

**City Council**



**1049 State Avenue  
Marysville, WA 98270**

**Regular Meeting  
November 14, 2022**

**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.

**Invocation**

Pastor Aaron Thompson gave the invocation.

**Roll Call**

**Present:**

Mayor: Jon Nehring

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

Staff: Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Gloria Hirashima, Community Development Director Haylie Miller, Finance Director Sandy Langdon, City Attorney Jon Walker, Finance Director Crystil Wooldridge, Parks & Rec Director Tara Mizell, Human Resources Director Megan Hodgson, Police Chief Erik Scairpon, Information Systems Administrator Chris Brown, Systems Analyst Mike Davis, Courts Administrator Suzanne Elsner, Systems and Database Analyst Will Kaiser, Community Information Officer (CIO) Connie Mennie, Assistant Police Chief Lawless

**Approval of the Agenda**

Mayor Nehring requested moving the Preliminary Budget from Presentations to Public Hearings.

**Motion** to approve the agenda as amended moved by Councilmember Muller seconded by Councilmember Condyles.

**AYES: ALL**

### **Audience Participation**

Scott Allen, 3912 Sunnyside Blvd, asked if tonight's presentation would include information about bad debt for 2023 and 2024 (uncollectible bad debt for utilities).

Mayor Nehring noted that was not planned for tonight's discussion. Mr. Allen also asked about the Utilities past due dollar amount that is 90 days and over. Staff indicated they will plan on including both of those at the November 28 Public Hearing.

### **Consent**

1. October 26, 2022, Claims in the Amount of \$478,625.57 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 158720 through 158773 with Check Numbers 135525, 136053, 136079, 138680, 139280, 139418, 139573, 139594, 139682, 139846, 139968, 140060, 140253, 140397, 140417, 140451, 140455, 140507, 140536, 140561, 140583, 140599, 140770, 141090, 141116, 141127, 141133, 141142, 141180, 141207, 141222, 141820, 141992, 142347, 142397, 142540, 142921, 142992, 143125, 143164, 143311, 143347, 143408, 143652, 143840, 144029, 144174, 144285, 144333, 144374, 144527, 144672, 144863, 145153, 145185, 145247, 145436, 145508, 145745, 145748, 146135, 146453, 146564, 146726, 146852, 147080, 147322, 147968, 148056, 148325, 148339, 148530, 148723, 148802, 148939, 149022 Voided.

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**Motion** to approve the Consent Agenda moved by Council President Norton seconded by Councilmember Richards.

**AYES: ALL**

### **Review Bids**

### **Public Hearings**

2. Ordinance Setting the Regular Property Tax Levy for Emergency Medical Care and Services on all Real, Personal, and Utility Property Subject to Taxation within the Corporate Limits of the City of Marysville for the Year 2023

Finance Director Langdon reviewed the EMS Ordinance which sets the levy for the 2023 tax period. She stated they are asking for an increase of \$725,319 which is a 13.46% increase. This keeps us on track with the RFA district which is part of the agreement.

[EMS levy ordinance2023.docx](#)

The public hearing was opened for testimony. There were no comments. The public hearing was closed.

Councilmember James asked what this would look like for the average resident. Director Langdon reviewed the EMS levy amounts and how this is calculated. She summarized it would be about a \$23/year increase for a \$400,000 home. This has more to do with the increase in assessed value than the increase in the levy itself. Mayor Nehring pointed out that this is a voter-approved EMS levy and is specific for EMS services.

**Motion** to authorize the Mayor to sign and execute Ordinance No. 3237 moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Councilmember James.

**AYES: ALL**

3. Ordinance of the City of Marysville Levying Regular Taxes Upon all Property Real, Personal and Utility Subject to Taxation within the Corporate Limits of the City of Marysville, Washington for the Year 2023

#### **Regular levy ordinance2023.docx**

Finance Director Langdon briefed the Council. She noted they are asking for a 0% increase for 2023.

The public hearing was opened at 7:18 p.m. Public comments were solicited. There were none. The hearing was closed at 7:18 p.m.

**Motion** to authorize the Mayor to sign Ordinance No 3238 moved by Councilmember James seconded by Councilmember Muller.

**AYES: ALL**

- A. 2023/2024 Preliminary Budget

Director Langdon had no further comments. Council had no questions.

The public hearing was opened at 7:19 p.m. There were no comments. The hearing was closed at 7:20 p.m.

#### **New Business**

4. Operation Underground Railroad (O.U.R.) Domestic Law Enforcement Support Mutual Agreement for the Receipt of Contributions & Purchase of Gray Key Software Program

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#### **2.9.22 Grayshift EULA signature fields 11-3-2022.pdf**



Asst. Chief Lawless reviewed this user agreement for Gray Key software and the agreement with Operation Underground Railroad (OUR). This software would be used to forensically analyze cell phones. It is generally used for sexual assault or trafficking situations. He discussed the agreement with OUR and the importance of this software in assisting with trafficking victims. OUR will offset half the cost of the software. The intent is to be a regional partner with other jurisdictions to help them in similar circumstances.

Council President Norton commended the police department for being a lead in this effort. She asked if the City would be charging other cities for use of the software. Asst. Chief Lawless replied that they would not for now, but it would be re-evaluated in the future. Council President Norton asked if it is an annual fee. Asst. Chief Lawless affirmed that it would be an annual expense.

Councilmember Richards asked about search warrants needed to get into someone's phone. Asst. Chief Lawless replied that it is a very lengthy and detailed process.

**Motion** to authorize the Mayor to sign the Mutual Agreement with Operation Underground Railroad, along with purchase of 50% of the Gray Key software from Grayshift LLC moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Councilmember King.

**AYES: ALL**

## **Legal**

### **Mayor's Business**

Mayor Nehring stated that he and Councilmember James attended a nice ribbon cutting for Reboot Recovery. He expressed appreciation to the Council for their questions on the budget last week.

### **Staff Business**

CAO Hirashima publicly thanked Worth Norton for his service to the City as he will be retiring, and this is his last Council meeting. There will be a celebration for him and Director Langdon on their retirement tomorrow. There are also cupcakes tonight to celebrate Director Langdon's birthday.

### **Call on Councilmembers and Committee Reports**

Councilmember Condyles congratulated Worth Norton and Director Langdon on their retirement and wished happy birthday to Director Langdon.

Councilmember James:

- Congratulations to Worth Norton and Director Langdon and noted they would both be missed.
- He was at the Reboot Recovery ribbon cutting. It is nice to see that kind of business starting up in the city.

Councilmember King:

- Good luck to Director Langdon and Worth Norton.
- He reported on the Parks Board Meeting. They discussed great programs, events, and projects including the new community center opening up on January 6; the artificial turf going in on one field at Strawberry Fields; preliminary designs for the pump track at Jennings Nature Park; an update on the restrooms; and the holiday parade on December 3.
- He attended a ribbon cutting last week with the Mayor at Premier Mortuary.
- He thanked the City for the use of the old Baxter Auto Repair building on 1st over the last four years. Strawberry Festival is moving locations.

Councilmember Stevens thanked Worth Norton and Director Langdon for their service over the years.

Councilmember Richards:

- Thanks to Worth Norton and Director Langdon for all their years of service and assistance.
- Happy Birthday to Director Langdon.
- Thanks to Councilmember King for filling in for him at the Parks Board meeting.

Councilmember Muller:

- Happy Birthday to Director Langdon.
- Thanks and congratulations to Worth Norton and Director Langdon.
- Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Council President Norton:

- Happy birthday to Director Langdon.
- Congratulations to Worth Norton and Director Langdon in their retirement.
- She stressed that the City has not raised property taxes in Marysville for about 12 years. This shows their commitment to the taxpayer, living within their means, and being good stewards of the citizens' money.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Approved this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022.

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Mayor  
Jon Nehring

