

City Council



501 Delta Ave
Marysville, WA 98270

**Work Session
May 1, 2023**

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Nehring led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present

Mayor: Jon Nehring

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

Staff: Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Gloria Hirashima, Interim Finance Director Sandy Langdon, City Attorney Jon Walker, Parks, Culture, and Recreation Director Tara Mizell, Community Development Director Haylie Miller, Police Chief Erik Scairpon, IT Director Stephen Doherty, Police Chief Erik Scairpon, Community Information Officer (CIO) Connie Mennie, Systems and Database Analyst Will Kaiser, City Engineer Max Phan, Economic Development Manager Terrie Battuello, Courts Administrator Suzanne Elsner, Public Works Services Manager Skip Knutsen

Absent: Councilmember Michael Stevens (excused)

Motion to excuse the absence of Councilmember Stevens moved by Council President Norton, seconded by Councilmember Condyles.

AYES: ALL

Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda moved by Councilmember Muller, seconded by Councilmember King.

AYES: ALL

Discussion Items

Consent

- 1.) April 26, 2023 Claims in the Amount of \$900,130.96 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 162521 through 162655

Review Bids

- 2.) Contract Award - 2023 Pavement Preservation Program

Director Laycock reviewed bid results for the pavement preservation program. The apparent low bidder is Reece Construction Company.

- 3.) Contract Award - 2023 Road Re-Striping

Director Laycock explained that this is for the annual program until they are able to do it themselves. Specialized Pavement Marking is the low bidder.

Council President Norton pointed out there is a purchase of a striper later in the agenda. Director Laycock explained that it is a timing issue; if they put the order in for the striper this month, they will be able to get it next year.

Councilmember Muller asked how many days it takes to do all the work. Director Laycock explained it depends on the weather; the contract just specifies a date to have it completed by versus working days. Once the City gets the striper, there will be a learning curve but they will be able to have more flexibility with the timing and get more done.

Councilmember Richards asked if there is a time lag for striping after new pavement is put down. Director Laycock replied that it depends on what they are putting down - paint or plastic. Generally, WSDOT recommends three weeks.

New Business

- 4.) Strawberry Festival Master Permit Proposal

Councilmember King recused himself. Director Mizell reviewed this item. New events this year include a pickle ball tournament and a bean bag corn hole tournament. The parade is happening earlier this year at 5:00. The car show is also returning. The change in parade route will cut down on the number of police officers needed for the

parade. General questions and answers followed. Councilmember King returned to the meeting.

5.) Fifth Amendment to Professional Services Agreement between The City of Marysville and PalAmerican Security

Courts Administrator Elsnor reviewed this item related to court security. There were no questions.

6.) Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment - City of Marysville

Director Miller introduced this item. Maddie Seibert and Sophia Chau from Cascadia Consulting made a presentation regarding the Climate Vulnerability Assessment (CVA). They reviewed goals, key methodologies, key climate impacts facing Marysville, results, and recommended policies.

Goals:

- Understand current and expected climate impacts to Marysville.
- Map climate impacts facing Marysville communities and infrastructure and assess the implications.
- Equip the City to champion a resilient future for all residents with findings and policies that can be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan update.
- Pull data together into some helpful visuals and references.

A recent bill was passed that will require a new climate change and resiliency element in the update to the Comprehensive Plan. The State is expected to approve funding to assist cities with implementation. Key climate impacts include sea level rise, warmer temperatures, winter storms and flooding, and reduced snowpack.

Methodology: Vulnerability equals the combination of exposure and sensitivity minus adaptive capacity. The consultant's goal in developing the CVA is to inform future comprehensive plan update processes. The assessment included physical (infrastructure and natural areas) and social aspects (communities and neighborhoods and economy). Key takeaways from community survey show that 80% of respondents are concerned about extreme weather events, and many do not feel prepared.

Key findings:

Transportation - Some of Marysville's public transportation routes are in flood zones. Transportation priority routes through downtown will flood more often. Priority routes along the east side of Marysville and some gas stations, bridges, and tunnels in Marysville are bordered by landslide risk areas.

Energy - Extreme heat events will increase demand for air conditioning which will increase power outages. More frequent and intense floods can damage powerlines and utility poles. Sections of the BP Olympic pipeline pass through Marysville in the 100 and

500-year flood plains. Increased flooding can cause corrosion to the pipes, and increased erosion and landslides increase the risk of leaks.

Water and Wastewater - Marysville's wastewater treatment plant, the Stillaguamish water treatment plant, and some of the city's sewer facilities will likely experience more flooding.

Stormwater - Some storm drains, stormwater outfalls, and ULID/LID infrastructure are in floodplains and areas likely to be impacted by sea level rise.

Natural Systems Findings - Ebey Slough and wetlands along the shoreline will face increased risk of inundation and erosion due to sea level rise. Salmon mortality will likely increase due to threats to their habitats. Increasing summer temps and more extreme rainfall patterns will stress the urban forest.

Communities and Neighborhood Key findings - Northeast and central areas of Marysville are more vulnerable due to higher rates of asthma and air quality related mortality rates; lack of proximity to grocery stores and food services; and less tree canopy coverage and fewer open spaces. Communities in the south of Marysville will also be more exposed to flooding impacts.

Economy - Areas in Marysville that have relatively higher economic vulnerability are in the central downtown Marysville area and north Getchell neighborhood. These tracts are more exposed to extreme heat impacts and have a large portion of their workforce in climate-exposed occupations. These areas also have lower adaptive capacity due to higher unemployment rates. About a third of Marysville's population are in climate exposed occupations.

Recommended policies fall into the categories of adaptation policies, community-focused policies, and overarching climate policies.

Questions and Answers:

Councilmember King asked if the funds will go to the County and then be disbursed to cities. Ms. Seibert affirmed this. Councilmember King asked if they would work with adjoining communities on some of these policies since it looks like they overlap. Ms. Seibert recommended that.

Councilmember Richards asked about the numbers in the community survey. Ms. Seibert explained there were 198 respondents. This is not enough to call it a statistically valid set of respondents but it is still useful information.

Councilmember James asked how the study was done. Ms. Seibert explained they used data sources from the City, the EPA, Snohomish County, University of Washington, and King County. Councilmember James asked about a reference to an RCP 8.5 scenario. Ms. Seibert explained this is an emissions scenario which is basically a business-as-

usual projection for greenhouse gas emissions. He asked if there is an increased risk of landslides in Marysville. Ms. Seibert replied that steep slopes with less vegetation provide more risk generally, not necessarily specific to Marysville.

Director Miller stated that this would come back on May 22 for adoption.

Councilmember Muller asked how this would impact development. Director Miller explained that this report would not directly impact policy. Staff is planning to recommend policy changes as part of the Comprehensive Plan update.

Mayor Nehring explained how this fits in with the recently adopted bill. Director Miller explained that she will bring back the state requirements on May 8.

Council President Norton asked if they are mainly accepting it as an advisory report. Director Miller confirmed that it is solely a resource document for the City. Nothing in the study is being adopted as a policy at this time.

7.) Evidence Building Professional Services Agreement, Supplemental No. 1

CAO Hirashima reviewed this item related to the Evidence Building PSA with Botesch, Nash & Hall for the police evidence building. This will add design work for installation of a prefabricated garage to the site for additional storage.

Councilmember King asked if Public Works would have any presence at that location in the future. CAO Hirashima said that they will continue to be able to manage the stormwater pond that is there, but otherwise she thought it would be devoted to police use.

8.) Memorandum of Understanding Between the Washington Traffic Safety Commission and the City of Marysville Police Department

Chief Scairpon reviewed this item which will allow the police to work with other organizations throughout the state for the drug recognition expert program.

Councilmember Richards asked how many other officers in the area have the same designation. Chief Scairpon wasn't sure about other departments, but there is just one in Marysville.

Council President Norton asked about an estimate of how many hours he might be called to give assistance to other organizations. Chief Scairpon wasn't sure exactly but emphasized it will not impact his ability to be a police officer here. Chief Scairpon explained that if they can't spare him, he won't be required to be called out.

9.) Purchase Order - 2023 Peterbilt 220 Pavement Paint Striping Truck

Director Laycock reviewed this purchase order to purchase a pavement paint striping truck.

10.) An Ordinance for Civic Center - Delta Avenue Right-of-Way Dedication

Director Miller reviewed this right of way dedication proposal related to the Civic Center.

11.) An Ordinance Amending MMC2.24.090 Related to Court Costs

Courts Administrator Elsner explained this would clean up court cost issues. It clarifies jury pay, mileage, and bench warrant recall fee.

12.) An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6.27 MMC by Criminalizing Possession of a Controlled Substance Without a Prescription, Removing the Referral Requirement, and Updating the Penalty for Use of a Controlled Substance in a Public Place

Deputy City Attorney Eggertsen reviewed this item. He discussed the background on this matter and the purpose of this ordinance.

Councilmember Muller wondered about the political timing of this. Mayor Nehring said he thought the Governor was going to end up calling a special session later in May anyway. He encouraged the Council to seriously consider moving forward with this to send a message.

Councilmember Richards thanked Deputy City Attorney Eggertsen for putting this together.

Council President Norton asked about any differences between this and the one they passed last time. Deputy City Attorney Eggertsen thought it was identical.

Legal

Mayor's Business

- The Marysville Business Summit last Tuesday had great energy and was even better than the last one.
- 13 Snohomish County mayors got together last Monday after the State did not pass the Blake bill. Most, if not all, Snohomish County cities and Snohomish County are prepared to move forward with a gross misdemeanor ordinance similar to this.
- He attended the Simon Diez Photography ribbon cutting this week as well.

Staff Business

Director Miller gave an update on HB 1110, the ban on single family zoning. She recommends waiting on state guidance because there are a lot of questions right now. The regulations associated with this are not required to be implemented in city code until six months after the Comprehensive Plan is adopted which would be mid 2025. Councilmember James said he heard that Seattle HOA's are exempt from this. Is this true, and is it across the state? Director Miller said it appears to be across the state. She thought if it was specifically written in the CCNRs prior to adoption of the state requirements they were exempt. This is something else staff needs to review.

Chief Scairpon gave an update on the Blake policy. They met last week with Snohomish County chiefs for the regular monthly meeting. He reiterated that pretty much every city there is planning some kind of gross misdemeanor ordinance to try to keep drug policy consistent and predictable, at least for Snohomish County. Bothell is still considering what they will be doing. He expressed appreciation to the Council for keeping things predictable and reasonable in Marysville.

CAO Hirashima noted that the community newsletter has been sent out. She invited feedback. There was a successful shred-a-thon last weekend. The turnout was not as good as in past years, but the quarterly newsletter may help to inform people.

Call on Councilmembers and Committee Reports

Councilmember Condyles reported on the Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting last week. They had updates from Puget Sound Regional Council and Economic Alliance Snohomish County. They also had a presentation on the HO5 report on housing needs in various communities around Snohomish County and how cities are now expected to plan for different types of housing. He attended the Business Summit last week. It's good to see that it has grown so much since the first year. This year they heard from Gravitics.

Councilmember James:

- He asked if they could schedule a second tour at Gravitics. Director Miller said that Gravitics had indicated there would be another one soon.
- He reported on the Government Affairs Meeting this week where they discussed the SRO programs at Marysville School District and some of the levy effects.
- He also had the privilege of attending the first Law and Justice Committee meeting held in the past several years at the county.

Councilmember King:

- The emissions testing building has been demolished.
- Thanks to the City for getting the Strawberry Festival banners up. They will be going to Wenatchee this Saturday with the new float.

Councilmember Richards had no comments.

Councilmember Muller commented that the Government Affairs meeting seemed to be very constructive. He will be out of town for next week's meeting.

Council President Norton:

- She thanked the Chamber and city staff involved with the Business Summit last week. There are a lot of good, exciting things happening in Marysville.
- She is glad to hear from the Mayor and Chief Scairpon that there is a united effort from the other cities in the county to address the drug use and drug possession issue.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Approved this 23rd day of May, 2023.

Mayor
Jon Nehring

