



MARYSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

0145

DECEMBER 1, 1997

7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

Present: Dave Weiser, Mayor  
Councilmembers:  
 Donna Wright, Mayor Pro Tem  
 Donna Pedersen  
 John Myers  
 Ken Baxter  
 Mike Leighan  
 Otto Herman  
 Shirley Bartholomew  
Administrative Staff:  
 Steve Wilson, Finance Director  
 Dave Zabell, City Administrator  
 Grant Weed, City Attorney  
 Gloria Hirashima, City Planner  
 Ken Winckler, Public Works Director  
 Jim Ballew, Parks & Recreation Director  
 Doug Buell, Community Information Officer  
 Bob Carden, Police Chief  
 Walt McKinney, Asst. Police Chief  
 Lt. Dennis Peterson, Marysville Police Dept.  
 Wanda Iverson, Recording Secretary

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CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Weiser called the City Council Meeting to order at approx. 7:00 p.m. and led us in the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

Finance Director Wilson called the roll with all members present/absent as indicated above.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

**1. Council Minutes 11/24/97 Meeting.**

Councilmember Bartholomew noted on page 4, in the paragraph beginning "Finance Director Wilson reviewed the 1998 Budget" it should read (in the last sentence) "He noted it is estimated the .....Unencumbered Reserve General Fund balance is estimated..."

Councilmember Herman noted on page 3 in the paragraph just before 2. WSDOT, in the first sentence, it should read "ASCENT 21 was patterned after a program called Forward Thrust and will be copying some of their ideas...."

Also, in the 2nd paragraph from the bottom of page 3, Mr. Mitchell did indicate there would be no lane closures on I-5 at the same time as 529 but did not have information as to when closures on Hwy. 2 would occur and he promised to get this to us in writing.

On page 4, in the third paragraph from the bottom, Councilmember Herman asked that the beginning of that paragraph be reworded to: "Councilmember Herman gave thanks and praise to staff for making the budget easier to comprehend...."

On page 6 in the 6th paragraph, Councilmember Wright noted it should be the Ken Baxter Senior Center/Community Center.

There being no further corrections, Councilmember Bartholomew moved and Councilmember Herman seconded to approve the 11/24/97 Council minutes as corrected. Passed unanimously.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Carl Baird, 10512 38th Ave. NE, addressed Council, representing the "Open Door Theatre" group which is a local, non-profit, community service organization (he is on the board of directors) which puts on plays in the schools to free children from sexual abuse and assault. He invited everyone to the upcoming annual fund raising event which is a silent auction and two short

Christmas plays, Friday, 12/12 at the Everett Performing Arts Center at Everett and Wetmore. Tickets may be purchased from any Board Member of the Open Door Theatre.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Approve and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Home Detention Electronic Monitoring Agreement w/Washington Assn. of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs.**
2. **Approve and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Edwards Springs Reservoir Modification Project; Amendment No. 1 to Professional Services Agreement with Montgomery Watson Americas, Inc.**
4. **Approve and Authorize the Mayor to Sign Letter of Agreement with Snohomish County Center for Battered Women.**  
(Item 3 moved to New Business)

Councilmember Myers moved and Councilmember Leighan seconded to approve Consent Agenda Items 1, 2 and 4. Passed unanimously.

STAFF'S BUSINESS:

Finance Director Wilson reported \$4.5 million was received today from the bond sale on the golf course. City Administrator Zabell added that he has sent out a memo to the Council breaking down the total actual cost of \$3.84 million.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS:

Mayor Weiser reported he attended Patty Murray's Economic Development Summit today in Vancouver; the focus was on the Southwestern portion of the state however it was noted our area is faring very well with regard to unemployment and other economic development issues. There is to be another summit on Wednesday in Mt. Vernon.

**Swearing in of the new Marysville Police Chief - Robert N. Carden.**

Mayor Weiser swore in the new Police Chief and introduced Mr. Carden's wife, Deb and son, Tim.

Chief Carden addressed Council and assured everyone that there has been no lack of leadership since Bob Dyer left; he can see that there is a lot of pride in this organization and thanked the estimated 40 members of the MPD and MSAC ranks present for their support. He said he is very much a participatory chief and looks forward to getting started; is proud to be part of the MPD and the City of Marysville.

CALL ON COUNCILMEMBERS:

Councilmember Myers reported St. Louis now has a curfew: 8 PM for ages 17 and under on school nights, 9 PM in the summer and 10 PM Friday and Saturday nights. He said there was a survey referenced in the report, noting significantly reduced crime in cities with curfews.

Councilmember Bartholomew asked about the North End Comprehensive Plan and City Planner Hirashima said the Planning Dept./Commission is working on that now.

Councilmember Leighan asked when the next Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting will be and Public Works Director Winckler said he would follow up on this and advise.

Councilmember Leighan asked about 2 used detective cars and a new Cherokee and where the money came from for this. Mayor Weiser said he would follow up on this.

Councilmember Wright noted recent school district presentations on Channel 2 and said she sees this as a possible medium for the City to get information out to the public about various issues in the form of presentations, also.

Councilmember Pedersen said she would bring this up at the TV Advisory Committee meeting this Thursday morning. She reported she attended her first Law & County Justice Committee meeting and the siting of the work release facility has been put on hold because of a recent incident where an inmate on work release re-offended.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS:

**1. 1998 Budget; continued from 11/24/97.**

The public testimony portion was reopened and then closed because no one wished to make comment from the audience.

There was discussion about the Mayor's proposal/addition to the budget: \$25,000 to go toward Economic Development funding, \$50,000 to go toward the North End Plan funding and \$50,000 to \$100,000 to go toward Strawberry Fields funding.

Councilmember Bartholomew moved and Councilmember Myers seconded to approve the 1998 Budget as recommended, with the additional 3 items as proposed by the Mayor. Councilmember Myers noted a lower crime rate has been reported in cities willing to spend more money on youth activities. The motion passed unanimously.

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CURRENT BUSINESS:

**1. Recommendation to Allow Alcohol by Permit in the Ken Baxter Senior/Community Center; Rental Fee Recommendation for the Ken Baxter Senior/Community Center; Cont. from Nov. 24, 1997.**

Parks & Recreation Director Ballew reviewed the information in the agenda bill, packets and handout. He noted information was gathered from 17 Agencies/Organizations as well as the State.

There was considerable discussion about licensed bartenders being allowed to be required by agencies/organizations, disadvantages of allowing alcohol including bad odor, damage, City setting a poor example, extra cleanup usually required; a lot of area senior centers that do allow alcohol have no significant problems at all.

Parks & Recreation Director Ballew reassured Council that if there is any damage whatsoever, the renting party is required to reimburse for all labor and materials plus their whole deposit is kept for breach of agreement.

City Attorney Weed spoke about indemnification of the City and elected officials as well as having an insurance certificate from the lessee.

There was more discussion about how the Ken Baxter Senior Center/Community Center rental availability is advertised, marketing, rates being comparable with other similar facilities, whether the City wants to generate revenue, reviewing this issue again in 7/98, insurance requirement, experience of surrounding cities, how to extrapolate information/experience in 7/98, insurance on all groups and events regardless of whether alcohol is served.

Councilmember Leighan moved to accept the Parks Board recommendation to allow alcohol (beer & wine only) by permit, with insurance limits of \$1,000,000 required from those who rent the premises with an alcohol permit and to review the rates, alcohol experience and insurance requirement issues at the end of July/98. Councilmember Myers seconded the motion.

After further brief discussion, a roll call vote revealed Councilmembers Myers, Baxter, Leighan and Herman in favor of the motion and Councilmembers Bartholomew, Pedersen and Wright against the motion, so it passed 4-3.

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(Consensus was that the impact of this motion is that alcohol will be allowed from January to December, 1998 and not cut off mid-stream in July when reviewed, even if it's decided not to allow alcohol anymore at that time.)

## 2. Golf Fees.

City Administrator Zabell reviewed the agenda bill, information in the packets and a handout. He noted that after 4 months of play since the golf course has been renovated, the City has brought in \$331,000 in revenue and the rounds of play are higher than projected. The Golf Committee recommendation is for senior passes to be priced at \$900 and a regular (weekend) annual pass to be priced at \$1200. Seniors could play on the weekend for \$5.00 if they have paid the \$900 and there would be a summer rate for juniors of \$10 per round. Based on estimates of the golf pro and Parks & Recreation Director, this would realize a net revenue gain of \$43,200, he said and he referred to the schedule in the packets.

There was discussion about not continuing the 2nd family member reduced rates, the annual pass rates being \$445 for seniors and \$712 regular before, vs. \$900 and \$1200 now. There was discussion about the purpose of the golf course being to provide recreation to the public, debt service of \$360,000 and Cedarcrest being comparable to other golf courses.

Don Shaw noted there has been no criticism on the 18 hole rate but they are getting criticism on the 9 hole rates and junior play rates.

Councilmember Baxter concurred that the junior rates should be lower to encourage them to play and he also recommended reducing the rates to \$800 for seniors and \$1000 for regular annual passes.

Councilmember Herman recommended \$800 and \$1100.

Councilmember Leighan mentioned the golf team from the high school and Don Shaw noted they play at no charge March through May. He also noted that if you teach younger people how to golf, they are your next generation golfers who will be buying those passes in the future. He said he would like to see the lower junior rate all year round.

Councilmember Pedersen agreed to accept the rates as recommended with the exception of the junior rates being lower all year round.

Councilmember Baxter reiterated that the purpose of the golf course is entertainment and with that, moved to approve the recommended rates of the Golf Committee except for the senior passes to be \$800 and regular annual passes to be \$1000. Also, juniors to play for \$10 a round week days all year round and all day long. Councilmember Bartholomew seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## NEW BUSINESS:

### 1. American Heritage Rivers Initiative.

Mayor Weiser briefly reviewed the agenda bill, regarding nomination of the Snohomish River Basin for protection under the American Heritage Rivers Initiative.

John McCoy of the Tulalip Tribes addressed Council and said they are recommending the entire Snohomish River system be included, the Snohomish River group would stay intact and this is for the whole community to work together toward protection of this valuable water resource. He spoke about overallocation situations in California and how we want to prevent that from happening here. He said the reason most people move to this area is for the natural beauty, water recreation, etc., so the community needs to

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work together as a partnership--the state, Tulalip Tribes, cities --all of us working towards restoring the salmon habitat, eg.

Councilmember Bartholomew asked about other Puget Sound Basin plans and how this fits in and Mr. McCoy said they are developing a plan--a caseworker or "river navigator" will put together a plan to find what resources are available and coordinate with the community and help with paperwork for funding, eg.

Councilmember Bartholomew asked if this includes all the rivers that feed the Snohomish River System and Mr. McCoy said yes.

Councilmember Pedersen said she was in favor of the proposal to make the Snohomish River one of the 10 projects and have the City send a letter of support for the initiative. Councilmember Herman echoed her comments, noting he sees this document as not a major change but simply promoting good communications and accessing available resources. He said he would like to see other cities in Snohomish County involved.

Mr. McCoy said the Tribes are awaiting word from Everett; Ascent 21 is going in the same direction. He said he believed a regional group would be formed with a plan developed with regard to storm and flood waters, etc. and with regard to the impact on the sewer lagoon, there would be some kind of cooling process for the fish but the present requirements would not be affected, he said.

Councilmember Baxter said he would also support a letter of support.

Councilmember Wright asked about other groups and Mr. McCoy said the committee will take care of all jurisdiction concerns and will represent other tribes, also, even if other groups don't have the time or inclination to get involved. He noted the Tulalip Tribes staff person is on the Snohomish River Basin Committee already and will go in the same direction.

Councilmember Bartholomew asked about PUD's reaction and Mr. McCoy said they have not heard any adverse reaction. He stated the intent is to protect property rights and he said he hopes they can make this work and see it as a way to build trust among all entities; the caseworker will be an existing state employee with any cost being shared among the 30 jurisdictions involved.

Councilmember Baxter asked him about how this whole thing came about and Mr. McCoy explained President Clinton asked Chairman Jones to name a river he would like included in the American Heritage Rivers Initiative.

Councilmember Pedersen moved that the City provide a letter of support designating Snohomish River as one of the rivers selected under the American Heritage Rivers Initiative. Councilmember Bartholomew seconded and the motion passed 6-1 with Councilmember Wright being against as she did not think there was enough information available at present. (She had asked that this issue be continued to next meeting.)

**2. (Item from Consent Agenda) Approve and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the State Avenue 88th to 94th St. Consultant On-Call Supplemental Agreement No. 5 with Perteet Engineering.**

Councilmember Baxter explained he had a problem with this as he was under the impression Perteet was already overseeing the project.

Public Works Director Winckler explained Perteet is not actually managing the project and as an on-call consultant, would be involved in team meetings, conflict resolution, etc.

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Councilmembers Baxter and Herman both expressed concern that there is a bit of a conflict here and there should probably be no additional fees once the project is designed. Public Works Director Winckler said this can be reduced/combined in the future.

Councilmember Pedersen moved and Councilmember Wright seconded to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with Perteet Engineering. Passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. Resolution Granting Utility Variance for Terra Firma Development Co. Ltd. for Property Located at the Northwest Corner of Twin Lakes Avenue & 156th St. NE, Marysville, WA.**

Councilmember Herman moved and Councilmember Bartholomew seconded to approve/adopt Resolution 1866. Passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:29 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 9:40 to 10:05 p.m.

- 1. Pending Litigation.** (No Action)

RECONVENED & ADJOURNED: 10:05 p.m.

Accepted this 8th day of December, 1997.

*David Weiser*

MAYOR

*May Pedersen*

CITY CLERK

*Manda A. Iverson*

RECORDING SECRETARY