

Marysville City Council Special Meeting**July 17, 1997****City Hall**

Present: Mayor Dave Weiser
Councilmembers: Donna Wright, Mayor Pro Tem
 Shirley Bartholomew
 Ken Baxter
 Otto Herman - excused
 Mike Leighan
 John Myers
 Donna Pedersen

Staff: Dave Zabell, City Administrator
 Steve Wilson, Finance Director
 Jim Ballew, Parks & Recreation Director
 Don Shaw, Golf Pro
 Lillie Lein, Recording Secretary

Mayor Weiser called the July 17, 1997 special meeting of the Marysville City Council to order at 4:32 p.m. noting that at the July 14, 1997 City Council meeting, Council passed a motion to reconsider the 18-hole golf course fee for Cedarcrest Golf Course.

Councilmember Myers noted a difference from last month to this in the number of rounds being used to estimate greens fee revenues. Finance Director Wilson explained that last month's figures were based on previous play at Cedarcrest Golf Course, and the current figures are based on Lynnwood's newly remodeled golf course which he felt was a comparable measure.

A discussion of fees followed with Councilmember Pedersen inquiring if the three-month review would cover all fees? Mayor Weiser replied that they would be looking at the issue of annual passes and whether the current fees are adequate. Councilmember Pedersen also asked if the city had ever had a winter pass, and requested figures on off-season play be provided Council. Parks & Rec Director Ballew said that the city has had a winter coupon, and agreed to get data on winter play to Council.

Councilmember Pedersen said she would be willing to risk a lower fee for the short-term, until actual figures could be compiled. Councilmember Leighan said he would prefer to reduce fees in three months if they are not needed rather than having to add them back on. Councilmember Myers did not feel \$1.00 per game would break a person but \$32,000 less collected in fees could hurt the city. Councilmember Baxter said you wouldn't know how much damage the increased fee would cause in terms of less play.

Councilmember Leighan was concerned that if the fee were too cheap, there would be too much play and damage the course. Mayor Weiser confirmed that the greenskeeper did not feel this would happen.

Councilmember Baxter did not feel that Lynnwood was a good comparison to Cedarcrest. He thought that if the city markets the course, 58,000 rounds was a low figure. He added that, if you don't limit play in the winter, you will have a bigger profit. Basically, these figures are all estimates, and Councilmember Baxter felt that you could pick a low number if you had a negative attitude or a higher number with a positive attitude.

Councilmember Wright arrived at 4:50 p.m.

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Director Ballew noted that marketability of a \$20 bill is much higher than \$21. It also facilitates collecting fees for tournament play. Councilmember Myers disagreed and inquired about credit cards. Finance Director Wilson informed Council that the city has applied for credit card use, and should have it available by opening time. Councilmember Myers noted that there would be 3% off the top for credit card use, and Councilmember Baxter said he did not like credit cards.

Councilmember Wright inquired about returned checks, and Don Shaw replied that City Hall handles them, but there were not too many in the past.

Councilmember Baxter moved to change the 18-hole fee at Cedarcrest Golf Course from \$21 to \$20. Councilmember Pedersen seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-2 with Councilmembers Leighan and Myers against.

Mayor Weiser adjourned the July 17, 1997 Special City Council meeting at 4:57 p.m.

Accepted this 28th day of July, 1997.

David Weiser

Mayor

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City Clerk

Lillie Lein

Recording Secretary