

City Council



**1049 State Avenue
Marysville, WA 98270**

**Work Session
Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2019**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Council President Norton at 7:00 p.m. She announced that she would be chairing the meeting as Mayor Nehring had an excused absence.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council President Norton led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present: Council President Kamille Norton (Chair), Councilmember Mark James, Councilmember Jeff Vaughan, Councilmember Michael Stevens, Councilmember Rob Toyer, Councilmember Steve Muller, Councilmember Tom King, Community Development Director Jeffrey Thomas, Finance Director Sandy Langdon, Parks Director Tara Mizell, Public Works Director Kevin Nielsen, Interim Police Chief Jeff Goldman, Fire Chief Martin McFalls, Public Relations Admin. Connie Mennie, Commander Wendy Wade, Information Svc. Analyst Mike Davis, Deputy City Attorney Burton Eggertsen, CAO Gloria Hirashima

Approval of the Agenda

Motion to Approve the agenda moved by Councilmember Tom King seconded by Councilmember Mark James.

AYES: ALL

Committee Reports

Presentations

A. 3rd Quarter Budget Update

Finance Director Langdon made a PowerPoint presentation related to 3rd Quarter Budget Updates.

Motion to Approve 3rd Quarter Budget Update moved by Councilmember Tom King seconded by Councilmember Mark James.

AYES: ALL

B. Snohomish County Health District per Capita Discussion

CAO Hiroshima reported that staff checked with the Health District to find out the status of contribution resolutions by cities for 2020. She offered to bring this to the next meeting.

Councilmember Vaughan reviewed some background on the Health District revenue status. He suggested that this is a good time to revisit the per capita contribution by Marysville. He gave a quick overview of contributions by other cities and discussed options available for contributions.

Councilmember Toyer spoke in support of contributing to the Health District.

Councilmember Stevens spoke in support of contributing to the Health District on a quarterly basis.

Councilmember Norton spoke in support of contributing a dollar. She also spoke in support of the quarterly contributions.

Councilmember King also spoke in support of contributing and noted he was impressed with the presentation.

There was consensus to bring this back as an agenda item next week.

Legal

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the November 4, 2019 City Council Work Session Minutes.

Consent

2. Approval of the November 20, 2019 Payroll in the Amount of \$1,312,174.12, Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 32775 through 32792.
3. Approval of the November 20, 2019 Claims in the Amount of \$636,881.57 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 136429 through 136546 with No Check Numbers Voided.

4. Approval of the November 27, 2019 Claims in the Amount of \$961,734.63 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 136547 through 136666 with No Check Numbers Voided.

Review Bids

5. Consider the Alder Avenue Sidewalks Contract with Welwest Construction in the Amount of \$153,553.50, and Approve a Management Reserve of \$15,000.00 for a Total Allocation of \$168,553.50.

Director Nielsen explained that sidewalks would be added on Alder from 3rd to 4th. This is a grant from the CDBG.

6. Consider the State Avenue (100th Street NE to 104th Street NE) Corridor Improvement Project with Strider Construction Company in the Amount of \$11,768,403.08 Including Washington State Sales Tax and Approve a Management Reserve of \$500,000.00 for a Total Allocation of \$12,268,403.08.

Director Nielsen explained this would construct a build a bridge at 100th. It is partly funded by the TIB.

Council President Norton noted that it was significantly more than the Engineer's Estimate. Director Nielsen acknowledged this, but commented he did not think they would get a lower bid. He spoke in support of approving this and moving to Phase 2.

Councilmember King asked how long this was expected to take. Director Nielsen replied it is approximately 18 months.

Director Nielsen thanked the Council for supporting this.

7. Consider the Civic Center Project with Lydig Construction, Inc.

CAO Hirashima stated that this is a placeholder until the documents are ready.

Public Hearings

8. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 7.08 of the Marysville Municipal Code. (Action to be taken December 9, 2019)

Finance. Director Langdon reviewed proposed changes to the MMC relating to sanitation. There will be a public hearing related to this at the next meeting.

New Business

9. Consider the Supplemental Agreement No. 2 to the City's Professional Services Agreement with WSP USA, to extend the Contract Term through June 30, 2020.

Director Nielsen explained that this is a continuation of the Grove Street Overcrossing project to help with permitting.

10. Consider the Buy/Sell Agreement with Mitigation Banking Services, LLC for the Purchase of 0.08 Wetland Credits in the Amount of \$16,800.00.

This will support the State Avenue project by buying into the wetland bank.

11. Consider the No-Cost Supplemental Agreement No. 5 to the City's Professional Agreement with KPG, Inc. to extend the Agreement End Date to June 15, 2020 for the Highway Safety Improvement Program.

Director Nielsen explained that this is to support the signal at 80th. The project is currently at 90% design.

12. Consider the Purchase Order with Western Peterbilt, Inc. for Two (2) 2020 Autocar Commercial Front Loader Refuse Trucks in the Amount of \$776,146.95.

Director Nielsen explained this is for replacement front loader refuse trucks.

13. Consider the Contract Amendment with Snohomish County Human Services for Senior Center Projects.

Director Mizell explained that this is an amendment to a grant that was already approved.

14. Consider the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Whatcom County for Jail Prisoner Transports.

Commander Wade explained that this is a renewal for the contract with Whatcom County.

15. Consider the Memorandum of Understanding with the Port of Everett Related to Economic Development within the Cascade Industrial Center and the City.

Director Thomas introduced Terrie Battuello, Chief of Business and Economic Development, Port of Everett who made a presentation related to the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to express and formalize common interests regarding the Cascade Industrial Center and the City in general. Arlington has already voted to approve the MOU.

16. Consider the Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County for Increased Embedded Social Worker Funding.

Interim Chief Goldman reviewed this item related to funding of the embedded social worker. Staff is proposing funding 100% of the assigned social worker's salary and benefits through December 31, 2021. This will allow the social worker to work in Marysville 100% of the time.

There was discussion about the price and benefits. Councilmember Vaughan pointed to the high price tag and asked why the City doesn't hire its own social worker. Interim Chief Goldman explained how working in partnership with the County provides accessibility to programs not available to independent social workers. Other cities who have done this do not have access to the same resources. Arlington is looking at moving to a similar arrangement.

Councilmember Vaughan asked for clarification on the termination clause. Deputy City Attorney Eggertsen reviewed this.

17. Consider the Hotel Motel Grant Review Committee's Recommendation on Award Funding for 2020.

Councilmember Muller reviewed the recommendations for funding. He noted that not all the applications were funded. There were discussions about supporting applications that generate trips to Marysville and overnight stays in hotel rooms. CAO Hirashima also commented on the committee's discussions. They would like to see a wider array of events and activities that generate hotel nights. There will be a planning meeting in early 2020 to discuss strategies. The committee wants to try to make sure these grants end up benefiting the hotels.

Council President Norton concurred that she would like to see the funds used in a more strategic way. She suggested that the Council could also discuss this in the new year after the committee has a chance to discuss it.

18. Consider an Ordinance to Amend Marysville Municipal Code 3.104, Industrial/ Manufacturing Property Tax Exemption Eligibility.

Director Thomas explained that this ordinance relates to an amendment to the Marysville Municipal Code (MMC). He discussed the existing property tax exemption requirements and the proposed amendments to define a "family living wage job" and adjust the family living wage to \$26.08 per hour with an annual adjustment for inflation by the Consumer Price Index (CPI). This has generated a lot of public feedback. As a result staff has proposed an alternative family wage suggestion which would have fixed increases in lieu of the CPI increases.

Council President Norton referred to letters the Council received which expressed concerns about the proposed increase. Director Thomas explained that the alternate option is an attempt to address these concerns by phasing it in. With regard to concerns raised by small businesses, he agreed that it was difficult to find something that works for everyone.

Councilmember Vaughan asked if other jurisdictions have a similar wage requirement. Director Thomas stated that Arlington will be waiting to see what happens with Marysville, but there have been discussions between the two administrations. Both jurisdictions have received comments and seem to be interested in a phased in approach. Councilmember Vaughan noted that one of the big advantages to doing business up here is a lower cost of doing business. He expressed concern that this might be a disincentive and could take away a competitive advantage. The letters they received today are from people actively doing work in the area, so he is concerned about that.

Council President Norton commented on the value of having a similar minimum wage as Arlington. CAO Hirashima agreed that it is important for the two jurisdictions to be in lock step regarding this. She reviewed some of the background on the original legislation.

19. Consider an Ordinance Amending the 2019-2020 Biennial Budget and Providing for the Increase in Certain Expenditure Items as Budgeted for in Ordinance No. 3108.

Finance Director Langdon reviewed this item related to 2019-2020 biennial budget amendments.

20. Consider an Ordinance Amending Chapter 6.33 of the Municipal Code to Incorporate by Reference RCW 9A.86.010.

Deputy City Attorney Eggertsen reviewed this item.

Mayor's Business

21. Legislative Priorities

Council President Norton solicited comments on these items contained in Council's packet.

Councilmember James thought they looked the same as last year. CAO Hirashima agreed, but noted that the waterfront item was adjusted.

Councilmember Toyer asked what impact the car tab legislation would have on cities. CAO Hirashima explained that it is not clear yet, but it is realistic to expect everything will be scrutinized.

Staff Business

Sandy Langdon had no comments.

Kevin Nielsen commented that there would be no Public Works Committee meeting.

Jeff Thomas had no comments.

Interim Chief Goldman commented that the police are ready for the parade on Saturday. There will be no Public Safety Committee meeting in December.

Chief McFalls had no comments.

Connie Mennie had no comments.

Tara Mizell commented that the parade starts at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday. It will be a very busy weekend.

Burton Eggertsen had no comments.

Gloria Hirashima had no further comments.

Call on Councilmembers

Steve Muller had no comments.

Michael Stevens had no comments.

Mark James gave documents to staff to distribute from his trip to the NLC.

Tom King commented that the banners and lights look good around town.

Rob Toyer had no comments.

Jeff Vaughan asked if other local governments are getting away from using MOUs. Deputy City Attorney Eggertsen indicated he would look into it.

Kamille Norton asked councilmembers to think about committee assignments for the new year. She will be contacting each councilmember to discuss preferences.

Adjournment/Recess

Council adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Approved this 13th day of January, 2020.

Mayor
Jon Nehring

