

# COUNCIL



# MINUTES

## **Work Session**

*March 4, 2013*

### **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:** Steve Muller, Kamille Norton, Jeff Seibert, Michael Stevens, Rob Toyer, Jeff Vaughan, and Donna Wright

**Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Chief Administrative Officer Gloria Hirashima, Finance Director Sandy Langdon, City Attorney Grant Weed, Public Works Director Kevin Nielsen, IS Manager Worth Norton, System Analyst Sandra Gyurkovics, Deputy City Clerk April O'Brien, Admin Support/Support Technician Esther Nicolas, Computer Support Technician Joseph Finley, Senior Planner Cheryl Dungan, and Recording Secretary Laurie Hugdahl.

### **Committee Reports**

Donna Wright reported on last week's Public Safety meeting where Commander Wade was present for her first meeting with them. There was discussion about new lateral hires, staffing changes, and upcoming challenges for the department with the new assignments. Customer service at the Public Safety building will be improved by installing a speaker system at the window counter.

## Presentations

### A. Marysville Together

Andrea Kingsford, Marysville Parks and Recreation Coordinator; Greg Erickson, Marysville School District Director of Athletics; Cathleen Schindler, Snohomish County Housing Authority; Pastor Greg Kanehan from Marysville Free Methodist Church/Chaplain Crisis Support Coordinator were present to discuss the Marysville Together Coalition (MTC).

Cathy Schindler explained that MTC is a community partnership of caring, involved members committed and empowered to promoting safety, diversity and awareness, and responding to the needs of our community so that everyone who lives in Marysville will take responsibility for working together towards a safe and healthy community. This includes all aspects of health including physical, mental, social, and relational.

Greg Erickson reviewed some of the MTC accomplishments to date:

- Norma Thompson Community Prevention Award
- Alcohol and Drug Free poster contest
- Video gaming violence awareness
- Ages and Stages parenting classes
- Strengthening Families workshops
- Community nights
- Cinco de Mayo celebration
- 411 community information fair
- Healthy Communities Challenge Day
- Assets and A.C.E.'s (Adverse Childhood Experiences) community training

Andrea Kingsford explained how MTC is currently connecting with the community:

- Healthy Communities Challenge Day – This is a community event focusing on healthy living in Marysville from a broad perspective
- Developmental Assets – This provides a different way to see how we look at kids to help support our youth and make them stronger
- A.C.E.'s Training – MTC received a grant through the Health and Safety Network and has done training for groups.
- Prevention Redesign Initiative – Greg Kanehan explained that this is the result of a study about what is causing children to thrive or not to thrive and how family systems impact that growth or lack of growth. The goal is to create a healthy community. Some classes will be starting that promote interaction and growth. The group is seeking to bring back an intervention specialist at Marysville Middle School with grant funding. They have been meeting every Wednesday since September from 1- 3 p.m. to craft a 5-year strategic plan which should be available in the next few weeks. Greg Erickson commented that all prevention and intervention specialists in the schools were cut with the past budget cycle. The district is very excited about having the opportunity to have an intervention specialist at Marysville Middle School. They intend to have a template to make

the program even more effective. The PRI is a community-based approach to provide effective prevention services to reduce underage drinking and substance abuse by our youth in a geographic area. Kathy added that what is exciting is that the group now has the funds to provide best practices. They will be bringing in resources, training, and programs that have been proven to reduce youth drinking and violence.

Greg Erickson emphasized the importance of Marysville's unique support which started with the Healthy Communities Initiative. He is very proud to be a part of Marysville Together.

Councilmember Toyer asked where the funding for MTC comes from. Cathy Schindler explained that in the past they had Community Mobilization funding, but this has been eliminated. Over the past few years MTC has continued solely by volunteer efforts which is why they are so excited by the PRI. Andrea Kingsford added that some activities are funded by grants and sponsorships. She stated that they are not a 501c3, but hope to be in the future. At this point they depend on partnerships. Councilmember Muller commented that the Historical Society has voted to become the fiscal agent for the group. Andrea Kingsford stated that PRI funding will continue for five years. Greg Kanehan pointed out that MTC's rebranding and repackaging a year-and-a-half ago helped the group to be ready when the PRI came along. Councilmember Muller acknowledged the importance of the City's support to help the group get started and to continue over the years.

#### B. Paperless Agenda Process - Galaxy Tab

IS Manager Worth Norton gave training on the Council's new Galaxy Tablets with the assistance of System Analyst Sandra Gyurkovics, Deputy City Clerk April O'Brien, Admin Support/Support Technician Esther Nicolas, Computer Support Technician Joseph Finley, and Finance Director Sandy Langdon.

### **Discussion Items**

#### **Approval of Minutes** *(Written Comment Only Accepted from Audience.)*

1. Approval of the February 11, 2013, City Council Meeting Minutes.

#### **Consent**

2. Approval of the February 20, 2013, Payroll in the Amount of \$793,974.76; Paid by Check Number's 26316 through 26351.
3. Approval of the February 20, 2013 Claims in the Amount of \$436,149.67; Paid by Check Number's 82775 through 82920 with Check No. 75350 Voided.

4. Approval of the February 27, 2013, Claims in the Amount of \$498,985.69; Paid by Check Number's 82921 through 83031 with Check Number's 82514, 82725, and 82770 voided.

### **Review Bids**

### **Public Hearings**

### **New Business**

5. Professional Services Agreement Supplemental #1 with James G. Murphy Company to Provide Auctioneering Services.

Director Nielsen reviewed this item. There were no further questions or comments.

6. Accept the Whiskey Ridge Sewer Extension and Soper Hill Road Water Main Project, Starting the 45-Day Lien Filing Period for Project Closeout.

Director Nielsen stated that they have completed sewer and water main. This supports the PUD takeover and the development of the Whiskey Ridge Master Plan for future growth in that region.

Councilmember Muller commented that they have done a good job.

Councilmember Toyer asked why the amount ended up being over the estimated costs. Director Nielsen stated that there were a few spots that they ended up having to avoid and included change orders. This amount was included in the management reserve.

7. Accept the 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE Connector Project, Starting the 45-Day Lien Filing Period for Project Closeout.

Director Nielsen stated that they are starting the project closeout on this.

Councilmember Muller asked if they would be putting a counter out there to see how much this is getting used. Director Nielsen affirmed this and said they will also be looking at speeds.

Councilmember Seibert commented that he has not noticed an increase in traffic on 80th as he had anticipated. He has noticed more people on 51st, but not that many are coming from State Avenue up 80th.

8. An **Ordinance** of the City of Marysville, Washington Related to Frontage Improvements Requirements, Amending Section 12.02A.090 Frontage Improvements Required.

Cheryl Dungan stated that these draft amendments are to propose broader discretion of when to require frontage improvement construction; add a new section regarding

“boundary line adjustments for development’, add clarifying language regarding small additions/tenant improvements; and propose a reduced rate option for construction of frontage improvements for single-family homeowners in certain circumstances. She reviewed the proposed amendments.

Councilmember Seibert asked for confirmation that they would have to do the long frontage or pay 50% of the cost. Ms. Dungan affirmed this. Councilmember Seibert spoke in support of the proposed amendments.

CAO Hirashima stated that these kinds of situations are the things the City gets the most complaints about from single-family home owners. Community Development has worked closely with the City Attorney to develop these amendments.

## **Legal**

### **Mayor’s Business**

- Mayor Nehring thanked the IT staff for getting this all organized, for the training, and for the ongoing support.
- The Police department had lieutenant interviews last week which resulted in the promotion of Larry Buell, Mark Thomas, and Brad Akau to lieutenant.
- Another great Youth Council meeting was held last week. They selected their logos for t-shirts and committed to a plan for Clean Sweep week. They are hoping to get something at one of the schools they can work on. This continues to be a vibrant group.
- At SCT last Wednesday night they updated the Buildable Lands Report. The 2035 Initial Growth Targets were also presented for a vote next month.
- Last Thursday, he went down to Olympia again to testify for the SRO Bill (Senate Bill 5105). That bill has now made it through the Public Safety Committee. After testimony last Thursday, it made it out of the Ways and Means Committee. This was a significant hurdle. Now it is on to the Rules Committee and then to the full Senate for a floor vote. While he was down there he met with a number of key legislators on the 529 project. He heard from most of them that his many trips to Olympia are paying off. Unfortunately, the Industrial Bill did not make it out of the second committee. He was very disappointed about this, but noted that a lot of bills take several years to get through. He commented that this is an opportunity lost for the state.
- There is a new speed trailer around town.
- He commented that there is a new issue of the *City Scene* newsletter out. It would be nice to distribute those to Council if they are not already receiving them. CAO Hirashima stated that they will be distributing these more broadly in the future.
- He attended a United Way Early Learning Summit at the School District on Friday. Marysville is one of the few communities United Way is doing this in. This will assist Marysville kids in getting a good preschool course on their way into kindergarten.

## **Staff Business**

Kevin Nielsen:

- The railroad will be doing improvements to crossing at 88<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Lights are going up at 156<sup>th</sup>.
- He reported that there was a robbery at public works over the weekend. Burglars stole generators, tools, and wheelbarrows.

Worth Norton noted that for the tablets, the Council Connection would not work outside the building.

Sandy Langdon reported that they had the audit exit conference today, and the financials are in good shape. This was clean audit. Mayor Nehring thanked Finance Director Langdon and her staff for their good work on that.

Grant Weed:

- He discussed some confusion with the term Mayor Pro Tem versus Council President. He explained that the Council could add this clarification to the Council rules if they desire. There was consensus to have City Attorney Weed prepare an amending resolution for an upcoming meeting.
- He stated the need for an Executive Session to discuss two items - one potential litigation item and one pending litigation item. He stated that there would possibly be action on the potential litigation item. He estimated they would need 35 minutes for both items.

Gloria Hirashima announced that the Downtown Waterfront Revitalization public meeting is scheduled for April 10. They are hoping for a really good turnout.

## **Call on Councilmembers**

Michael Stevens informed the Council that AWC *City Vision* has been interviewing some of them in the city regarding the SRO bill. He believes the article will be out in their next edition.

Kamille Norton had no comments.

Rob Toyer thanked the IT staff for getting the tablets going. He is looking forward to working with them.

Steve Muller also thanked the IT staff.

Donna Wright concurred. She then stated that she sat in on the audit exit. She congratulated staff for the excellent job.

Jeff Seibert thanked the IT staff for their training and continued support.

Jeff Vaughan asked Councilmember Seibert when he first brought up the idea of paperless agendas. Councilmember Seibert reviewed the history on this item.

Council recessed from 8:57 to 9:15 p.m. after which time they reconvened into Executive Session. It was announced that Executive Session would last 35 minutes with possible action on the potential litigation item.

### **Executive Session**

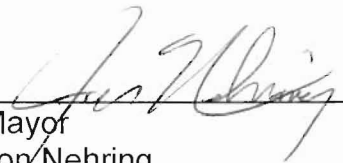
- A. Litigation - Two items, per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) - one potential litigation item and one pending litigation item.
- B. Personnel
- C. Real Estate

**Motion** made by Councilmember Muller, seconded by Councilmember Wright to extend Executive Session to 9:55 p.m. Motion passed (7-0) with Councilmember Vaughan and Councilmember Seibert voting against the motion.

### **Adjournment**

Seeing no further business Mayor Nehring adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Approved this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

  
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Mayor  
Jon Nehring

  
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April O'Brien  
Deputy City Clerk

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