

MARYSVILLE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

January 3, 2006

7:00 p.m.

City Hall

CALL TO ORDER / INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Dennis Kendall called the January 3, 2006 work session of the Marysville City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. There was no invocation. Mayor Kendall then led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Chief Administrative Officer Mary Swenson gave the roll call. The following staff and councilmembers were in attendance.

Mayor: Dennis Kendall

Council: Lee Phillips, Carmen Rasmussen, Jeff Seibert, John Soriano, Jeff Vaughan, Donna Wright and Mayor Pro Tem Jon Nehring

Staff: Mary Swenson, Chief Administrative Officer; Craig Knutson, City Attorney; Gloria Hirashima, Community Development Director; Cheryl Dungan, Senior Planner; Paul Roberts, Public Works Director; Jim Ballew, Parks and Recreation Director; Doug Buell, Community Information Officer; and Laurie Hugdahl, Recording Secretary.

Mayor Kendall thanked everyone for coming and wished them a Happy New Year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jeff Vaughan reported that the LEOFF 1 Committee met last Tuesday. At that time they reviewed and approved four claims. Walt McKinney was re-elected Chairperson. Jeff Vaughan was elected Chair Pro Tem.

PRESENTATIONS**A. Golf Committee Recommendations.**

Chief Executive Officer Mary Swenson gave an overview of this issue. Tom St. Onge, Chairman; Bob Steenfott, member; and Doug Buell, staff liaison were present to discuss the committee's recommendations. Doug Buell discussed the competitive environment of the golf courses in the area and the ongoing deficit of the Cedarcrest Golf Course and the specific recommendations of the committee as outlined in council's packets.

Mary Swenson commented that the committee functioned essentially independently although she and the Mayor did sit in on a few meetings. This allowed for more thoughtful input about ways that the golf course can function more efficiently. She recognized all those who participated on the committee: Tom St. Onge, Wayne Combs, Larry Jubie, Cory Long,

Jim Lonneker, Steve Muller, Pat Nelson, Ed Phelps, Gail Rauch, Aaron Soper, Bob Steenfott, Jodi Widmann, Jon Nehring, Doug Buell and Judy Coonts, and thanked them for their participation. She noted that this was a balanced group of individuals and that there was positive, honest exchange among the members.

Mayor Kendall added that they would have the financial information available at the next work session after Finance Director Sandy Langdon returns from vacation. Councilmember Nehring commented that this was a citizen-driven committee that came up with a lot of good, solid recommendations.

Jeff Seibert asked which ideas had already been implemented. Mayor Kendall highlighted these. Jim Ballew indicated he would have information regarding the POS software for the next meeting. He noted that engineers have looked conceptually at ideas for installing a detention pond and other money-saving idea with regard to water. Councilmember Seibert requested some cost estimates and an estimated payback time for some of these ideas. Staff indicated they would get this to council.

Carmen Rasmussen asked about the revenue from the restaurant. Jim Ballew explained that this is a contracted amount for the lease and it increases 4% annually. She then asked if they had considered using the golf course for other types of functions. Mr. Ballew responded that they have used it for several years for a multi-school cross-country invitational. They have also considered a light display for the holidays. Other evening opportunities exist, but there are issues related to the need for increased staff and security.

John Soriano asked about the family plan promotion idea. Mr. Ballew replied that it is a great idea and they hope to expand on this.

Jon Nehring encouraged discounts and promotions during the week and suggested that if the golf course could ride out the low tide with the industry, they might come out ahead in the future. He thanked Mr. St. Onge and the rest of the committee for all the time and effort spent on behalf of this matter.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

OTHER ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR THE JANUARY 9, 2006 MEETING

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

- A. December 12, 2005 City Council Meeting.**
- B. January 3, 2006 City Council Work Session.**

CONSENT

- A. Approval of December 21, 2005 Claims in the Amount of \$247,899.34; Paid by Check No. 27419 through 27540 with Check No. 27346, 27347 and 19547 Void.**

- B. Approval of December 28, 2005 Claims.**
- C. Approval of January 4, 2006 Claims.**
- D. Approval of January 5, 2006 Payroll.**
- E. Approval of New Liquor License for The Odom Corporation (13733 Smokey Point Boulevard).**

There were no comments or questions regarding this item.

- F. Approval of New Liquor License for Ichi Bento & Teriyaki (1206 State Avenue).**

There were no comments or questions regarding this item.

- G. Approval of Liquor License Renewals.**

There were no comments or questions regarding this item.

- H. Accept the Hayho Creek Culvert Replacements Project at 40th Avenue NE and the BNSF Railroad as Complete and Begin the 45-day Lien Filing Period.**

Paul Roberts proudly announced that this was completed \$40,000 under budget. Councilmember Seibert suggested getting some pictures of this project on the website. Mr. Roberts thought this was a good idea and said he would look into it.

- I. Authorize Mayor to Sign Third Amendment to Chief Administrative Officer's Contract.**

This was discussed in Executive Session.

REVIEW BIDS

- A. Comeford Park Community Restroom Renovation Bid.**

Jim Ballew explained that staff is recommending rejecting the one bid received for this project.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

CURRENT BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Shoreline Master Plan.

This was presented immediately following the golf course presentation at the beginning of the meeting.

Senior Planner Cheryl Dungan explained that the Planning Commission has recommended approval of the Shoreline Master Plan (SMP) after holding public hearings on 10/25/05 and 11/08/05.

John Owens, consultant from Makers Architecture delivered a PowerPoint presentation which reviewed the SMP.

- Shoreline Management Act jurisdiction
- Contents of a Master Program: goals, policies and Regulations – need to integrate regulations with Critical Areas Ordinance. The City's own CAO would be adopted by reference. Cheryl Dungan distributed some language clarifying this.
- Environmental Designations for each area
- Implications of the Qwuloolt inundation.
- Quilceda Creek – all areas covered by SMP are already protected by CAO.
- Urban Conservancy Environment.
- Allowed uses within each jurisdiction.
- Downtown Waterfront regulations – mixed use encouraged, setbacks required, public access trail.
- Marinas – permitted, remodeled marinas must meet SMP standards, mixed use encouraged, cannot extend into river channel, public access is required.
- Industrial – permitted for water-dependent uses.
- Flood hazard reduction
- Public access is very important
- Vegetation conservation
- Shoreline stabilization
- Parking – no primary use parking
- Utility or Transportation located outside shoreline jurisdiction if possible.
- Restoration Plan

Main goals / features:

- Minimize development in Urban Conservancy areas.
- Make sure existing residents and businesses are not adversely affected by the inundation.
- Allow dikes or other measures to protect existing development.
- Make sure public access is pursued for the Ebey waterfront trail.
- Qwuloolt restoration project is an important part of the SMP.
- Agriculture would be allowed but strictly regulated.

Future outlook ten years from now:

- Healthier shoreline ecology
- Revitalized waterfront

- Continuous waterfront trail and public access
- Current residents and businesses not adversely affected

Gloria Hirashima commended John Owens and Cheryl Dungan for their work on this plan.

Jeff Seibert asked about regulations regarding construction of a dock on page 74. John Owens explained that this came from the state code. There was discussion about distinctions between saltwater marsh and fresh water as a result of the inundation. Councilmember Seibert had concerns about restricting docks on Ebey Slough. He asked if mooring buoys would be allowed. Mr. Owens replied that this had not been addressed and they would need to look at it. Mr. Seibert suggested allowing these, especially if docks are not allowed. He felt this could be an issue with future annexations. He also pointed out that there was confusion with the wording of provisions that do not apply within the document. Mr. Owens indicated they would look into this. Ms. Hirashima concurred.

Councilmember Seibert then asked about diking regulations. Mr. Owens referred to the matrices on pages 16-18 which show allowed uses within each jurisdiction. Mr. Seibert asked for clarification on the Note #1 on page 18 regarding the regulations for marinas and "upland environments". He then asked if there would be a requirement to provide access to the water through the native vegetation area. Mr. Owens explained that this had not been addressed specifically. He felt this allowed for more flexibility.

Councilmember Soriano asked if the proposed Qwuloolt project would clean out the canary reed grass. Ms. Dungan replied that they are looking at that now.

Carmen Rasmussen asked about the vagueness of the language of goal #8 on page 7: *Encourage public and private shoreline owners to control populations of invasive or noxious plants and animals.* Mr. Owens replied that the goals are intentionally more general; the specifics would be addressed in the regulations.

Paul Roberts expressed concerns about language in the Utilities and Transportation section. He noted that expansion of the wastewater utilities would be likely in the near future. The SMP would need to reflect the situation the City will be facing with regard to this. He also had concerns about dike and flood control issues.

Mr. Seibert applauded regulations for pump-out facilities for live-aboards. He asked about the definition of live-aboards and how they came up with the 10% figure. Mr. Owens explained that the figure would allow the City to enforce if it ever perceives it as a problem. Mr. Seibert suggested limiting availability of power and telephone if there are no pump-out facilities.

There were no further comments or questions regarding this item.

LEGAL

A. Recovery Contract for Alexander Reed Construction, Inc.

There was no discussion regarding this item.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution of the City of Marysville Regarding General Obligation Bonds for School Construction.

B. Resolution of the City of Marysville Regarding Replacement Education Programs and Operations Levy for the Marysville School District.

Mayor Kendall explained that the school district has requested that the Council endorse the two above propositions. Mayor Kendall solicited comments from the Council on whether to encourage citizens to vote in favor or simply to get out and vote.

- Councilmember Vaughan stated that he had not been in favor of this before because he did not like the precedent. He still felt the same way, but he did hope people would support this.
- Councilmember Seibert was in favor of supporting the bond and encouraging residents to vote on the levy.
- Councilmember Soriano was in favor of simply urging residents to vote.
- Councilmember Wright was in favor of supporting the bond, but just encouraging citizens to vote on the levy.
- Councilmember Nehring concurred with Councilmembers Soriano and Vaughan. He did not like implying that one was more important than the other.
- Councilmember Rasmussen felt strongly about encouraging people to vote, but was not comfortable with telling them which way to vote.
- Councilmember Phillips was in favor of getting people out to vote.

INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Mayor's Business

Mayor Kendall stated that they would be choosing a Mayor Pro Tem for 2006 at the next meeting. They also need to reconfirm some appointments and various committee board members.

He noted that they need to rename the street (67th) going up the hill to 88th and he had been informed that they could make it a boulevard.

He pointed out the handbook for councilmembers' procedures which will be reviewed on January 17th.

B. Staff Business

Jim Ballew reported that during the last cold spell the Marysville Community Campus building broke a pipe and received water damage to 20% of the building. This will be covered by insurance. He reported with regret that there had been a significant amount of vandalism over the holiday break.

Paul Roberts wished everyone Happy New Year and noted an insurance issue would be coming soon.

Gloria Hirashima reported that the Hearing Examiner upheld staff's recommendation for the 64th Street Plaza appeal and they are very pleased with that. The County Council finished their Comprehensive Plan Update and all the areas requested by the City were included. She then reviewed some of the development activity occurring.

Craig Knutson had one personnel item for Executive Session.

Mary Swenson also reviewed the significant development in the area. She commended Public Works and Community Development staff for handling the issues associated with this development.

She noted that they are thrilled with the outcome of the expansion areas. They are also committed to continuing a positive working relationship with Lake Stevens. She added that the residents of Whiskey Ridge are very happy with the result.

C. Call on Councilmembers

Lee Phillips wished everyone Happy New Year.

Carmen Rasmussen stated that she would be attending the workshop for newly elected officials on Friday.

Jeff Vaughan reported that citizens had approached him about a big pothole on 88th and State Avenue. Councilmember Phillips added that there is a rut at the same intersection that could present a danger to motorcycles. Paul Roberts stated that he would look into that.

Jon Nehring wished everyone Happy New Year. He reviewed the positive direction the City has taken. He commended Community Development for their efficient handling of the permitting process. He was thrilled with all the new business coming into the City. He expressed appreciation to Snohomish County Councilmembers Sievers, Gosset and Koster for supporting the City.

Jeff Seibert discussed an initiative to limit property tax. He felt that there is great misconception about how the property tax system works and suggested developing a strategy for educating citizens. He also recommended keeping an eye on the Farm Bureau's initiative for damaged land if it is determined to be a wetland. He commented that he had been surprised that Snohomish County had gone with the moderate level.

John Soriano wished everyone Happy New Year. Regarding the UGA expansion areas, he noted that the Chamber of Commerce had also put in supportive e-mails. He commented that the YMCA had also experienced vandalism during the break.

Donna Wright was happy to be at the meeting. She reported that she had been contacted by the president of the Wexford Homeowners Association regarding concerns with a neighbors' storage situation.

Lee Phillips suggested sending a thank you to the Tribes for their hospitality last month. Mary Swenson indicated they would do that.

ADJOURNMENT

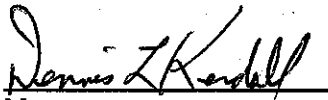
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EXECUTIVE SESSION

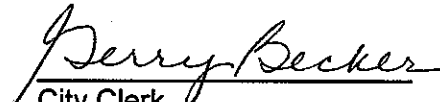
Council met in Executive Session at 9:15 p.m., discussed one personnel issue, and reconvened into Regular Session at 9:20 p.m.

Taking no action and seeing no further business, Mayor Kendall adjourned the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

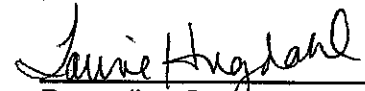
Approved this 9th day of January, 2006.



Mayor
Dennis Kendall



City Clerk
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