

# COUNCIL



# MINUTES

## **Regular Meeting** May 5, 2014

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

Mayor Nehring called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **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, Police Chief Rick Smith, City Attorney Grant Weed, Public Works Director Kevin Nielsen, Parks and Recreation Director Jim Ballew, and Recording Secretary Laurie Hugdahl.

**Motion** made by Councilmember Toyer, seconded by Councilmember Norton to approve the agenda. **Motion** passed unanimously (7-0).

### **Committee Reports**

Councilmember Wright reported on the 4/16 Marysville Fire District Board of Directors meeting where there was a short report on the Oso landslide. Many members of our fire department have been participating in that effort. The Fire District purchased two new ambulances.

Councilmember Stevens added that with the retirement of Battalion Chief Rex Tucker, the district has been working on filling that related vacancies.

## **Presentations**

### **A. Strategies 360 Update on the 2014 State Legislative Session.**

Al Aldrich, Sr. Vice President of Strategies 360 distributed and discussed highlights of a written report on the state legislative work and other recent work done on behalf of the City of Marysville. He thanked the City for the opportunity to work together. He commended the Mayor's frequent involvement in this work in Olympia.

Councilmember Toyer asked about the \$40 million that was cut from the federal budget for K-12. Mr. Aldrich reviewed the reasons and implications for this.

Mr. Aldrich stated that at the last SCT meeting, Johann Hellman, who is the new Government Affairs Director for BNSF in Washington and Oregon, gave a presentation and will be more accessible to discuss BNSF issues. He also mentioned there is a policy group in BNSF trying to work on at-grade crossing issues. If the City would like to have a meeting with Johann it should be pretty easy to arrange. Mayor Nehring indicated he would appreciate a meeting with him.

Mr. Aldrich added that it would be a good idea to set up capital budget plan for recreational and educational activities for the Qwuloolt area. He recommended setting up a meeting with local legislators and the Tribes to talk about this.

Mayor Nehring concurred. He thanked Mr. Aldrich for the presentation and for his work.

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

1. Approval of the April 14, 2014 City Council Meeting Minutes.

### **Consent**

2. Approval of the April 23, 2014 Claims in the Amount of \$388,303.00; Paid by Check Number's 91613 through 91742 with Check Number 90909 Voided.
3. Approval of the April 30, 2014 Claims in the Amount of \$276,275.38; Paid by Check Number's 91743 through 91880.

### **Review Bids**

### **Public Hearings**

### **New Business**

4. Consider the Amended Snohomish County Human Services Grant Agreement which will provide \$11,000 in Reimbursed Funds for the Salaries and Benefits of the Program Clerk Position at the Ken Baxter Community Center through December 31, 2014.

Director Ballew explained that Snohomish County has made a change regarding the reporting requirements. This is a housekeeping measure to that effect. There were no comments or questions.

5. Consider an **Ordinance** of the City of Marysville, Washington, Amending Marysville Municipal Code Section 2.88.020 Regarding Membership of the Marysville Disability Board; Providing for Severability; and Effective Date.

Kristie Guy stated that the proposed changes to the Municipal Code regarding the LEOFF 1 Disability Board are basically just housekeeping. The City has already changed the LEOFF 1 Disability Board in response to changes to the law which allowed us to not have firefighters on the Board any longer since they are no longer under the city's jurisdiction. There were no comments or questions.

6. Consider an **Ordinance** of the City of Marysville, Washington, Amending Marysville Municipal Code Chapter 2.16 Relating to Civil Service; Providing for Severability; and Effective Date.

Kristie Guy reviewed this item, noting that it is also a housekeeping matter. This would remove firefighters from the civil service rules because they have not been a joint board for quite some time. Additionally it is removing the requirement that we can only have two members on the board of the same political association. There were no comments or questions.

### **Mayor's Business**

Mayor Nehring had the following comments:

- The Cinco de Mayo event on Friday night was a great event. It was well attended.
- The Saturday morning fishing derby was also a great event. He commended the Kiwanis for their great breakfast.
- He will be holding a coffee klatch at Glenwood Mobile this week.
- The spray park is coming along nicely.

### **Staff Business**

Sandy Langdon had no comments.

Kevin Nielsen had no comments.

Jim Ballew had no comments.

Kristie Guy had no comments.

Denise Gritton had no comments.

Grant Weed reported that the United States Supreme Court entered a decision on an ordinance regarding invocations at the beginning of the Council meeting. The decision was just issued declaring that New York's town of Greece's invocation policy was constitutional. He thought it would be prudent to review Marysville's policy to hold it up against the Supreme Court's decision to see if there is anything that needs adjustment to be current with the law. This is good news for cities that choose to have an invocation at the beginning of their council meetings.

Jeff Vaughan commented that one of the key factors in the decision was that particular town had a policy that was inclusive of different religions and encouraged all religions to participate. He noted that this is an element of Marysville's own policy, but he agreed it would be good to revisit that. City Attorney Weed concurred. He also discussed a 1983 United States Supreme Court decision that had to do with invocations at the legislative level in Nebraska.

Gloria Hirashima reported that staff heard from the MPOA (Marysville Police Officers Association) that they overwhelmingly approved the contract.

### **Call on Councilmembers**

Kamille Norton:

- She reviewed her experience at fire ops last weekend.
- The City Band concert is this Friday.

Donna Wright attended the Community Health Improvement Plan meeting led by the Snohomish Health District. They have come up with priority issues to focus prevention efforts on in the areas of youth physical abuse, obesity, and suicide. They are looking for community help and input on these topics.

Steve Muller asked how the decision for transportation project funding would happen. CAO Hirashima suggested ways this could be handled between the TBD and the Council.

Councilmember Seibert had no comments.

Councilmember Toyer had no comments.

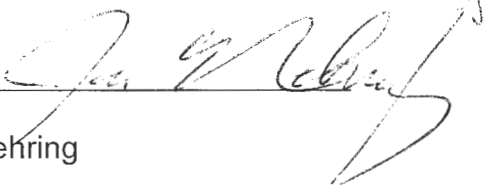
Councilmember Vaughan had no comments

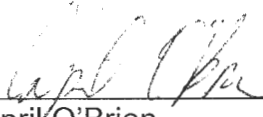
**Executive Session - None**

**Adjournment**

Seeing no further business Mayor Nehring adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Approved this 27 day of May, 2014.

  
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Mayor  
Jon Nehring

  
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April O'Brien  
Deputy City Clerk