

# COUNCIL



# MINUTES

## **Council Retreat** *March 21, 2011*

### **Pledge of Allegiance / Call to Order**

Mayor Jon Nehring called the March 21, 2011 Council Retreat meeting of the Marysville City Council to order at 6:01 p.m. at Marysville City Hall. He then led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Roll Call**

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

**Mayor:** Jon Nehring

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

**Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Chief Administrative Officer Gloria Hirashima, Finance Director Sandy Langdon, City Attorney Grant Weed, Police Chief Rick Smith, Public Works Director Kevin Nielsen, Fire Chief Greg Corn, Parks and Recreation Director Jim Ballew, Court Administrator Suzie Elsner, Community Information Officer Doug Buell, Assistant Human Resources Director Kristie Guy, Court Commissioner Laurie Towers

Mayor Jon Nehring noted that Councilmember Wright would be attending, but would be late. He then called for a short dinner recess at 6:03 p.m.

Mayor Jon Nehring called the meeting back to order at 6:31 p.m.

### **Budget Financial Review:**

Finance Director Sandy Langdon gave a presentation on the Annual and Five-Year Budget Forecasts. Further discussion was regarding budget forecasts and City owned properties.

Councilmember Wright arrived at 6:40 p.m.

Directors' Department Updates:

Public Works Director Kevin Nielsen discussed the concern with the funding for streets departments and funding of overlay projects. There was discussion regarding the options available for funding for streets as well as other necessary maintenance and facilities projects.

Parks Director Jim Ballew gave an update on the Golf Course including comparisons to previous years as well as forecasts for the future. Expenditure controls that had already been implemented were discussed; as well as others that could be and were being implemented currently and in the future. Director Ballew expressed his enthusiasm with regards to the work between the golf course and the new restaurant.

Councilmember Phillips stepped out at 7:41 p.m. and returned at 7:44 p.m.

Mayor Nehring called for a short recess at 8:07 p.m.

Mayor Nehring reconvened the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

City Priorities:

Chief Administrative Officer Hirashima gave an overview of priorities that had been discussed at the Directors meeting. She discussed some areas of the Downtown Master Plan that they were looking to implement as well as ways to improve and bring more positives to the current downtown area. There was discussion about ideas to revitalize the downtown area including a spray park and farmers markets.

Councilmember Phillips stepped out at 8:54 p.m. and returned at 8:55 p.m.

The Qwuloolt Trail project was discussed, along with the Smokey Point Industrial Area, both of which are priority areas. CAO Hirashima noted that the LID for the 156<sup>th</sup> Street Overcrossing had been approved.

**March 28, 2011 Agenda**

There was discussion about the March 28, 2011 brief agenda.

**Recess**

The meeting recessed at 9:15 for five minutes before reconvening for Executive Session at 9:20 p.m. expected to last 45 minutes.

**Executive Session** – started at 9:20 p.m.

A. Litigation

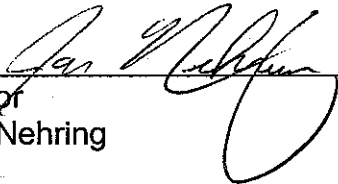
B. Personnel - 1 labor negotiation item pursuant to RCW 42.30.140 (4)(a), no action.

C. Real Estate – 2 real estate items pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(c), no action.

**Adjournment**

Seeing no further business, Mayor Nehring adjourned the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

Approved this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011.

  
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Mayor  
Jon Nehring

  
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Deputy City Clerk  
April O'Brien