

COUNCIL



MINUTES

Work Session
November 1, 2010

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Nehring called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Mayor: Jon Nehring

Council: Lee Phillips, Carmen Rasmussen, Jeff Seibert, John Soriano, Michael Stevens, Jeff Vaughan, and Donna Wright,

Absent: None

Also Present: Chief Administrative Officer Gloria Hirashima, Finance Director Sandy Langdon, Chief Smith, City Attorney Thom Graafstra, Public Works Director Kevin Nielsen, Parks and Recreation Director Jim Ballew, Court Administrator Suzanne Elsner, Recording Secretary Laurie Hugdahl.

Committee Reports – None

Councilmember Soriano noted that the LEOFF 1 Board met on Wednesday the 27th and reviewed and approved 4 claims.

Presentations - None

Discussion Items

Approval of Minutes

- 1. Approval of October 11, 2010 City Council Meeting Minutes.**
- 2. Approval of October 13, 2010 City Council Budget Work Session Minutes.**

3. Approval of October 18, 2010 City Council Work Session Minutes.

Consent

- 4. Approval of October 20, 2010 Claims in the Amount of \$324,551.33; Paid by Check Number's 66114 through 66266 with Check Number 66107 Voided.**
- 5. Approval of October 27, 2010 Claims.**
- 6. Approval of October 27, 2010 Payroll in the Amount of \$396,351.62; Paid by Check Number's 23382 through 23657 with Check Number 23502 Voided and Reissued with Check Number 23658.**

Review Bids

Public Hearings

- 7. Public Hearing regarding the 2011 Proposed Budget (will be held November 8, 2010).**

Councilmember Wright noted that she would be out of town next Monday and suggested that they consider holding off on voting until she could participate. Sandy Langdon added that they would have an updated packet in council members' mailboxes next Wednesday.

New Business

- 8. Renewal of Facility Use Agreement for AllianceOne, Inc. and Imposition of Usage Fee.**

Suzy Elsner explained that this is a renewal of the facilities agreement for collections and also imposes a usage fee.

- 9. Residential Lease Agreement between the City of Marysville and Jeffrey and Jordan Lee.**

Jim Ballew stated that this is a lease agreement for the Rose property. A city employee and his brother are willing to reside there. He feels very good about this recommendation.

- 10. An Ordinance of the City of Marysville, Washington Increasing Water, Sewer, and Surface Water Utility Rates and Amending Sections 14.07.060, 14.07.070, and 14.19.050 of the Marysville Municipal Code as Allowed Under Section 14.07.075.**

There were no comments or questions on this item.

11. **An Ordinance of the City of Marysville Levying EMS Taxes Upon All Property Real Personal and Utility Subject to Taxation Within the Corporate Limits of the City of Marysville, Washington for the Year 2011.**

Sandy Langdon reviewed this document. There were no further comments or questions regarding this item.

12. **An Ordinance of the City of Marysville Levying Regular Taxes Upon All Property Real, Personal and Utility Subject to Taxation Within the Corporate Limits of the City of Marysville, Washington for the Year 2011 and Levying Taxes in Addition to the Regular Property Tax for Payment of Debt Service on the City's Unlimited General Obligation Bonds, 1986 and Refunded in 1996.**

Councilmember Rasmussen asked what the average increase would be for a \$250,000 home with the 1% increase. Sandy Langdon indicated she would bring that information back on Monday.

13. **An Ordinance of the City of Marysville Adopting a Budget for the City of Marysville, Washington, for the Year 2011, Setting Forth in Summary Form the Totals of Estimated Revenues and Appropriations of Each Separate Fund and the Aggregate Totals of All Such Funds Combined, and Including the Pay Classification Plan.**

This is a draft, but an updated document will be in council members' boxes on Wednesday.

Councilmember Seibert asked if this dollar amount reflects the 0% in property tax. Sandy Langdon affirmed that it reflects the 0% option for property tax, but 1% EMS.

14. **An Ordinance of the City of Marysville Amending Sections 3.65.010 of the Marysville Municipal Code to Increase the City Tax Rate from Six Percent of Gross Receipts to Six and One Half Percent of Gross Receipts.**

Sandy Langdon explained that this is a tax on the internal water and sewer utilities. They are asking that it moves up from 6 to 6.5% to cover additional expenses. This is not a tax on the ratepayer. It is a minimal tax that utilities can absorb.

15. **An Ordinance of the City of Marysville Amending Sections 3.64.020(1), 3.64.030, and 3.64.040 of the Marysville Municipal Code, Relating to the Utility Tax on Telephone Services, Sale of Gases, and Sale of Electricity.**

This is the additional 1% utilities tax we had on telephone last year that will sunset in February. If it is adopted again it would continue for another year.

Councilmember Wright commented that it appears more people are discontinuing use of land lines. Sandy Langdon agreed that there is a decrease in revenues and she thinks this is due to land lines being discontinued, but she noted that this does apply to cell phones.

Councilmember Soriano pointed out that on page 2, section 2, the repeal date needs to be corrected to 2012.

Legal

16. Professional Services Agreement between City of Marysville and Strategies 360, Inc. for Consulting Services.

CAO Hirashima reviewed this agreement which establishes a professional services agreement for lobbying services for Strategies 360 Inc. to provide general lobbyist services. She explained that this is two contracts rolled into one in an effort to cut costs.

Councilmember Rasmussen commented that she still feels this is too much money and she would prefer to see the items related to the University branch removed and any other items that our staff could do.

Councilmember Wright asked what the contract would do for the redistricting efforts. CAO explained that this would make sure Marysville is apprised of all actions relating to redistricting and ensure that our wishes are known to people that are involved.

Mayor's Business

Mayor Nehring:

- The food bank is getting dangerously low on food. There will be an all-city food drive this Saturday at Fred Meyer, Albertsons, Haggens, Grocery Outlet, IGA and Safeway. City employees will be at Fred Meyer all day on Saturday.
- He attended the Premier Partners Breakfast at the School District where they awarded the Premier Partner award to the Tulalip Tribes. They also introduced Junior Achievement of Marysville and discussed the different collaborations they have had with the City and other partners. He reported that the school board members that he saw are very eager for the January 31 meeting.
- Ingraham Blvd. ribbon cutting was fabulous. He thanked all those responsible for the project and the ribbon-cutting event.
- Snohomish County Tomorrow met last week. They are one meeting away from finishing the Countywide Planning Policies.
- Community Transit met Thursday night for a budget presentation.

Staff Business

Chief Smith:

- Lisa Brenton was on the air last week and commended the Marysville Police Department and how they have taken her in since Tim's death.
- We have a person doing electronic home monitoring over at the courts. There is also a bailiff there. Councilmember Rasmussen suggested that they make a presentation to Council after they get up and running.

Kevin Nielsen:

- Ingraham Blvd. turned out to be a beautiful corridor. He thanked Parks for their participation. He expressed special thanks to TIB for the \$1million to build the corridor.
- Public Works Committee this Friday at Steamboat at 2:00 p.m.
- CD is scheduled to come back "home" the week after Thanksgiving.
- Thanks to finance for the budget preparation.

Jim Ballew:

- The Teen Halloween Egg Hunt turned out very well. They collected a lot of food for the food bank.
- Basketball drafts are starting this weekend.
- They will start advertising for the Father Daughter Dance.
- He commended staff for the budget process.

Sandy Langdon noted that next week is the big budget week. She acknowledged that her team has done a good job getting things done and getting responses as quickly as possible. She thanked the other directors and Gloria for their quick responses and participation.

Gloria Hirashima:

- It was very exciting to have Ingraham Blvd. opened. Many people have been watching the project for a very long time. She reviewed some of the history on this project.
- The layoff process was completed last week. A lot of transfers moved to new positions today. There was a settlement meeting with Teamsters last week and a lot of grievances were resolved.
- She thanked all the departments and especially finance for the work they have done on the budget. She wished the Council well on the decisions ahead.

Thom Graafstsa stated that he had no business for tonight.

Call on Councilmembers

Carmen Rasmussen echoed comments on the budget process. She expressed appreciation for the thoroughness, clarity, and transparency of the budget information. She thanked the Mayor and his staff as well as the directors.

Jeff Vaughan had no comments.

Michael Stevens echoed the comments about the budget. It has been helpful for him coming in new to this process.

Donna Wright echoed the positive comments on the budget process and the budget. She commented on the huge number of sailors at the Ingraham Blvd. ribbon-cutting. She appreciated the comments from the Captain expressing appreciation to the City.

Lee Phillips was impressed with the Ingraham Blvd. event and the turnout. He thought that a lot of the sailors were very impressed with the project. He gave an update on a land use matter that he, Donna Wright, and Jeff Vaughan completed recently.

John Soriano echoed compliments to staff on the budget.

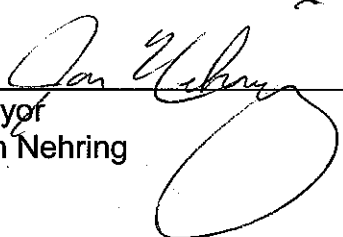
Jeff Seibert:

- He thanked finance and everybody for the budget.
- He thanked staff for the ribbon-cutting event and was pleased that they agreed to name it after the City's adopted ship.
- He commented on the difficult budget process and expressed frustration with some of the misinformed comments in the newspaper. Mayor Nehring concurred, but noted that he has been trying to get out to meet with as many people and groups as possible to get the message across. He recommended taking any opportunity that the Council might have to inform people about the budget.

Adjournment

Seeing no further business Mayor Nehring adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Approved this 22nd day of November, 2010.



Mayor
Jon Nehring



Deputy City Clerk
April O'Brien