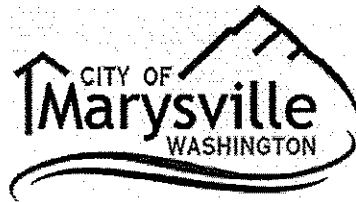


COUNCIL



MINUTES

Work Session
December 6, 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 (arrived 7:08), 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, Commander Robb Lamoureux, City Attorney Grant Weed, Public Works Director Kevin Nielsen, Senior Planner Chris Holland, Parks and Recreation Director Jim Ballew, Court Administrator Suzanne Elsner, Recording Secretary Laurie Hugdahl.

Committee Reports

Councilmember Soriano reported on the November 29 Public Safety Committee meeting where the following items were discussed:

- Chief Smith discussed budget impacts to records, investigations, traffic and patrol.
- Commander Lamoureux went over some of the plans for redeployment.
- Crime statistics for 2010 are still being compiled, so a year-end report for the city will likely be available in early 2011. Totals are still under 2006 levels of the old city limits.
- Chief Smith mentioned that the department's 2011-2013 business plan is being reviewed for overall policy revisions.
- Police personnel for custody are fully staffed.

- The electronic home monitoring system is working well.
- They are looking at a possible re-designation of the jail from holding to detention facility which works to the department's advantage.
- Bob Dolhanyk submitted a completed Emergency Management Plan which is compatible with the format used by the County and also the state EMP.

Presentations

A. Strawberry Festival Presentation

CAO Hirashima explained that they had discussed the issue of Strawberry Festival costs with the MaryFest group. As a result they asked a representative of MaryFest to give Council an update on activities that go on throughout the year. Carol Kapua explained that this is the 80th year for the festival, which started in the 30's. It is the longest continuously-running festival in the state. MaryFest is an all-volunteer organization and most volunteers spend significant money out of their own pocket in order to travel to 27 different festivals each year. They do a lot traveling from Canada to California. She discussed how they reciprocate participation in parades with a lot of different cities. They also are very thrifty and do whatever they can to save money on the road and at home. The budget for this year is \$212,000; income is \$184,000. Income comes from membership drives, donations, sponsorships, the carnival, the market and other fund raisers. She stated that they are ambassadors for the City who travel and represent the city well. They generate money for the city by all the people that come to the festival. Visitors to the festival spend money on hotels, gas, and restaurants.

Councilmember Rasmussen asked for an estimate of how many volunteers work in the organization. Ms. Kapua stated that they have a board of 15; the parade uses 100 volunteers and there are many others as well. Councilmember Rasmussen asked how many hours a week the board members donate. Ms. Kapua stated that she puts in at least 40 hours and most of the other board members put in 20 to 30 hours a week all year with many extra hours close to the Strawberry Festival. Councilmember Rasmussen calculated that the volunteers are donating approximately \$288,000 in volunteer hours.

Councilmember Wright asked where people stay. Ms. Kapua stated that three Marysville hotels are listed on the MaryFest website: the Holiday Inn Express, City Motel, and The Village.

Councilmember Soriano asked if many people who are involved in the parade from other cities stay in Marysville. Ms. Kapua replied that they do. She explained how the cities reciprocate participating in each other's festivals.

Jim Ballew discussed other contributions that MaryFest provides for the community:

- In the last five years MaryFest has contributed approximately \$10,000 toward the purchase of new banners.

- They have made improvements to Totem – complete rewiring.
- They contribute to the high school scholarship program (approximately \$30,000 in scholarships each year to students in the Marysville School District).
- They have also made improvements to MMS.
- They are involved with activities year-round.
- They help with the TV program out at the high school

Councilmember Wright asked if the Chamber is involved in the Strawberry Festival at all. Ms. Kapua stated that they are not.

Councilmember Seibert explained that two years ago they applied for the Hotel Motel Grant for the reimbursement of some of the costs that the city spends on the festival. They were told that it was not appropriate and that we should look at having MaryFest do the application. There was some discussion about how to handle the Hotel Motel funding.

Gloria Hirashima summarized that MaryFest is contributing significant time and resources to the festival. Ms. Kapua commented that the City is at the top of the list on their website. She commended the police department, the street department, and parks, especially Jim Ballew. She noted that they would enjoy having more involvement with the Council. CAO indicated that she would provide a calendar of year-round events. Mayor Nehring thanked Ms. Kapua and all the volunteers for coming and for all the work that they do.

Discussion Items

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of November 8, 2010 City Council Meeting Minutes.
2. Approval of November 15, 2010 City Council Work Session Minutes.
3. Approval of November 22, 2010 City Council Meeting Minutes.

Consent

4. Approval of November 17, 2010 Claims in the Amount of \$420,529.19; Paid by Check Number's 66653 through 66771 with Check Number 61241 Voided.
5. Approval of November 24, 2010 Claims in the Amount of \$450,057.21; Paid by Check Number's 66772 through 66882 with Check Number 65008 Voided.
6. Approval of November 19, 2010 Payroll in the Amount of \$834,999.93; Paid by Check Number's 23713 through 23750 with No Checks Voided.

Review Bids - None

Public Hearings - None

New Business - None

7. Renewal of Employment Agreement for the Golf Shop Supervisor Position.

Director Jim Ballew stated that this is a rollover agreement from last year. There is no change to the amount.

8. Visitor and Community Information Center Services Agreement between the Greater Marysville Tulalip Chamber of Commerce and City of Marysville.

CAO Hirashima explained that this is an annual service contract with the Chamber of Commerce.

9. Approval to Purchase a Stormwater/Wastewater Pump and Hoses from Power Prime Pumps in the Amount of \$83,131.

Director Nielsen reviewed the need for this item. They have an NPDES grant which will be paying for the pump.

10. Acceptance of the Public Works Renovation Project, Starting the 45-Day Lien Filing Period for Project Closeout.

Director Nielsen stated that this will start the lien period for the project that was just completed.

11. Second Amendment to Professional Services Agreement between City of Marysville and Puget Sound Security, Inc. for Security Services for Marysville Municipal Court.

Suzanne Elsner stated that this is part of their budget reduction process. She discussed changes in hours that will help with costs.

12. Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between Okanogan County, Washington and the City of Marysville, Washington, for the Housing of Inmates in the Okanogan County Jail.

Commander Lamoureux explained that this is just a renewal contract for jail services in Okanogan County. There are no cost increases this year.

13. Cooperative Service Agreement between City of Marysville and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for Wildlife Control Services from December 1, 2010 through November 31, 2011.

This is a rollover agreement with USDA who assists with the population of coyote, raccoons, beavers and other wildlife. This allows us to utilize them for the course of the year.

14. Renewal Agreement for Services between the City of Marysville and Allied Employers, Inc.

CAO Hirashima stated that this is for Allied Employers who helps us with labor issues.

15. A Resolution of the City of Marysville for the Acceptance of the Gift from Frank Taylor to Increase the Width of the Trail Corridor and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Quit Claim Deed.

Jim Ballew stated that this is a gift of property from Mr. Taylor to the City for a 10-foot width of trail that emerges from the Holman property. It is the shoulder of the trail that we have been using.

16. A Resolution of the City of Marysville, Washington Affirming the Recommendation of the Hearing Examiner and Granting a Conditional Shoreline Substantial Development Permit to Washington State Department of Transportation for the Construction of an Intelligent Transportation System Facility on Interstate 5.

Chris Holland stated that the Hearing Examiner held a public hearing for a Conditional Shoreline Permit for DOT on this item. DOT is proposing to install an intelligent transportation system from Everett to Marysville/Tulalip. A condition that was supported by the Hearing Examiner is that WSDOT supply us with information showing that any ramp metering at the 4th Street southbound on-ramp would not affect the surface streets of Marysville. Director Nielsen commended John Tatum and Chris Holland for their work on this. CAO Hirashima added that DOT is no longer planning on doing the ramp metering.

17. An Ordinance of the City of Marysville Amending Marysville Municipal Code Chapter 2.30 Relating to the City Clerk.

CAO Hirashima commented that this recognizes that the Finance Director will officially be recognized as the City Clerk. Grant Weed added that this is really a cleanup of the code since it has not been amended since the 80's.

Legal

18. Renewal of the City Attorney Retainer Agreement.

CAO Hirashima stated that this is a renewal of the agreement with the City Attorney. Grant Weed discussed his history with the City and noted that they are requesting a slight increase this year.

Mayor's Business

19. Interlocal Agreement Authorizing Establishment of the Snohomish County Tourism Promotion Area.

Chairman Gosset of the County Council sent over this Interlocal Agreement for the Council to consider.

Councilmember Seibert asked how this would affect our hotel motel funds. CAO Hirashima thought that this would be imposed on the motels, but it wouldn't interfere with our hotel motel funds. She said she had asked the chamber to come to the meeting next week to participate. Councilmember Seibert said he wanted to make sure that it wouldn't impact the city's funds. Director Ballew added that the SCLA elected to support a TPA (Tourism Promotion Area). He commented that the County will be administering a new tax from the hoteliers who have a committee established to allocate the funds. SCLA will have a representative at the meeting next week.

20. Planning Commissioner Appointments; Marvetta Toler, Matthew Chapman, and Rob Toyer.

Motion made by Councilmember Rasmussen, seconded by Councilmember Seibert, to suspend normal study session rules in order to allow taking action. **Motion** passed unanimously (7-0).

Motion made by Councilmember Rasmussen, seconded by Councilmember Soriano, to approve the appointment of Marvetta Toler to the Marysville Planning Commission. **Motion** passed unanimously (7-0).

Motion made by Councilmember Seibert, seconded by Councilmember Vaughan, to approve the appointment of Robert J. Toyer to the Marysville Planning Commission. **Motion** passed unanimously (7-0).

Motion made by Councilmember Wright, seconded by Councilmember Seibert, to approve the appointment of Mathew Chapman to the Marysville Planning Commission. **Motion** passed unanimously (7-0).

Mayor Nehring had the following comments:

- The North County Mayors Group meets here at city hall once a month. They had requested that he put together a legislator session for the last meeting. Four legislators showed up as well as every mayor from the north end and the east. It was a very enjoyable session. Two key items addressed were public records requests and Highway 9.
- NJROTC had a Pass in Review Ceremony last week. They did a fantastic job and honored former Mayor Kendall at the ceremony.
- Community Transit Board approved the budget.

- Marysville School District expressed appreciation to the Public Works department for their camera assistance with the sewage repair at the district service center.
- He announced that new single family residence applications for this year are at 353. This is 157 ahead of what they were at 2009 and near peak levels. Total applications are at 2057. They were at 1555 last year. This is very good news in light of the difficult economy.
- Mayor Nehring thanked everyone involved in Marysville for the Holidays. The attendance was amazing. It was a fantastic event. He commended staff's work on this event. He thanked Commander Welter and his family for being the grand marshals at the parade.

21. LEOFF 1 Disability Board Reappointment; John Soriano.

22. City Clerk Appointment; Sandy Langdon.

Staff Business

Jim Ballew:

- A few thousand people were in attendance for the parade. It was a cooperative effort of every single department in the city. He commended the work done by all.
- Parks and Recreation started online registration last week. There were some technical difficulties, but they are back online today.
- Contractor remobilized up at Cedarcrest last week to finish the bunker project.

Kevin Nielsen:

- Kudos to the Mayor on 83rd which got paved today.
- Watershed hangers will be going out on the Edward Springs area.
- Public Works is recapturing sand. They hope to have 60-70% recycle rate for the sand. They are also refilling stocks of thawing agent and sand as well in order to prepare for the next event.
- Someone stole one of the luminaires at Grove and Alder/43rd. Police are following up on a license plate lead.
- 27th is operating very well.
- He gave an update on new signs requirement. Marysville is already doing the new standard with new signs.
- No TIB funding for the 156th overcrossing.
- Stream corridors – There are currently Chum salmon throughout the whole stream network in Marysville, especially at the Hayho Creek at 136th under the roadway.

Sandy Langdon:

- Finance Department was notified that they received Government Finance Officers Association Award for 2009 financial statements.
- She reminded everyone about the holiday lunch next Tuesday the 14th. There will also be a food and toy drive to address the increased need in the community.

Commander Lamoureux reported that Merrysville for the Holidays was for a success in the eyes of the police department.

Grant Weed stated that there was no executive session this week, but there would be one next week.

CAO Hirashima:

- Directors will be giving updates on budget impacts starting in January.
- AWC Conference is February 16 and 17. Councilmembers should let Lynn know if they will be attending.
- Staff has received a letter asking us to look at deferring some of the impact fees. This is affiliated with some large multifamily projects. Staff has reviewed the issue and believes it would be beneficial to consider for a number of reasons. They are working on a code that would provide for deferral of fees for multifamily projects over a certain size. She reviewed the terms they are considering and the rationale for doing it.
- She congratulated the city departments for the fabulous job they did at Merrysville for the Holidays.
- She thanked all departments for their outstanding work on the snow event.
- City of Granite Falls requested to help them with planning services. Staff is talking to them about that possibility.
- Golf course restaurant submittals are in. Three were received. They are looking for a council member on the committee. Councilmembers Rasmussen and Vaughan indicated they would be available to attend the meeting on Friday afternoon from 1:30 to 4.
- Community Development is back in the Public Works building at 8th and Columbia. Everyone did a fantastic job on the construction.

Call on Councilmembers

Michael Stevens:

- Merrysville for the Holidays was a great event. He enjoyed it thoroughly.
- He and some others met with Representative Mike Hope recently and discussed Highway 9. Representative Hope was very intrigued with the light industrial center.
- He thanked staff for their excellent work on the snow event.

Councilmember Rasmussen thoroughly enjoyed the parade and the weekend event. She was impressed with how vibrant it was and how much there was going on. People were genuinely happy to see that the parade had been brought back. She is very proud of the people that work for the city.

Councilmember Vaughan had no comments.

Councilmember Phillips:

- He announced the birth of his second daughter last week.

- He commended everyone for their work on the parade. He also thought it seemed a lot more vibrant than it has in the past.
- He was pleased with the increase in speed on State Avenue north of 136th.

Councilmember Wright:

- Ivars said their clam chowder was all gone in ½ hour at Merrysville for the Holidays.
- She discussed the configuration of the city hall she visited in Denver. She discussed how there are private-public partnerships on the Platte River to make it navigable.
- Healthy Communities – The Secretary of Agriculture spoke. Two of the topics were childhood obesity and farmers markets.
- CDGB funds may be cut way back or eliminated.
- She discussed a traffic congestion issue at 4th and State.

John Soriano:

- He was sorry to have missed Merrysville for the Holidays.
- He commended staff's work on the snow event. He complimented the police on their assistance with all the accidents during the snow event.

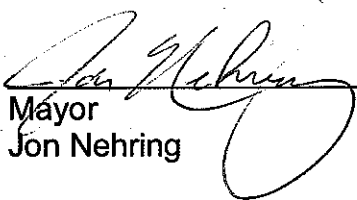
Jeff Seibert:


- He heard several people with positive feedback about the Merrysville for the Holidays.
- He commended staff's handling of the roads during the snow event.

Adjournment

Seeing no further business Mayor Nehring adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Approved this 10th day of January, 2011.


 Mayor
 Jon Nehring


 Deputy City Clerk
 April O'Brien