

MARYSVILLE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

January 5, 2004

7:00 p.m.

City Hall

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / INVOCATION

Mayor Dennis Kendall called the first work session of the new year to order at 7:00 p.m. He then led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. There was no invocation.

ROLL CALL

Chief Administrative Officer Mary Swenson called the roll. The following staff and councilmembers were present.

Council: Mayor Dennis Kendall, Councilmembers Jon Nehring, Lee Phillips, Jeff Seibert, John Soriano, Lisa Vares, Jeff Vaughan and Donna Wright.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Kendall solicited committee reports. There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation: Year of the Book.

Mayor Kendall read a proclamation declaring 2004 the "Year of the Book" in the City of Marysville and urged all citizens to spend time this year reading books and taking advantage of the many resources available at the Marysville Library and all Sno-Isle Libraries. Maggie Buckholz, Managing Librarian of the Marysville Library, accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Marysville Library and thanked the Mayor for his support.

Other Items Scheduled For January 12, 2004 Meeting

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Kendall asked for comments or questions regarding the consent agenda items. The following items had discussion.

E. Acceptance of Grace Creek Relocation Project Phase II, and Begin 45-Day Lien Filing Period.

Councilmember Seibert asked if the Department of Fisheries had been out to the site. Public Works Director Jim Owens did not think they had, but said he would check and report back to the Council.

F. Acceptance of Strawberry Fields Soccer Facility Improvements, and Begin 45-Day Lien Filing Period.

Councilmember John Soriano asked Parks and Recreation Director Jim Ballew if this would be ready for spring. Mr. Ballew indicated that it should be ready by spring.

G. Approve Liquor License Renewals for AM/PM Mini Mart #5566 (1124-4th Street), Boulevard Grocery, Froso's Greek & Italian Cuisine, Las Margaritas Family Mexican Restaurant, Rite-Aid #5243, Saigon Garden Restaurant, Loyal Order of Moose Marysville Lodge #1845, and Skipper's Seafood 'N Chowder House.

Councilmember Jon Nehring had some concerns about the AM/PM Mini Mart's history with liquor sales. Police Chief Robert Carden explained that their intention is to get voluntary compliance regarding not selling alcohol to intoxicated individuals. This has been an issue with this store in the past. The police department will be in communication with them.

J. Authorize Mayor to Sign Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County to Establish and Implement a Commute Trip Reduction Plan.

There was some discussion about changes to this agreement.

Councilmember Soriano asked about the internet-based survey tool. Community Development Director Gloria Hirashima noted that WSDOT would be responsible for that.

Councilmember Jeff Vaughan asked for an explanation of the purpose of this Interlocal Agreement. Gloria Hirashima explained the county's role in this. Councilmember Vaughan asked how the money would be used. Ms. Hirashima explained that this was still under discussion. She explained that in the past it has been used as an incentive for ridesharing, carpooling, or walking, but has not been fully utilized.

K. Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Whatcom County for the Northwest Mini Chain Services.

Councilmember Vaughan inquired about the cost of performing this service in-house. Chief Carden explained that it would require a full-time salaried position.

REVIEW BIDS**A. Mechanical Assist Archival Storage System.**

City Clerk Gerry Becker explained that they have received three bids and will be getting Council more information on this. She has contacted the apparent low bidder and will be doing a field visit to that site.

B. Chain Link Fence and Gate Installation.

Fleet and Facilities Manager Bill Spies explained that this would be for an 8' chain link fence and gate around the old city hall property. They have received two bids and will have more information to Council shortly. There were no comments or questions.

NEW BUSINESS**A. Amendment to Hartford Deferred Compensation Plan.**

Mary Swenson addressed this and the following item. She stated that the amendment was needed due to IRS regulated changes to the deferred compensation plans. She explained that the City offers two plans (Hartford and the ICMA-RC) to which employees can contribute for retirement. The money comes out of the employees' checks without being taxed. The City does not contribute to these plans. There was no further discussion regarding this.

B. Amendment to ICMA-RC Deferred Compensation Plan.

See above.

C. Gribble Center Construction Annexation; PA 0101004.

Gloria Hirashima explained that this is the completion of the first annexation under the new state law. She briefly reviewed the history of this annexation. There were no questions or comments.

D. Assignment & Assumption of Cedarcrest Restaurant.

Jim Ballew explained that the Cedarcrest Restaurant Lessees, Patrick and Kathy Regan, have requested approval to assign the current Restaurant Lease Agreement to a newly formed LLC as a result of restructuring their business. City Attorney Grant Weed added that the City would be requesting a personal guaranty from the Regans. Councilmember Seibert asked about the benefit to the City of doing this. Mr. Ballew responded that it only changes the name on the lease, not the content. There was some discussion about this.

E. Image & Identity Committee Recommendation.

Jim Ballew reported that the Image and Identity Committee had unanimously recommended that Council authorize the pursuit of a new city logo. He stated that Chairman Kris Passey would be at the meeting next week to discuss the proposal. There was some discussion about the need for this and the process for coming up with a design. Councilmember Wright expressed her desire that this eventually include a city flag. Councilmember Seibert asked about the costs associated with changing vehicle signs. Jim Ballew stated he would look into this. Mr. Seibert also asked for an explanation of the grid system signs. Mr. Ballew explained how this would work. Councilmember Soriano asked about the time frame for this. Jim Ballew explained that it was not set yet, but the impetus for this is that the contractor for the State Avenue project is responsible for new signage on State Avenue and the timing would be good for using the new logo at that time.

LEGAL**A. Recovery Contract for Sewer; Bruce E. Crawford.**

Gloria Hirashima discussed how they had decided to use the square-foot method for this, recovery contract which brought the costs for the residents down considerably. She added that they realize they need to reexamine the process and the costs that the City will allow to be recovered. There was discussion about the differences between the square-foot and the lineal-foot methods of calculation.

B. Recovery Contract for Sewer; Barclays North, Inc.

Ms. Hirashima explained that this is similar to the previous recovery contract. There were no comments or questions.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**A. An Ordinance of the City of Marysville, Washington Annexing and Zoning a Certain Unincorporated Area Known as the Gribble Center Construction Annexation into the City of Marysville.****INFORMATION ITEMS****A. Mayor's Business**

Appointment of Community Transit Representative.

Motion made by Councilmember Donna Wright, seconded by John Soriano to appoint Mayor Dennis Kendall as the representative for the City on the Community Transit board.
Motion passed unanimously (7 -0).

Appointment of Snohomish County Tomorrow Representative.

Motion made by Councilmember Lisa Vares, seconded by Councilmember Jeff Vaughan to approve Mayor Kendall as the representative for the City on the Snohomish County Tomorrow Steering Committee. **Motion passed unanimously (7-0).**

Election of Mayor Pro Tem.

It was decided to hold this matter for the regular meeting.

B. Staff Business

Robert Carden had nothing to report.

Jim Owens reviewed a decision not to execute an extension on the sewer line contract with Hammond Collier Wade - Livingstone.

Bill Spies had nothing to report.

Gloria Hirashima reported that the Developer Breakfast would be on Wednesday at 7:30 a.m.

Jim Ballew noted the need for an executive session to discuss the Getchell Hill Plat Trail Proposal. He then invited all councilmembers to attend the Marysville Community Campus dedication on January 22 from 5-6 p.m. He noted that there would be another event for the public at a later date.

Gerry Becker had nothing to report.

Sandy Langdon had nothing to report.

Mary Swenson noted that:

- The Cities and Towns meeting would be on January 22.
- The retreat is scheduled for January 23-24 in LaConner.
- She and Mayor Kendall have met with the Tribes and will be meeting with other newly elected officials. The meetings have been going well.
- She then discussed expectations for the impending snowstorm.

Grant Weed had nothing to report.

C. Call on Councilmembers

Donna Wright asked for an update on city road conditions and accidents with the poor weather. Chief Carden explained that there had been some accidents due to the weather, but that it had not been too bad.

Councilmember Wright then mentioned the National League of Cities meeting she attended in Nashville. She requested time during the retreat to report on some of the topics discussed such as: park systems; internet sales tax issues; and getting youth involved in government.

Lisa Vares asked about the committees and boards that would need appointments before the next cycle. Mayor Kendall explained they would have those coming shortly.

Lee Phillips added that he was looking forward to the coming year with the Council.

Jon Nehring discussed recycling that had not been picked up last Wednesday. Mary Swenson responded that Waste Management did not send trucks out due to the ice last Wednesday.

Jeff Seibert asked about sidewalk and retaining wall construction that he had noticed on Sunnyside Boulevard. Jim Owens explained that the intersection has been a sight-distance problem for years. This is an attempt to remedy that situation. Councilmember Seibert then asked about the public works meeting this month. Mayor Kendall explained there would not be a public works or facilities committee.

John Soriano asked about the AWC conference at the end of the month. Ms. Swenson was not sure of the cut-off date, but noted that the City does have several rooms reserved.

Jeff Vaughan referred to a letter he had received from the Marysville Junior High School regarding a civics club event. He asked if any other councilmembers had received it and/or were planning to attend. Mayor Kendall and Councilmember Wright both indicated that they planned to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, the regular session of the work session was adjourned at 7:59 p.m. There was one real estate item to be discussed during executive session. It was expected to last about twenty minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

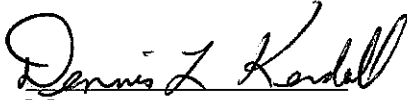
Council adjourned into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss one real estate matter, and reconvened into regular session at 8:35 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Seibert, second by Councilmember Nehring to extend the Executive Session an additional 30 minutes. **Motion** carried unanimously.


Council reconvened into Executive Session at 8:36 p.m. to continue discussion of one real estate matter.

Council returned to regular session at 8:50 p.m., and Mayor Kendall adjourned the January 5, 2004 work session of the Marysville City Council with no further action taken.

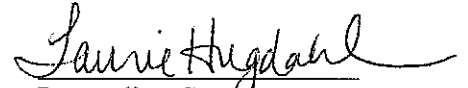
Approved this 12th day of January 2004.



Mayor
Dennis L. Kendall



City Clerk
Gerry Becker



Recording Secretary
Laurie Hugdahl