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MARYSVILLE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

May 16, 2005

7:00 p.m.

City Hall

CALL TO ORDER / INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Dennis Kendall called the May 16, 2005 meeting of the Marysville City Council Work Session to order at 7:04 p.m. He 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 staff and councilmembers were in attendance.

Mayor: Dennis Kendall

Council: Mayor Pro Tem 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; Sandy Langdon, Finance Director; Gloria Hirashima, Community Development Director; Robert Carden, Police Chief; Greg Corn, Fire Chief; Ralph Krusey, Police Commander, Jim Ballew, Parks and Recreation Director; Doug Buell, Community Information Officer, and Laurie Hugdahl, Recording Secretary.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Kendall solicited committee reports. Councilmember Jeff Seibert reported on the **Draft Standards for Prosecuting Attorneys** meeting where they discussed a diversion program for drug court and expedited prosecution.

Councilmember Lisa Vares commented that **Public Works** meetings were cancelled for the rest of the month.

Mayor Pro Tem Jon Nehring reported on the **Facilities Committee** meeting. Highlights included:

- Strawberry Fields Grand Opening Dedication on Sunday at 2:00 p.m.
- Rental Fee Schedule now available – There are different rates for day and night rentals. Donna Wright commented that there is also a prioritizing list for who gets to use the fields.
- Caretaker Contract
- Maintenance issues at Marysville Library.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Dedication tentatively scheduled for June 3.

Councilmember Jeff Vaughan stated that the **Parks Board** met on Wednesday, May 11.

- They were informed that the grant funding for the skate park video surveillance system did not come through. The board voted to approve funding for this in the 2006 budget.
- There was an update on the golf course.
- The board approved a new memorial plaque for the Youth Peace Park.
- Hanging baskets have been ordered and should arrive around Memorial Day weekend.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

OTHER ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 23, 2005 MEETING

A. Approval of Minutes.

1. May 6-7, 2005 City Council Retreat.
2. May 9, 2005 City Council Meeting.
3. May 16, 2005 City Council Work Session.

CONSENT

A. Approval of May 11, 2005 Claims in the Amount of \$611,366.86; Paid by Check No. 22715 through 22852 with Check No. 22613 Void.

B. Approval of May 18, 2005 Claims.

C. Approval of May 20, 2005 Payroll.

D. Authorize Mayor to Sign Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish Regional Drug Task Force.

Commander Krusey stated that he had nothing additional to add to this. Councilmember Vaughan asked if there had been a reduction in the number of detectives. Mary Swenson responded that there had not.

E. Renewal of Interlocal Agreement for Municipal Court Services; City of Arlington.

City Attorney Grant Weed explained that this included cleanup of the signature page and some typos. There were no substantial changes.

F. Approval of Resolution to Sponsor Marysville Fire District's Application to AWC's Benefit Trust Plan.

Fire Chief Greg Corn explained that Marysville Fire District is requesting that the City Council adopt a resolution providing Marysville Fire District with member sponsorship in Association of Washington Cities Benefits Trust plan.

G. Authorize Mayor to Sign Lease Agreement and Caretaker Contract for Strawberry Fields Park; Shirley Lennon.

Jim Ballew stated that the Lease Agreement had been modified to reflect the fact that the caretaker would be responsible for paying for the security system and all other utilities. The Scope of Work has also changed.

H. Approval of Final Plat for Cedar Ridge; PA 0306018.

This item was removed from the agenda.

REVIEW BIDS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

CURRENT BUSINESS

A. PEG/I-NET Fee.

Community Information Officer Doug Buell reviewed some of the options available to Council:

1. Continue the \$1 per subscriber/per month fee as provided in the cable franchise agreement with Comcast Cable Corp.
2. Establish a tiered fee structure to reduce the rate over time.
3. Reduce the \$1 to a lower flat rate to commence upon completed payment of the I-NET and banking of an amount to cover the full cost of the I-NET maintenance agreement.
4. Eliminate the PEG/I-NET fee.

Councilmember Lee Phillips commented that there would be additional expenses for the I-NET if more buildings were added in the future. He then distributed and reviewed the goals of the Cable Television Advisory Committee. He stated that the Committee is recommending maintaining the dollar fee for I-NET and capital improvements. He emphasized the importance of keeping the City's image up with technology.

Councilmember Jeff Seibert asked Councilmember Phillips if he feels the TV channel is a benefit to the whole community. Mr. Phillips responded that he thinks it is. Mr. Seibert suggested that the whole community should pay for it. Councilmember Phillips replied that it

is the most beneficial to the cable customers. Councilmember Seibert stated that when he voted for the I-NET there was no money available in the general fund and this was the only way to fund it in that specific window of time. He does not think cable customers should continue to bear the costs.

Councilmember Donna Wright referred to the Overall Review of Goals for the Cable TV Advisory Committee. The first goal listed was to "Televis Regular Council Meetings." Ms. Wright stated that she was not sure this was a goal of the Council. Mr. Phillips agreed that this still required discussion, but their intention was to begin with a local news program first. There was discussion about the possible details of the local news program. Councilmember Lisa Vares expressed concerns that the cost would be too great to provide something that would be a real value to the citizens. She suggested that it might be worthwhile to visitors and tourists. Councilmember Wright expressed concern that cable channel would be trying to compete with much larger, commercial stations. Ms. Vares stated that she had an issue with people having no choice about paying for the station.

Councilmember Soriano asked if the video arraignment equipment would be compatible with the cable channel. Mr. Buell responded that it could be. Councilmember Soriano then asked if the police department had plans to equip police vehicles with video systems. Chief Carden replied that this is a possibility down the road because it would be very expensive. Councilmember Soriano wondered if this would be considered PEG I-NET infrastructure. Mr. Buell responded that it would be. Councilmember Soriano suggested exploring other uses that could be considered for public benefit.

Councilmember Seibert stated that he never would have voted for the dollar if he knew it would "snowball" into this. He pointed to the Citizen Survey results. The top concerns did not indicate that the cable channel was a priority. He would rather see the money go toward paving the streets.

Mayor Kendall asked how much was outstanding on the I-NET. Sandy Langdon replied that \$107,000 was still owed. They would still need to come up with \$6500 per year for maintenance. There was discussion about saving enough for future maintenance needs. Mary Swenson commented that keeping the cable equipment current would be an issue with no fee.

Councilmember Jon Nehring suggested saving enough surplus to maintain the I-NET. He noted that he would support the one-time upgrade of \$11,500 for the cable channel, but then would be in favor of eliminating the fee. He suggested that staff provide Council with two different scenarios. One would show the earliest possible payoff date, using the \$11,500 for upgrades. The other would show the minimum fee that would be required if Council wanted cable customers to maintain the I-NET on an ongoing basis.

Councilmember Seibert felt the I-NET costs should be paid off, but did not support cable customers paying for the maintenance costs since they were the ones who initially paid for the installation of the I-NET. He would support paying for the upgrade of equipment out of the surplus fees at the end of the third year. He would like to eliminate the fee as soon as possible.

Councilmember Jeff Vaughan commented that he had a problem with the funding for the cable channel coming out of the general fund, but he doesn't like that people don't have a choice. He would rather see the city stream video off the website, which would be a more efficient use of staff time and funds. He stated that the bigger issue is whether or not the City would have a cable channel and who would pay for it. Councilmember Vares concurred with this. She suggested having a debate about whether the City needs to have a channel. Councilmember Nehring noted that it was important to separate the issues of the I-NET and the cable channel.

Mary Swenson indicated that if the fee is not taken then Council should look at whether they want to continue the cable channel, as there would be continual struggles for funding. Councilmember Seibert suggested sponsors and private donations. Lee Phillips commented that it was not legal to get sponsorships. They are allowed to get funding for the "P" but not for the "E" and "G". There was some discussion about limitations faced by the channel in this regard.

Councilmember Soriano expressed concerns about the funding for the I-NET maintenance. He suggested a tiered decrease in the fee, but maintaining it in some form to allow for ongoing maintenance costs. Councilmember Seibert was of the opinion that the fee is deceptive. Councilmember Soriano does not feel it is. Councilmember Vares requested holding the discussion until the first cycle in June so she would be able to attend. There was consensus to take a look at this at that time.

B. Purchase of City Flags.

Doug Buell discussed the recommended purchase of city flags using monies from the fund established for economic development purposes.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Jail Expansion/Remodel.

Chief Carden discussed the need for the jail expansion/remodel. Mary Swenson discussed the need for the video arraignment equipment. She felt that tapping into reserves was acceptable for this since the money would be recouped. The incoming funds would be earmarked to go back into reserves. There was discussion about the general fund reserve balance. Councilmember Vares expressed support for this project, but noted concerns about the size of the booking area.

B. Scott Ray Annexation; 10% Notice of Intent; PA04041.

Gloria Hirashima explained that staff is recommending that Council waive the requirement to annex and require an annexation covenant instead. Councilmember Seibert asked if the applicant had already pulled a permit in Snohomish County. Ms. Hirashima replied that they had.

C. ONO Annexation; Notice of Intent; PA 05012.

Ms. Hirashima explained that staff is recommending approval of the expanded annexation boundary, but would like to poll neighboring owners to see if sufficiency exists. If not they are recommending waiving the requirement and requiring an annexation covenant instead.

LEGAL

None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**A. Resolution of the City of Marysville with Regard to Sponsoring the Marysville Fire District's Request to Join the Association of Washington Cities' Employees Benefit Trust.****INFORMATION ITEMS****A. Mayor's Business**

None.

B. Staff Business**Gloria Hirashima:**

- Updated Council on the meeting staff held with residents of the Eagle Point Mobile Home Park. The residents are unhappy about plans for the site. Several have indicated they would like a meeting with Council. There was consensus by Council to set up a separate meeting with the residents.
- Announced that the Snohomish County Planning Commission and County Council would be starting their hearings on the Comprehensive Plan.
- Reported that a representative from the Marysville Towne Center was in town last week and met with staff to discuss the City's ideas for that area. They were receptive, but there is still much to be discussed.
- Reported that staff met with the Allen Creek Baptist Church to welcome them into the City and to discuss the next phases of the permit process. They are very happy to be in the City now.
- Stated that staff received the Jordan Annexation petition back last week and forwarded it to the County. They should have 60% certification.

Sandy Langdon reminded Council of the Special Council Meeting tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. There will be a Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday.

Jim Ballew referred to the new *Activities Guide* for the Parks and Recreation. He commended Doug Buell for his great work.

- He noted that the Fishing Derby would be held this Saturday. The breakfast will be at 8:00 a.m. with the derby immediately following.

- He noted that the Maryfest Committee has indicated that they are not interested in pursuing the banners this year.
- Landscapers are onsite now at the Ebey Waterfront Park.
- Strawberry Fields Grand Opening on Sunday at 2 p.m.

Doug Buell commented that the new *North Snohomish County Visitors Guide* has arrived. He thanked Council for providing the Hotel Motel Tax Fund for this. He stated that the Homegrown Festival would be on August 12 and 13 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. He encouraged Councilmembers to sign up for a time to work in the city booth.

Chief Carden stated that they would be laying a wreath on Wednesday at 10 a.m. in honor of Peace Officers Memorial Week. There was a meeting on Thursday night with residents of Lakewood Commons to discuss policing issues, especially traffic. He then reported that two teens had bowled at the event last weekend. The event raised over \$15,000 for Housing Hope.

Mary Swenson reminded Council of the Planning Commission dinner tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m.

Grant Weed stated that he would need an Executive Session at the next meeting.

C. Call on Councilmembers

Lisa Vares had no comments.

Jeff Vaughan referred to a ribbon-cutting event for Studio 51. He stated that this is a very nice, upscale place and encouraged Council to attend.

Jon Nehring noted that he would be out of town Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Jeff Seibert thanked Mayor Kendall for his comments in the paper. He discussed issues he was having with his e-mail account. He then commented on how bad traffic had become on 88th since the opening of the new outlet stores.

Lee Phillips had no comments.

John Soriano suggested confirming that all of the Planning Commissioners were aware of the dinner. Ms. Swenson indicated that they had already done that.

Donna Wright had no comments.

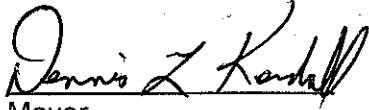
D. Marysville Park Advisory Board Meeting Minutes; April 13, 2005.

E. Marysville Library Board Meeting Minutes; March 10, 2005.


ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, Mayor Kendall adjourned the work session at 9:07 p.m.

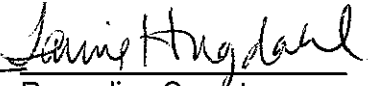
Approved this 24th day of May, 2005.



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