

COUNCIL

Marysville

MINUTES

Work Session *February 19, 2008*

Call to Order / Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Seibert called the February 19, 2008 Work Session of the Marysville City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. at Marysville City Hall and 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 Pro Tem: Jeff Seibert

Council: Councilmember Jon Nehring, Councilmember Lee Phillips, Councilmember Carmen Rasmussen, Councilmember John Soriano, Councilmember Jeff Vaughan and Councilmember Donna Wright

Absent: Mayor Kendall (out of town)

Also Present: Chief Administrative Officer Mary Swenson, Finance Director Sandy Langdon, Police Chief Rick Smith, Community Development Director Gloria Hirashima, Public Works Director Paul Roberts, Parks and Recreation Director Jim Ballew, City Attorney Thom Graafstra, City Clerk Tracy Jeffries, and Recording Secretary Laurie Hugdahl

Committee Reports - None

Presentations - None

Discussion Items

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of February 11, 2008 City Council Meeting Minutes.
2. Approval of February 19, 2008 City Council Work Session Minutes.

Consent

3. Approval of February 13, 2008 Claims in the Amount \$1,224,214.39; Paid by Check No.'s 45139 through 45319 with no Check No.'s Voided.
4. Approval of February 20, 2008 Claims.
5. Approval of February 20, 2008 Payroll.

Review Bids - None

Public Hearings - None

New Business

6. Supplemental Professional Services Agreement #1 with Systems Interface, Inc. for Telemetry Upgrade.

Public Works Director Paul Roberts stated that the City is upgrading telemetry systems and is moving to a wireless type of system. This is a contract to move forward with upgrading those systems for the lift stations.

Jeff Seibert asked if this system is more open than the current one as far as options for service providers. Director Roberts thought this was correct, but indicated he could find out more information about that.

7. Interlocal Agreement with the City of Everett to Update the Everett Area Freight Mobility and Access Study.

Paul Roberts said this is an exciting opportunity to address difficult issues in cooperation with the City of Everett. Mary Swenson stated that the Tribes have been informed about this also.

8. Lakewood Triangle Access Project R0604 Funding Source Authorization.

Director Roberts discussed this project. Mayor Pro Tem Seibert commented that the more design that is done the better the chance of getting another grant. Director Roberts concurred.

9. Snohomish County Volunteer Search and Rescue Training Facility Use Agreement.

Chief Smith explained that this provides a facility for the Tactical Team to train at and work on fitness standards together.

10. A **Resolution** of the City of Marysville Accepting a Contribution for the Marysville Noon Rotary Club for the 2008 Community Easter Egg Hunt Event.

Parks and Recreation Director Jim Ballew said Marysville Noon Rotary will be supporting this event with a contribution of \$1,500.

11. A **Resolution** of the City of Marysville Accepting a Contribution for the Installation of a New Video Surveillance System in Jennings Memorial Park.

Parks and Recreation Director Ballew stated that Quilceda Carvers have donated \$350. As of today, both Jennings and Ebey are online with their surveillance systems.

12. A **Resolution** of the City of Marysville Accepting a Contribution for the Father Daughter Dance Program Event.

Director Ballew explained that this contribution was from Space Station Games. CAO Swenson said she saw some wonderful photos of the Father Daughter Dance Program Event.

13. A **Resolution** of the City of Marysville Accepting a Contribution to Assist in Purchasing Furnishings for the Ken Baxter Senior Community Center.

The City received \$9000 from the Stillaguamish Tribe towards furnishings for the senior center.

14. A **Resolution** of the City of Marysville Announcing the Retirement of K-9 Police Dog Shadow and Therefore Declaring the K-9 Police Dog Shadow to be Surplus and Authorizing the Sale of the K-9 Police Dog Shadow.

Chief Smith explained that the dog is being retired and will be sold back to the handler. Councilmember Nehring asked if there are any costs that the City continues to incur after the sale. Chief Smith replied that there were no additional costs.

15. A **Resolution** of the City of Marysville Declaring a TEC MA-1650 Cash Register Machine to be Surplus and Authorizing the Sale or Disposal Thereof.

Gloria Hirashima explained that this is regarding a surplus cash register.

16. An **Ordinance** of the City of Marysville Amending Ordinance 2733 Relating to Section 2.50.060 of the Marysville Municipal Code.

Sandy Langdon explained that this relates to employee travel reimbursement.

17. Interlocal Agreement with the City of Edmonds Establishing Cooperative Financial Support for Local JTTF Detective.

Chief Smith explained that this item relates to the Joint Terrorism Task Force, a regional unit that provides information and intelligence regarding local, regional, and national

Homeland Security issues. The City provides an amount of funding based on the population number. He anticipates that this cost will be absorbed into the budget.

Councilmember Rasmussen asked how we are currently participating. Chief Smith replied that we are very active currently. This agreement is a new type of agreement to create a detective who is solely assigned to the task force on behalf of a number of jurisdictions.

Legal - None

Mayor's Business

18. Marysville Cable Television Advisory Committee Re-Appointments; Dorothy Stanton.
19. Marysville Cable Television Advisory Committee Re-Appointments; Dick Walsh.
20. Marysville Cable Television Advisory Committee Re-Appointments; Dean Kinzel.

Staff Business

Paul Roberts had no comments.

Tom Graafstra explained that Grant Weed would be giving a report on litigation at the next meeting.

Mary Swenson:

- The lobbyist reported that none of the UW bills came out of the House. They will continue to monitor this.
- Congressman Larsen's staff will be in town Thursday. Paul did a great job putting transportation information together.
- She noted the need for an Executive Session to give updates on three personnel issues. The expected time needed was 15 minutes.

Chief Smith was pleased to report that a 13-year old and a 15-year old in custody for tagging. This was one of the more prolific taggers in the area. Chief Smith commended the individual responsible for apprehending these individuals.

Jim Ballew:

- They are working with the prosecutor's office on graffiti issues. They appear to be in favor of putting the offenders who are willing to do community service in a voluntary vest labeled with "Graffiti Offender," as they clean up public places.
- The trail issue was in the paper this morning. There will be a meeting next Thursday. Staff received a lot of positive phone calls and emails regarding this.
- There will be a Healthy Communities Leadership Planning Committee meeting Thursday morning.

Gloria Hirashima:

- We received a decision from the Hearing Examiner approving conditional use for Getcheil High School.
- We advertised for 2008 Comprehensive Plan Amendments requests. Two citizen-initiated requests were received. She reviewed the process for the Comprehensive Plan Amendments.
- She gave an update on the agency meeting last week. There was an excellent turnout from local, state and federal agencies. They discussed doing a pilot project for joint planning of how streams and sensitive areas will be treated up north. This is new in terms of agency coordination. She relayed very positive comments made by the state DOE member.
- CAO Mary Swenson was very pleased with the remarks. She commended Director Hirashima, City Engineer Kevin Nielsen, and Director Paul Roberts for all the work they have done on this matter.
- Director Hirashima added that there are some economic development activities we want to accomplish in that area. This project is a good example of trying to balance environmental concerns and economic development activities.

Sandy Langdon noted that there was only one item on the agenda for the Finance Committee meeting tomorrow. There was consensus to cancel it for this month.

Call on Councilmembers

Carmen Rasmussen asked if there would be a spring council retreat. CAO Swenson said there would be, but a date had not yet been set.

Jeff Vaughan discussed an informative training session he attended, hosted by the Tulalip Tribes regarding gang issues. He shared some of the things he learned from the gang expert such as facts and statistics about gangs and differentiating between different types of graffiti. He offered to share resources with anyone who was interested. He stated that he believes Marysville has reason for concern, but also that we are in a good place for dealing with this. He said he would like more information about what the City is doing in this regard. He suggested working more closely with the Tribes on this. He heard that the County has a gang task force. He would like to know if the City is participating in this effort. He suggested that the Council might participate in a training session like this if they are interested.

Mary Swenson commented that she found out about this training when they were in Olympia. This is a unique opportunity to cooperate with the Tribes on this. The Tribes are dealing with the same issues that the City is and they want to get a handle on this. Both groups want agree that it is critical to get the school district more engaged with this.

Chief Rick Smith discussed what the police department is currently doing. He agreed that awareness in the community is very important. He discussed his vast experience with gangs. The County's gang task force recently conducted an assessment of gang activity in this area, but that is all that has been done at this point. There was a regional

chiefs and sheriffs meeting on Friday and Chief Smith brought up this topic there. He spoke with Chief Scott Smith over in the Tribes and they plan to work together. In the past year, the City has been part of the Joint Terrorism Task Force and has received information rapidly. They are part of a regional intelligence group in Everett which has gang experts. There are issues in Marysville, but most of the serious issues are on the other side of I-5.

The City is currently focusing on crime analysis, by improving the transfer of information from SnoPac, and developing a Proact / Neighborhood / Community Response team that will be mobile and will deal with drugs and neighborhood livability issues. Their goal is to identify the issue and address the issues before they escalate. Prevention is critical and the school district needs to be involved. Education also needs to occur through the neighborhoods to inform them and empower them regarding issues. He commended citizens who are involved in notifying the police about incidents.

Mary Swenson commended the great working relationship between department directors, parks and police.

Jim Ballew commented that they have a meeting scheduled with the school district next week to introduce the graffiti video. They will be talking about how to employ a discussion with the middle school group.

Councilmember Rasmussen commented that there are a lot of positive things regarding youth empowerment and community interaction with youth happening in Marysville. This is recognized throughout the county and will serve us well in having a dialogue with our youth and help with the prevention aspect. She discussed the idea of developmental assets and offered to provide training on this if the Council was interested. She stated that it is important to work on prevention as well as intervention and enforcement. Donna Wright suggested that they could learn more about developmental assets at the upcoming retreat. Mary Swenson thought that it could be an option.

Jeff Seibert suggested trying to arrange some training regarding gangs for leaders of the community. Councilmember Vaughan agreed that it is important to educate leaders of the community, but just as important to educate parents on this. First, however, we need to have a well thought-out approach as we go about this.

Carmen Rasmussen discussed the importance of interacting with youth in a positive way. People need to realize that most of the kids in the community are good kids who just need a positive role model. Jeff Vaughan agreed. Chief Smith added that there are federal guidelines for identifying gang members.

Donna Wright had no further comments.

Jon Nehring:

- Thanks to businesses and community groups for supporting City programs.
- He discussed an article from the Everett Herald regarding Mayor Stephanson's home being vandalized by graffiti. He thought it was impressive that

Councilmember Vaughan was quoted in the article. This shows that his work is being noticed outside of the City. He commented that Everett is looking at setting aside funds to assist residents with graffiti cleanup costs. He wondered if the City might want to look at this. Councilmember Vaughan commented that the Graffiti Task Force has extensively discussed the importance of assisting property owners, but is cautious about helping too much. Their opinion is that property owners are responsible for keeping their property cleaned up. The code is not geared toward residences who are having trouble cleaning up their property, but toward problem property owners who don't do what everybody knows they should be doing.

- Councilmember Nehring noted that Everett's police department attorney had also mentioned something about asking their city council to toughen laws against people caught in the act and possessing tools with the intent of applying graffiti. Paul Roberts commented that he thought that Everett would be happy to share their information with Marysville. He discussed code enforcement issues.
- He commented on the Comprehensive Plan Amendment request regarding Harbor Homes. He discussed comments he has received in opposition to this and his personal concerns in terms of traffic, schools and the whole ambience of the area. Gloria Hirashima discussed her understanding of this proposal.

John Soriano:

- He appreciates the information about gangs and graffiti. This is a great opportunity to partner with the Tribes, especially with regard to the City's crime analyst.
- Last week at PSRC Transportation Policy Board meeting, Richard Warren, from WSDOT gave a presentation about the Highway 9 development plan. He mentioned that discussions are ongoing with the Marysville staff.

Lee Phillips had no comments.

Jeff Seibert wondered if Terry Hawley had brought any information back to Larry Larson from the SWAC meeting regarding a rate increase. He thought they might want to include this as the City goes through its modeling of cost of service. Sandy Langdon said that Terry Hawley has been prompt about giving that information to the consultant.

Mary Swenson remarked that Mayor Kendail did a fantastic job on Friday morning when he gave the State of the City address to the city employees. She has heard very positive things from the employees who appreciated seeing the bigger picture about what the City is doing. They plan to do this every year.

Adjourn

Mayor Pro Tem Seibert recessed at 8:25 into Executive Session which began at 8:30 and lasted for 15 minutes, until 8:45. There was no action taken.

Executive Session

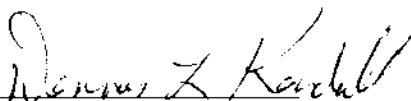
- A. Litigation
- B. Personnel – 3 items
- C. Real Estate

Adjourn


Adjournment

Seeing no further business, Mayor Pro Tem Seibert adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Approved this 25th day of February, 2008.



Mayor
Dennis Kendall



Asst. Admin. Svcs. Director
Tracy Jeffries