commented that if there were not committees handling these duties it would all be done by staff and would not be open to the public. Mayor Weiser agreed. Mr. Seibert said he is in favor of opening up as much as possible, but he felt this might cause undue hurdles.

**Motion** made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Vares to move this forward to the next cycle. **Motion** passed unanimously 6-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

Mary Swenson indicated that this item should be removed from the agenda due to the fact that the representative from AWC had been unable to attend the meeting.

### **B. Model Home for Cedar View; PA 0101005.**

Mike Ashton, 14809 Overhill Road, Granite Falls.

Mr. Ashton stated that he was present to answer any questions Council might have about this project. There were no questions.

**Motion** made by Councilmember Leighan, seconded by Councilmember Wright to approve the model home request on Lot 17 of Cedar View. **Motion** passed unanimously 6-0.

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **A. An Ordinance of the City of Marysville, Washington 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.**

**Motion** made by Councilmember Leighan, seconded by Councilmember Seibert to approve Ordinance No. 2501. **Motion** passed unanimously 6-0.

### **B. An Ordinance of the City of Marysville to Increase the Property Tax Levy.**



Councilmember Leighan commented that the fire district would increase the levy rate by 1%. If the City does not increase by 1%, the amount will need to be taken out of the budget. Councilmember Soriano added that EMS dollars are vital to the community. Councilmember Vares concurred and stated that this is a core service. She was in favor of supporting option 1.

**Motion** made by Councilmember Leighan, seconded by Councilmember Wright to adopt Ordinance No. 2498 increasing the property tax levy by 1%. **Motion** passed unanimously 6-0.

**C. An Ordinance of the City of Marysville levying taxes upon all property Real, Personal and Utility Subject to Taxation within the Corporate Limits of the City of Marysville, Washington for the Year 2004.**

**Motion** by Councilmember Leighan, seconded by Councilmember Vares to adopt Ordinance No. 2499 approving the amount of taxes to be levied for Emergency Medical Services for the City of Marysville as \$832,000. **Motion** passed unanimously 6-0.

**D. An Ordinance of the City of Marysville Adopting a Budget for the City of Marysville, Washington for the Year 2004 and Setting Forth in Summary Form the Totals of Estimated Revenues and Appropriations For Each Separate Fund and the Aggregate Totals of All Such Funds Combined.**

**Motion** by Councilmember Soriano, seconded by Councilmember Vares to adopt Ordinance No. 2500 approving the 2004 budget as amended with the changes of the EMS levy and the additional \$30,000 budget for the economic development position which needs to be approved by Council. **Motion** passed unanimously 6-0.

Mary Swenson commented on the time and energy expended by citizens and business members into the committees. She suggested offering thanks to them. She also thanked Sandy Langdon and Denise Gritton for the extraordinary amount of time put into this budget process.

**E. A Resolution of the City of Marysville Adopting the Recommendations of the Marysville Economic Development Land Use and Permitting Subcommittee.**

Community Development Director Gloria Hirashima stated that she had nothing further to add.

**Motion** made by Councilmember Seibert, seconded by Councilmember Leighan to adopt Resolution No. 2110 adopting the recommendations of the Marysville Economic Development Land Use and Permitting Subcommittee. **Motion** passed 5-1 with Councilmember Smith voting against.

Ms. Swenson shared that Wendy Bart, Marysville YMCA Executive Director, had commented on how nice it was to deal with the community development department on a recent remodel project for the YMCA. Councilmember Seibert added that public works has already begun to implement many of these recommendations and that they have not waited for this to be approved to begin improvements.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

### **Mayor's Business.**

#### *Planning Commission Appointment.*

Mayor Weiser recommended the appointment of Ms. Toni Mathews for the Planning Commission. Councilmember Leighan added that he has known her for many years and highly recommends her for this appointment.

**Motion** made by Councilmember Leighan, seconded by Councilmember Wright to confirm the appointment of Toni Matthews to the Marysville Planning Commission for the term expiring August 2, 2008. **Motion** passed unanimously 6-0.

### **Staff Business.**

**Jim Ballew** had no comment.

**Jim Owens** had no comment.

**Gloria Hirashima** updated Council on recommendations from the Land Use and Permitting Committee regarding the 116<sup>th</sup> Street area and the issue of right of way. The committee wants to initiate discussion with the Tribes regarding this issue. Ms. Hirashima also discussed the Navy's recent request to privatize naval housing.

**Grant Weed** explained that the Washington Cities Insurance Authority requires that city attorneys attend two training seminars per year. He recently attended one in Issaquah that was quite informative. Some of the issues discussed were avoiding risk and giving sound advice on various issues. They also discussed emerging issues in land use law and trends to consolidate and provide services to other cities.

**Mary Swenson** had no comment.

**Sandy Langdon** thanked the directors and staff for their work on the 2004 budget. She especially thanked Denise Gritton for her hard work and patience with last minute changes. She reminded Council that time sheets are due on Monday.

**Robert Carden** had no comment.

**Call on Councilmembers.****Suzanne Smith** commented on:

- A huge puddle on 8<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Tribal Gaming – She would like to see a Council/Mayor letter thanking the Tribes.
- Proclamation – Caldie Rogers of the Chamber had indicated an interest in doing a joint letter with the City and the Tribes. Since the City has already completed the proclamation the Tribes may be interested in doing a similar letter. There was discussion about encouraging local businesses to participate. Ms. Smith also indicated there had been discussion with Chamber regarding possibly using a variation of the school district's logo in business ads to show support for the education.
- Ms. Smith thanked those responsible for the budget.

**John Soriano** complimented the staff for the budget. He said it was very straightforward and that he liked the new approach.

**Jeff Seibert:**

- Thanked staff and especially Sandy Langdon on the budget process.
- He asked Gloria Hirashima about development standards for the City. Ms. Hirashima responded that the Land Use Committee will be bringing those forward as a recommendation at the Committee of the Whole meeting. Councilmember Seibert commented that he found it interesting many of the different committees are coming up with similar ideas.
- He then said he recently drove north on 67th to Arlington and noticed three uncontrolled crosswalks at intersections. He asked Mary Swenson how they handled this with all the recommendations against this. Ms. Swenson indicated she would check into it.
- SR 528 reference to paving. Mayor said he would find out the timeline.

**Donna Wright** noted that she would be attending an AWC Legislative meeting on Friday where they would be discussing and prioritizing items decided upon over the summer. She invited councilmembers to submit any requests or concerns to her.

**Lisa Vares** thanked staff for the budget and noted it was an improvement over last year.

**Mike Leighan** thanked staff for the budget. He added that he had some concerns about how future councils would assess the bare bones budget. He then referred to backups at Grove and State. Finally, he wished Mayor Weiser a happy birthday.

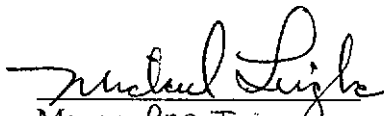
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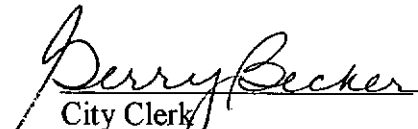
Mayor Weiser adjourned the City Council meeting at 9:03 p.m. with an executive session to begin at 9:10 p.m. There were two personnel items to be discussed.

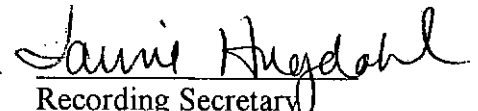
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

City Council met in Executive Session at 9:10 p.m.; discussed two personnel issues; reconvened into regular session; and adjourned at 9:25 p.m. with no further action taken.

Approved this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November 2003.

  
Mayor Pro Tem  
~~David Weiser~~  
MIKE LEIGHAN

  
City Clerk  
Gerry Becker

  
Recording Secretary  
Laurie Hugdahl

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 100<sup>th</sup>. 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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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 88<sup>th</sup> 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

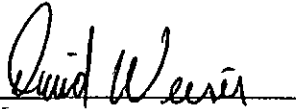
Council met in Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.; discussed one real estate issue and one pending/potential litigation issue; and reconvened into the Council work session at 8:37 p.m.

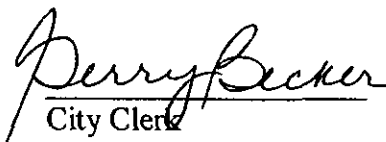
**Motion** by Councilmember Vares, second by Councilmember Soriano to approve the Tenant Improvement Agreement as discussed in Executive Session. **Motion** carried unanimously (7-0).

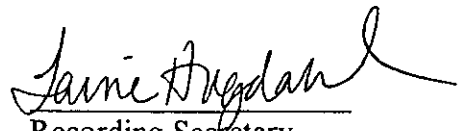
#### ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2003.

  
 Mayor  
 David Weiser

  
 City Clerk  
 Gerry Becker

  
 Recording Secretary  
 Laurie Hugdahl