

City Council



1049 State Avenue
Marysville, WA 98270

**Work Session
November 1, 2021**

Call to Order

Mayor Nehring called the November 1, 2021 City Council Work Session to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Nehring led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present:

Mayor: Jon Nehring

Council: Council President Kamille Norton, Councilmember Jeff Vaughan, Councilmember Tom King, Councilmember Mark James, Councilmember Kelly Richards, Councilmember Michael Stevens, Councilmember Steve Muller

Staff: Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Gloria Hirashima, Finance Director Sandy Langdon, Community Development Director Haylie Miller, Information Services Director Worth Norton, City Attorney Jon Walker, Communications Manager Connie Mennie, Communications Specialist Bridgette Larsen, Public Works Services and Utilities Director Karen Latimer, Engineering and Transportation Director Jeff Laycock, Parks and Recreation Director Tara Mizell, Police Chief Erik Scairpon, Fire Chief Martin McFalls, Commander Mark Thomas, Systems Analyst Mike Davis

Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the revised agenda as presented this afternoon (with item 13 removed) moved by Councilmember James seconded by Councilmember Richards.

AYES: ALL

Presentations

Discussion Items

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

1. Approval of the October 11, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes

Consent

Review Bids

Public Hearings

New Business

2. Consider the Vehicle Lease Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management

Director Latimer reviewed this request for the City to enter into a vehicle lease with Enterprise Fleet Management. CAO Hirashima commended Finance Director Langdon for bringing this proposal to staff's attention because of the potential for cross-savings.

3. Consider the Agreement with MacLeod Reckord for Preliminary Design of the Marysville to Lake Stevens Connector Trail in the Amount of \$495,460.19

Director Laycock reviewed the Professional Services Agreement with MacLeod Reckord for preliminary design (30%) of the Lake Stevens/Bayview Connector Trail. This is part of an Interlocal Agreement with Lake Stevens regarding the trail corridor that Council agreed to in July 2019.

Councilmember James asked how this would connect to Marysville's existing trail at 528. Director Laycock explained that analysis would be part of this agreement.

4. Consider the Grant Agreement with Washington State Department of Commerce for Funding of the Preliminary Design of the Marysville to Lake Stevens Connector Trail in the Amount of \$504,700

Director Laycock explained that this agreement with the Department of Commerce provides the funding for item 3. He thanked the Executive Department for getting this request in and advocating for it. There was general discussion about the overall scope of the project.

5. Consider the Access Agreement with Keystone Land, LLC for Property Located on 71st Ave NE

Director Laycock reviewed this access agreement for Maplewood Crossing, a proposed development off 71st Ave NE, to give them access to sewer.

6. Consider the Agreement with PH Consulting, LLC for Engineering Design Services Associated with the Quiet Zone Project at Railroad Crossings within the City in the Amount of \$235,501.35

Director Laycock explained this item is related to the Quiet Zone Project. The consultant will take a look at all the railroad crossings citywide and develop some estimates, conceptual drawings, next steps, risk analyses, project phasing and an estimated schedule.

Councilmember King asked about an estimated timeline. Director Laycock replied that the consultant indicated construction could tentatively begin in 2024 depending on funding and how responsive outside agencies are to the City's request.

Councilmember Richards expressed concern that stopping at 88th they will leave the north end out and push those improvements for north end residents even further out into the future. Councilmember James echoed those sentiments. Director Laycock explained that an accident that occurred at the 136th Street crossing would ultimately make that a cost prohibitive project at this point in terms of risk analysis; however, that accident falls off in the next three years from the risk index. The next phase of crossings would likely be 104th all the way to 136th. 172nd will become more relevant when development happens up there. All the spur track crossings will be pretty costly when there are very few trains per week. He feels the current plan is a strategized approach. Staff will come back with some analysis of the crossings to help Council understand and shore up the numbers. The downtown area is gaining momentum with redevelopment which is why that area is taking priority over the other areas for quiet zones.

7. Consider the Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County Public Works for Municipal Road and Street Services

Director Laycock reviewed this reciprocal agreement with Snohomish County Public Works which provides for municipal road and street services through 2026.

8. Consider the Maintenance Agreement between the City of Marysville and WSDOT for the Roundabout East of the I-5/SR 529 Interchange

Director Laycock reviewed this maintenance agreement for the SR 529 interchange project.

9. Consider a Review of the Sign Code – MMC Chapter 22C.160

City Attorney Walker solicited comments from Council.

Councilmember James suggested shortening the times that signs are allowed. City Attorney Walker explained that a time limitation prior to the event was deemed to be unconstitutional, but a post-election or post event clean up might be worth looking at. There was discussion about options available to Council to regulate the length of time

and types of signs that are allowed to be up. City Attorney Walker also discussed right-of-way and permitting options.

Council President Norton asked City Attorney Walker to provide options of what the City can do. City Attorney Walker indicated staff could do that.

10. Consider the Intergovernmental Agreement with Snohomish County Diversion Center

Chief Scairpon reviewed this agreement with Snohomish County which will allow the City to continue to have access to the Diversion Center.

11. Consider the Interlocal Agreement Contract Extension for SCORE Jail Services

Commander Thomas reviewed this extension of the SCORE (South Correctional Entity) contract. SCORE is used for housing inmates who have medical, behavioral or mental health issues that exceed the capabilities of the jail or any of the city resources.

12. Consider the Interlocal Agreement Contract Extension for Jail Services Lake Stevens Police Department

Commander Thomas reviewed this 15th extension to the agreement with Lake Stevens for jail services. Staff is proposing a six-month extension in order to revisit this contract in the middle of next year once they are in the new facility. Lake Stevens is aware of this and is fine with it.

Legal

Mayor's Business

Mayor Nehring had the following comments:

- The lunchtime virtual coffee klatch last week went very well.
- He and CAO Hirashima met with Strategies 360 to begin working on the 2022 legislative session.
- Council President Norton will be chairing the meeting next week as he will be out of town.

Staff Business

Chief Scairpon:

- Last Friday the Police Department hosted its second drive-thru Halloween candy event which was very successful.
- The Police Department is hosting some regional crime scene training.
- Two officer recruits will be starting training in December. The other three are scheduled for April.
- The AXON agreement will be coming to Council next week.

Director Miller noted that the Holbrook subdivision public hearing will be held on November 18 at 6 p.m. via Zoom. Councilmember Muller asked if there is a limit to how many people can participate in the Zoom meeting. Communications Manager Mennie indicated she would check on that. They may need to upgrade in order to accommodate more people for this meeting.

City Attorney Walker stated the need for two Executive Session items - one regarding collective bargaining with no action and one potential litigation item with possible action for 20 minutes total.

Call on Councilmembers and Committee Reports

Councilmember King:

- He has heard a lot of positive comments on the Mayor's coffee klatches.
- He thanked Parks for the recent Jack-o-Lantern hunt on park trails.
- He watched concrete being poured at the new plaza on Delta. It is looking very impressive.
- He enjoyed the officers who were out in costume handing out candy.

Councilmember Vaughan echoed appreciation for the Police Department's trick or treat event.

Councilmember Muller asked what they can do about transients under the freeway. Chief Scairpon reviewed focused enforcement efforts police have done when they have the resources. He encouraged people to call if they notice something.

Councilmember Stevens had no comments.

Councilmember Richards:

- He wished everyone luck who was up for re-election.
- He asked how long the Council would continue Zoom meetings. Mayor Nehring noted they could revisit that at any time. City Attorney Walker concurred, but noted that with the restrictions that would be in place for the Council and the audience the Zoom meeting was deemed to be more efficient. CAO Hirashima agreed that the quality of the meetings might be better via Zoom given the mask and distancing requirements that would be in effect in person.

Councilmember James:

- The Mayor's coffee klatch was a great event.
- The Monster Mash at the Opera House was a lot of fun.

Council President Norton reported on the Public Safety Committee meeting held last week. Crime stats are still down 17.4% compared to the last four-year average. There are ten patrol officer vacancies and four custody officer vacancies. They got a report on

body worn camera pilot program which is going well. They also received updates on recent cases and arrests.

Adjournment/Recess

Council recessed at 8:13 p.m.

Executive Session

Council reconvened in Executive Session at 8:17 p.m. for 20 minutes to address two items.

- A. Litigation - one item related to potential litigation with possible action
- B. Personnel - one item related to collective bargaining with no action
- C. Real Estate

Reconvene

Council reconvened the regular meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Motion to authorize the City Attorney to file and prosecute two separate actions to recover the overpayment of wages to two former employees moved by Councilmember Muller seconded by Councilmember Norton.

AYES: ALL

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Councilmember King.

AYES: ALL

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Approved this 23rd day of November, 2021.

Mayor
Jon Nehring

