

COUNCIL



DRAFT MINUTES

Regular Meeting *January 7, 2013*

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.

Roll Call

Chief Administrative Officer Hirashima gave the roll call. The following staff and councilmembers were in attendance.

Mayor: Jon Nehring

Council: Steve Muller, Jeff Seibert, Michael Stevens, Rob Toyer, Jeff Vaughan, and Donna Wright

Absent: None

Also Present: Chief Administrative Officer Gloria Hirashima, Finance Director Sandy Langdon, City Attorney Grant Weed, Public Works Director Kevin Nielsen, and Recording Secretary Laurie Hugdahl.

Committee Reports - None

Presentations - None

Discussion Items

A. Selection Process to Fill Vacant Council Seat.

Mayor Pro Tem Vaughan led a discussion about the process for filling the vacant seat in light of Carmen Rasmussen's departure. City Attorney Grant Weed reviewed the selection and voting process that was used for the last process, but noted that Council had the freedom to decide how to do the process as long as it is an open process.

- Councilmember Seibert spoke in support of the weighted vote. He solicited opinions from others about all the councilmembers asking the candidates the same questions.
- Councilmember Muller spoke against the question format, stating he prefers more of a dialogue to allow more in-depth questioning.

- Councilmember Seibert expressed concern about not all the candidates getting a fair interview if they don't stick with the question format. He also had concerns about the length of time a dialogue would take.
- Donna Wright pointed out that the meet-and-greet is one way they have addressed the dialogue issue in the past.
- Councilmember Seibert spoke in support of making a final selection decision on the night of the interviews.
- Mayor Pro Tem Vaughan expressed frustration about the "speed dating" nature of the process. He suggested having the reception and interviews followed by a period of time prior to the vote to allow some time to think and get questions answered.
- Councilmember Toyer spoke to having the interviews and then waiting until the next meeting to make the decision to give Council members time to think about it.
- Councilmember Seibert said he wouldn't mind if the Council waited to make their decision, but cautioned against making any contact with applicants outside of the meeting.
- Councilmember Wright pointed out that the number of applicants would determine how long the process would take.
- Councilmember Muller suggested having a preliminary vote to narrow down the number of candidates that come before the Council.
- Councilmember Stevens spoke in support of having more flexibility in the questions asked of each candidate.
- Councilmember Seibert spoke to the importance of this being done as part of the public process as much as possible.
- It was noted that whoever is selected would have to file for election in the fall to continue to serve out the rest of Carmen's term.
- Councilmember Wright suggested that if there are more than a certain number of candidates they could handle it one way. If there are less than a certain number of candidates they could handle it another way.

There was consensus to establish the timeline and then continue to work out the process.

There was discussion about potentially holding an executive session sometime after receiving the applications if necessary. Grant Weed suggested that any executive session should happen after the completion of all the interviews and prior to nominating any applicants.

There was consensus to close the application period at 5 p.m. on Friday, February 1. Council will decide on its final process on February 4 after seeing how many applicants there are. There was consensus to have February 25 be a potential decision date.

Discussion followed about how to make appointments to Carmen's board/commission positions. Rob Toyer expressed interest in serving on the Fire Board. No one else indicated an interest.

Motion made by Councilmember Seibert, seconded by Councilmember Muller, to nominate Rob Toyer to the Marysville Fire Board. **Motion** passed unanimously (6-0) to authorize the Mayor to appoint Councilmember Toyer to the Marysville Fire Board.

There was consensus to hold off deciding about the other committee assignments until a new councilmember is selected.

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the December 3, 2012, City Council Work Session Minutes.
2. Approval of the December 10, 2012, City Council Meeting Minutes.

Consent

3. Approval of the December 12, 2012, Claims in the Amount of \$1,196,187.84; Paid by Check Number's 81370 through 81512 with No Check Number's Voided.
4. Approval of the December 19, 2012, Claims in the Amount of \$822,914.91; Paid by Check Number's 81513 through 81667 with Check Number 77902 Voided.
5. Approval of the December 26, 2012, Claims in the Amount of \$247,961.08; Paid by Check Number's 81668 through 81804 with No Check Number's Voided.
6. Approval of the December 27, 2012, Claims in the Amount of \$557,924.34; Paid by Check Number's 81805 through 81892 with Check Number 81495 Voided.
7. Approval of the January 2, 2013, Claims in the Amount of \$3,629.17; Paid by Check Number's 81893 through 81898 with No Check Number's Voided
8. Approval of the December 20, 2012, Payroll in the Amount of \$993,910.91; Paid by Check Number's 26160 through 26194.
9. Approval of the January 4, 2013, Payroll in the Amount of \$1,498,098.18; Paid by Check Number's 26195 through 26236.

Review Bids

Public Hearings

New Business

10. Final Plat of Harvest Hills Phase 1.

CAO Hirashima reviewed the final plat and noted it was originally approved in the County.

11. Fourth Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County for Furnishing Equipment Maintenance/Repair Service.

Director Nielsen stated that this is the annual agreement with Snohomish County to provide fleet services, but it is rarely used.

Legal

Mayor's Business

- Thanks to Mayor Pro Tem Vaughan and the Council for the discussion about the councilmember selection process.
- Thanks to Jim Ballew, Parks staff, Rotary, and other volunteers for their hard work with the Tour of Lights.
- On Friday night, the local Girl Scouts put on a candlelight vigil for victims of the Sandy Hook tragedy.
- On Saturday afternoon he attended the Change of Command ceremony at the Armed Forces Command Center, which was a very impressive ceremony.
- He gave an update on the Community Transit Board meeting on January 3 where they approved all the 2013 contracts.
- On behalf of Chief Smith he distributed the Comprehensive Emergency Plan discs.
- He asked for the names of everyone who wants to go to the National League of Cities conference in Washington DC. Councilmembers Seibert, Toyer, Stevens, and Wright expressed interest.

Staff Business

Jim Ballew:

- He wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- A farewell event will be held for Carmen Rasmussen on Thursday, February 7 at 7 p.m. at the Ken Baxter Center
- He gave an update on Healthy Communities. Staff will be having a meeting with them soon.

Kevin Nielsen:

- A 13.8' tide overtopped the dyke in some spots. Emergency repairs were done on the crown and to some of the Qwuloolt areas. He noted that 12.7' is the hundred-year elevation. The tide was supposed to be 12.3' but NOAA said there was a tidal fluctuation of 1.5 feet.
- The City will be shutting down 156th for a couple weeks to do some repairs to infiltration beds.
- He wished everyone a Happy New Year!

Sandy Langdon:

- Happy New Year to everyone.
- Tablets are being tested right now. The directors will be testing those before they are distributed to the Council.
- Staff is busy tying up year-end tasks.

Grant Weed:

- Happy New Year to everyone.
- He stated the need to have an Executive Session to discuss four items - three items involving employee performance with a possibility of action and one item concerning pending litigation for a total of 20 minutes.

Gloria Hirashima wished everyone a Happy New Year. She informed the Council that the consultant will be in town on January 24 and 25.

Call on Councilmembers

Michael Stevens:

- The Change of Command ceremony was a pleasure to attend. He enjoyed witnessing the history.
- He asked if the councilmember applications become public records. Gloria Hirashima replied that they do.
- He asked about the Economic Development Committee meeting for January. There was a decision to wait to hold it in February.
- Councilmember Stevens noted that Saturday is Marysville Hockey Night where tickets are \$5. He encouraged everyone to attend.
- He referred to an email from a citizen who stated that he and others were upset about stormwater taxes that had gone up after annexation. Councilmember Seibert explained that the structure of taxes in the County and in the City is different. Director Nielsen further explained how the billing structure had changed to make the billing fairer as a result of the City taking over the billing.

Rob Toyer had no comments.

Steve Muller had no comments.

Donna Wright:

- She has been appointed to the NLC Finance Administration and Intergovernmental Relations Steering Committee.
- She also attended the Change of Command. She appreciated the traditional ceremony.
- She referred to the Girls Scouts vigil and noted that it was held because eight of the little girls were Girl Scouts and two of the boys were from scouting families. She stated that the Sikh temple also held a vigil which she attended.

Jeff Seibert:

- On Saturday he went to Lakewood Crossing and was surprised by the amount of traffic. He was happy to have an alternate route to use on 156th. He asked if signage will be up informing drivers that the street will be closed. Director Nielsen affirmed that signage will be up, it will be noted on the website, and it has been out for a press release.

Jeff Vaughan had no comments

Mayor Nehring recessed the meeting from 8:34 p.m. until 8:40 p.m. when the Council reconvened into Executive Session to discuss four items - three personnel items and one potential litigation item for twenty minutes.

Executive Session

- A. Litigation - one item, per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)
- B. Personnel - three items, per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)
- C. Real Estate

Motion made by Councilmember Muller, seconded by Councilmember Wright to extend Executive Session to 9:05 p.m. Motion passed (6-0) with Councilmember Vaughan and Councilmember Seibert voting against the motion.

Motion made by Councilmember Muller, seconded by Councilmember Wright to approve the Amendment to the Chief Administrative Officer's Employment Agreement Motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Adjournment

Seeing no further business Mayor Nehring adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2013.

Mayor
Jon Nehring

April O'Brien
Deputy City Clerk