



**Work Session**  
*February 4, 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, Parks and Recreation Director Jim Ballew, Financial Operations Manager John Nield, and Recording Secretary Laurie Hugdahl.

**Committee Reports**

None.

**Presentations**

A. Marysville Together – Not held

**Discussion Items**

**Approval of Minutes** (*Written Comment Only Accepted from Audience.*)

1. Approval of the January 14, 2013, City Council Meeting Minutes.

## **Consent**

2. Approval of the January 23, 2013, Claims in the Amount of \$582,954.39; Paid by Check Number's 82170 through 82319 with No Check Number's Voided.
3. Approval of the January 18, 2013, Payroll in the Amount of \$784,409.70; Paid by Check Number's 26237 through 26272.

## **Review Bids**

## **Public Hearings**

## **New Business**

4. Supplement No. 6 to the City's Professional Services Agreement with BergerABAM, Extending the Agreement End Date to May 31, 2013.

Director Nielsen stated that this is a supplemental agreement with BergerABAM to extend the PSA at no cost to finish up the as-built. There were no comments or questions.

5. Amendment No. 2 to the State of Washington Department of Enterprise Services Intergovernmental Agreement No. 200-WPC-219.

Director Nielsen stated this is the co-op agreement with the State to purchase from their contracts. There were no comments or questions.

6. Professional Services Agreement with Aclara Technologies LLC.

Director Nielsen stated that this is to update the current AMR system since Verizon/Frontier is changing the platform. There were no comments or questions.

7. Professional Services Agreement with Paymentus Corporation.

John Nield, Financial Operations Manager, explained that this company will provide online billing and payments. It is more robust than the service the City currently has.

8. A **Resolution** of the City of Marysville Declaring Various Certain Items of Personal Property to be Surplus and Authorizing the Sale or Disposal Thereof.

Director Nielsen reviewed the items to be surplussed which include old vehicles and marina demo debris. Councilmember Toyer asked why this needs to come to the Council in the form of a resolution. City Attorney Grant Weed reviewed this.

9. A **Resolution** Honoring Carmen Rasmussen for Distinguished Service as a City of Marysville City Councilmember.

**Motion** made by Councilmember Toyer, seconded by Councilmember Wright, to waive the normal study session rules in order to vote on this item. **Motion** passed unanimously (6-0).

**Motion** made by Councilmember Wright, seconded by Councilmember Seibert, to adopt Resolution No. 2340. **Motion** passed unanimously (6-0).

10. An **Ordinance** of the City Of Marysville, Washington, Authorizing the City of Marysville to Continue to Impose a Sales and Use Tax as Authorized by RCW 82.14.415 as a Credit Against State Sales and Use Tax; Certifying the Costs to Provide Municipal Services to the Central Marysville Annexation Area; and Setting a New Threshold Amount for Fiscal Year 2013 Relating to Annexations.

Finance Director Langdon explained that with the central annexation, the Council adopted the additional .2% tax that the City gets from the State's portion. This must be renewed every year with the Department of Revenue, and the City must provide justification that it is still needed to service the area.

11. An **Ordinance** of the City Of Marysville, Washington, Amending MMC 14.07.005 (General Fee Structure), MMC 14.07.010 (Capital Improvement Charges), MMC 14.19.050 (Surface Water Utility Rates) and MMC 14.19.080 (Reductions and Appeals) and Providing for Severability.

Director Nielsen explained that LID is one of the requirements in the new NPDES permit. The LID deduction in the current code will be phased out over time since it will be a requirement now.

## **Legal**

### **Mayor's Business**

12. Discuss City Council Applicants and Process.

Mayor Pro Tem Vaughan solicited comments on the process.

### General Process:

Councilmember Wright suggested having the meet and greet next week before the Council meeting. For the sake of time, she recommended a preliminary vote by Council following that meet and greet in order to possibly narrow down the number of applicants who would then come to the next meeting.

Councilmember Stevens expressed concern about not having much time following the meet and greet to make decisions for the vote. Councilmember Muller suggested having an Executive Session following the meet and greet to discuss qualifications.

Councilmember Seibert felt that everybody who submitted an application deserves to make a presentation in front of the full Council. In order to break it up, he suggested that they could have the meet and greet and presentations at the first meeting and then interviews at the second meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Vaughan suggested having a longer meet and greet. This might potentially eliminate the need to have the Council question and answer portion of the process if councilmembers are able to get all their questions answered during the meet and greet. Councilmember Wright spoke to the value of having the questions answered publicly by all the applicants. Councilmember Seibert also commented on the value of seeing how the applicants can articulate their thoughts and ideas in a public forum.

Councilmember Muller spoke in support of having the meet and greet and presentations at the first meeting, and then having questions and answers at the next meeting. He also suggested narrowing down the contestants following the presentations after the first meeting. Councilmember Stevens did not think it was necessary to narrow down the candidates if they were dividing the process into two nights.

City Attorney Weed recommended that any process involving narrowing down of the candidates be communicated to the applicants in advance. Councilmember Seibert spoke in support of not narrowing down the candidates. Councilmembers Muller and Toyer spoke in support of having more of a dialogue process with the questions and answers.

Mayor Pro Tem Vaughan spoke to the importance of finding someone who fits on the Council and commented that it would be difficult to determine this without allowing them to go through the full question and answer process.

- **There was consensus on having the meet and greet and applicant presentations on one night and the questions and answers on another night.**
- **There was consensus to have all ten applicants go through the whole process.**
- **The meet and greet will be held from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.**

#### Interview:

- **There was consensus that during the interview, each Councilmember will ask one question and the same question will be asked of each candidate. Candidates will be allowed a one minute response. Councilmembers will then be able to each ask a follow-up question if they choose to do so.**

**Applicants will be allowed 30 seconds to respond to any follow-up question.**

Councilmember Toyer suggested giving the applicants a brief amount of time to give a closing statement.

- **There was consensus to allow each applicant 30 seconds for a closing statement.**
- **The candidates will be sequestered during the presentation period and during the question and answer period.**
- **The order of the candidates will be randomly selected each night.**
- **Council questions will be generated following the applicant presentations. Staff will compile those to avoid any duplication.**

There was discussion about ways to involve the public and the Youth Council in this process in the future.

#### Executive Session:

There was discussion about whether or not an Executive Session should be held in relation to this process.

- **There was consensus to schedule an Executive Session at the end of the first night to discuss applicant qualifications.**

#### Voting:

- **The regular voting process and weighted voting process will remain the same.**

#### Mayor's Business:

- On Tuesday and Thursday, the Mayor and several other representatives from Marysville were in Olympia to discuss the RSO bill. Mayor Nehring gave an update on the status of that bill.
- Staff was notified on Friday that the industrial bill will be in a hearing this week.
- The disaster preparedness workshop was a big success and well-attended.
- Youth Council had a great meeting. Mayor Nehring really enjoyed this group and its energy.
- He reminded everyone that the event for Councilmember Rasmussen will be on Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. at the Ken Baxter Community Center.

## Staff Business

Kevin Nielsen:

- The world's largest boring machine is now in Seattle and will be starting on the viaduct. It was assembled in Japan and shipped over here.
- Mercer Island can't pay for the 520 bridge right now and will be holding a meeting to discuss the issue. They are looking at tolling the I-90 bridge to help pay for the 520 bridge. This may affect the availability of federal money for the rest of the region.
- There was 8.65" of rain in January. The normal amount for January is 5.15". Councilmembers may receive emails from citizens about localized water over roadways, in crawlspaces, and other rain-related issues. He emphasized that staff is dealing with those issues as much as possible. He also discussed the fact that tides were higher than predicted in December and January.

Grant Weed stated the need for an Executive Session to discuss two items related to pending litigation and sale or lease or real estate, expected to take ten minutes with no action.

Gloria Hirashima:

- She met with the owners of CrossFit and the Downtown Merchants group. It was a good meeting and they were able to work through some of the concerns. The City will continue to work with that group to foster a spirit of cooperation with the businesses. Staff is also looking at the potential of restriping the street to allow for additional parking.
- There was a property owners meeting with the Smokey Point industrial properties. The City is continuing to work on the environmental permitting.

## Call on Councilmembers

Michael Stevens:

- Marysville University was a good event and very well-attended.
- He thanked the City for the work they have put into the RSO bill. He was glad to be able to be part of the process.
- He asked about the date for the next Economic Development Committee meeting. Staff will follow up on the date.

Rob Toyer had no comments.

Steve Muller had no comments.

Donna Wright:

- The Youth Council was a very enthusiastic group of young people. She enjoyed the meeting.
- She also enjoyed the Marysville U.

- She thanked Public Works for responding to a business that was having problems with flooding.

Jeff Seibert:

- He asked Kevin Nielsen if he had contacted Our Marysville group. Director Nielsen said he has not yet, but intends to.
- He noticed that CrossFit has requested that their customer's park in other areas until this matter is resolved.
- There is a property on the southwest corner of 47<sup>th</sup> and 80<sup>th</sup> that has put up some very large signs. He wondered if these signs meet the sign ordinance. CAO Hirashima indicated that staff will look into it.

Jeff Vaughan had no comments.

Mayor Nehring recessed the meeting for two minutes from 8:50 until 8:52 p.m. at which time they reconvened in Executive Session for ten minutes to discuss two items related to pending litigation and sale or lease of real estate with no action requested.

**Executive Session**

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

**Adjournment**

Seeing no further business Mayor Nehring adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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Mayor  
Jon Nehring

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April O'Brien  
Deputy City Clerk