

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call	7:00 p.m.
Approve the agenda minus item 14.	Approved
Committee Reports	
Presentations	
Snohomish Health District Recognizing the City's No Smoking in Parks Campaign.	Presented
Approval of Minutes	
Approval of the October 28, 2013 City Council Meeting Minutes.	Approved
Approval of the November 4, 2013 City Council Work Session Minutes.	Approved
Consent Agenda	
Approval of the November 6, 2013 Claims in the Amount of \$965,460.91; Paid by Check Number's 88135 through 88262 with No Check Number's Voided.	Approved
Approval of the November 13, 2013 Claims in the Amount of \$651,884.88; Paid by Check Number's 88263 through 88416 with Check Number 88188 Voided.	Approved
Public Hearings	
Consider an Ordinance of the City of Marysville Adopting a Budget for the City of Marysville, Washington, for the Year 2014, Setting Forth in Summary Form the Totals of Estimated Revenues and Appropriations for Each Separate Fund and the Aggregate Totals of All Such Funds Combined, and Establishing Compensation Levels as Proscribed by MMC 3.50.030.	Approved Ord. No. 2941
Consider an Ordinance of the City of Marysville Levying Regular Taxes Upon All Property Real, Personal and Utility Subject to Taxation within the Corporate Limits of the City of Marysville, Washington for the Year 2014.	Approved Ord. No. 2942
Consider an Ordinance of the City of Marysville levying EMS taxes upon all property real, personal and utility subject to taxation within the corporate limits of the City of Marysville, Washington for the year 2014.	Approved Ord. No. 2943
New Business	
Consider Approving the Proposed Amendment to the City Attorney Retainer Agreement with Weed, Graafstra and Benson, Inc., P.S.	Approved
Consider Approving the Purchase Order with NC Machinery in the Amount of \$71,978.99 for a Skid Steer Front Loader.	Approved
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Consider the Interlocal Agreement with South Correctional Entity (SCORE) to provide an Alternate Option to House Inmates in the Event of an Emergent Situation Where Inmate Need to be Placed in an Environment Requiring Specialized Attention (Medical/Mental Health Service).	Approved

Consider Authorizing \$110,000 in Additional Management Reserve for the 99th Ave/42nd Street Water Main Project for a Total Project Allocation of \$856,425.42.	Approved
Legal	
Mayor's Business	
Staff Business	
Call on Councilmembers	
Adjournment	9:21 p.m.



Regular Meeting
November 25, 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. Pastor Dan Hazen from Allen Creek Church gave the invocation.

Roll Call

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

Mayor: Jon Nehring

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Chief Administrative Officer Gloria Hirashima, Finance Director Sandy Langdon, Police Chief Rick Smith, City Attorney Grant Weed, Public Works Director Kevin Nielsen, Parks and Recreation Director Jim Ballew, Court Administrator Suzanne Elsner, and Recording Secretary Laurie Hugdahl.

Mayor Nehring stated that item 14 would be pulled from the agenda. Director Nielsen will be asking to waive normal rules in order to approve it at the study session next week.

Motion made by Councilmember Stevens, seconded by Councilmember Norton, to approve the agenda with the exception of item 14. Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Committee Reports

Councilmember Stevens reported on the November 11 **Marysville Fire District Board of Directors** meeting where the operating budget was approved for next year. Funding was provided for two new firefighters, a battalion chief, two new aid cars, and a part-time mechanic.

Councilmember Seibert reported on the November 20 **Finance Committee** meeting where the following items were discussed:

- Update to the Transportation Benefit District.
- Tina Brock started as the new Deputy City Clerk in the Clerk's Office on November 12.
- Budget Update – Revenues are up, spending is down, and sales tax is up from last year.
- 2014 Preliminary Budget was discussed.
- LID process – Hearing will be held on December 9.
- Mailers were sent out regarding utility billing for the Sunnyside Annexations.
- Shutoffs are down to 30 a week which is an improvement from last year when they were up to 100 a week.

Steve Muller reported on the **Library Board** meeting:

- The remodel is complete and looks really nice.
- The proposed budget for capital improvements was submitted.
- An online registration process for the conference room is being implemented.

Steve Muller reported that the **I-502 Committee** met and forwarded a number of recommendations to the Planning Commission.

Jeff Vaughan reported that the **LEOFF I Board** met on November 20 and approved two claims.

Presentations

A. Snohomish Health District Recognizing the City's No Smoking in Parks Campaign.

Peter Mayer, Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer for Snohomish Health District, recognized the City of Marysville with a Healthy Communities Award for its forward thinking and positive example in adopting a tobacco-free parks ordinance.

Audience Participation

Don Fulcher, 5507 69th Street NE, Marysville, WA 98270, asked what the up-to-date cost of litigation against Cedar Grove is and what the forecast for expenses in 2014 due to appeal is. He asked if there has been a more amicable solution discussed without the litigation. He also asked if Strategies 360 is going to continue to be a PR firm for the City of Marysville, and if so, at what cost.

Susan Stachowiak, 12611 3rd Ave NE, Tulalip 98271, spoke on behalf of Kinuko Noborikawa, Chair, Communities of Color Coalition. She shared information about exhibits, initiatives and workshops dealing with race and equality for the Diversity Advisory Committee, Communities of Color Coalition, and the Race and Social Initiative

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

1. Approval of the October 28, 2013 City Council Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Councilmember Wright, seconded by Councilmember Vaughan, to approve the October 28, 2013 City Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

2. Approval of the November 4, 2013 City Council Work Session Minutes.

Motion made by Councilmember Stevens, seconded by Councilmember Muller, to approve the November 4, 2013 City Council Work Session Minutes. Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Consent

3. Approval of the November 6, 2013 Claims in the Amount of \$965,460.91; Paid by Check Number's 88135 through 88262 with No Check Number's Voided.
4. Approval of the November 13, 2013 Claims in the Amount of \$651,884.88; Paid by Check Number's 88263 through 88416 with Check Number 88188 Voided.

Motion made by Councilmember Wright, seconded by Councilmember Stevens, to approve Consent Agenda items 3 and 4. Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Review Bids

Public Hearings

5. Consider an Ordinance of the City of Marysville Adopting a Budget for the City of Marysville, Washington, for the Year 2014, Setting Forth in Summary Form the Totals of Estimated Revenues and Appropriations for Each Separate Fund and the Aggregate Totals of All Such Funds Combined, and Establishing Compensation Levels as Proscribed by MMC 3.50.030.

Mayor Nehring thanked Finance Director Sandy Langdon and her finance staff for the incredible amount of time and the work they have done on the budget. He discussed the City's financial accomplishments in 2013. He reported that the finances of the City are stable thanks to the difficult decisions of the Council in the past. He thanked all of the department directors for establishing a culture of financial responsibility. Finally, Mayor Nehring acknowledged employees of the City for carrying out that philosophy on a daily basis. He then reviewed highlights of the 2014 Budget highlights including continuing to build a Capital Reserve, pavement preservation, capital facility maintenance and improvement plan, North Precinct Evidence Building, downtown revitalization, Code Enforcement Neighborhood Cleanup, walkways, street construction/IJR's – State/4th and State/SR529, Park Trail Construction, Sunnyside water purchase, and Sunnyside

sanitation expansion. Finance Director Langdon reviewed the 2014 Preliminary Budget as contained in the PowerPoint presentation in Council's packet.

Additional Comments and Questions:

CAO Hirashima commended Sandy Langdon on her financial guidance as evidenced by the General Fund ending fund balance in 2013 compared to the dire forecast back in 2009. CAO Hirashima commented that staff is recommending that \$700,000 would come out of the Capital Reserve fund for 2014 in order to take a look at all of the city's facilities and project needs and complete a prioritization of long-term needs.

CAO Hirashima explained that department expenditures and city priorities have been reshuffled so that street subsidies have basically become its own priority and division.

Mayor Nehring recognized Jim Ballew and Kevin Nielsen and their staffs for their hard work to remedy the golf subsidy issue.

Mayor Nehring opened the public hearing at 8:03 p.m.

Public Testimony:

John Bell, 4715 126th Street NE, Marysville, WA 98271, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Greater Marysville Tulalip Chamber of Commerce, requested a special city budget allocation for the greater Marysville Tulalip Chamber of Commerce to provide money for a second monitor for a chief administrative person at the Chamber, maps at the Visitor Information Center, and website/database renovation for a total of \$9,839.

Seeing no further public comments, the public hearing was closed at 8:10 p.m.

Councilmember Wright referred to Mr. Bell's request and asked where that extra funding might come from. Finance Director Langdon said it would have to come out of General Fund Reserves.

Councilmember Seibert asked if the Ordinance takes a 1% bank the way it is written. Finance Director Langdon said there is a 0% increase, but it takes the bank.

Councilmember Vaughan asked how much is in the budget for the Chamber for 2014. Finance Director Langdon replied that there is \$40,000 for the contract and approval of the hotel motel grant for around \$20,000. Councilmember Vaughan asked when the Chamber contract would be reviewed. Finance Director Langdon said it would come to the Council in December for approval, but the amount is already budgeted in the proposed budget.

Councilmember Muller asked what other opportunities there are for the Chamber or other organizations to apply for in the City other than the CDBG Grant and the Hotel

Motel Tax. CAO Hirashima replied that the ones he mentioned are the only grant programs that the City has.

Councilmember Vaughan commented that he likes the approach taken by the Hotel Motel Committee because it is structured and fair for all the groups. He expressed concern about the approach taken by the Chamber because it short circuits the process that has been established. He thinks that the most appropriate and fair way for organizations such as this to acquire the funding is going through the established process of getting a grant. He would not be in favor of allocating additional dollars for the Chamber. He commented on the need for additional discussion regarding the role of the Chamber in the City. He recommended sticking with the current recommendations of the Hotel Motel Committee.

Motion made by Councilmember Muller, seconded by Councilmember Wright, to approve Ordinance No. 2941 as presented.

Councilmember Toyer spoke in support of the Chamber and asked if there was any other support for their request.

Councilmember Muller offered to donate an LED monitor to the Chamber.

Councilmember Stevens spoke in support of the Chamber. He commented that next week would be the appropriate time to discuss allocations of those funds as opposed to tonight.

Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

11. Consider an Ordinance of the City of Marysville Levying Regular Taxes Upon All Property Real, Personal and Utility Subject to Taxation within the Corporate Limits of the City of Marysville, Washington for the Year 2014.

Motion made by Councilmember Seibert, seconded by Councilmember Vaughan, to approve Ordinance No. 2942 with elimination of adding the 1% banked capacity portion.

City Attorney Weed explained that no vote would be necessary if no action was to be taken.

Councilmember Seibert withdrew his motion.

Councilmember Stevens, seconded by Councilmember Muller, to adopt 2942 including the 1% bank as stated.

Councilmember Seibert commented that the City has shown great fiscal responsibility over the past 10+ years, but there is no guarantee that future councils would show that same restraint. He is afraid that the good effort they have done could be wiped out by someone wanting to take all of the bank which is why he prefers that they don't keep it.

Upon a roll call vote the motion, the motion carried 4-3 with Councilmembers Vaughan, Seibert, and Norton voting against the motion.

12. Consider an Ordinance of the City of Marysville levying EMS taxes upon all property real, personal and utility subject to taxation within the corporate limits of the City of Marysville, Washington for the year 2014.

Motion made by Councilmember Wright, seconded by Councilmember Seibert, to approve Ordinance No. 2943. Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

New Business

6. Consider Approving the Proposed Amendment to the City Attorney Retainer Agreement with Weed, Graafstra and Benson, Inc., P.S.

CAO Hirashima reviewed this item which provides for a fee increase for this year. She stated that Grant Weed's fees are very reasonable and lower than other firms that the City contracts with.

Councilmember Toyer asked when the last time was that the rate was increased. CAO stated that it was a couple years ago.

Motion made by Councilmember Stevens, seconded by Councilmember Toyer, to approve the Proposed Amendment to the City Attorney Retainer Agreement with Weed, Graafstra and Benson, Inc., P.S.. Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

7. Consider Approving the Purchase Order with NC Machinery in the Amount of \$71,978.99 for a Skid Steer Front Loader.

Director Nielsen explained that Kari Chennault got a DOE grant for \$50,000 for this equipment for the new decant facility. The remaining \$21,978.99 will be covered by Surface Water.

Motion made by Councilmember Muller, seconded by Councilmember Seibert, to approve the Purchase Order with NC Machinery in the Amount of \$71,978.99 for a Skid Steer Front Loader. Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

8. Consider Approving the Renewal Facility Use Agreement with the United States Bankruptcy Court.

Courts Administrator Suzy Elsner stated that this agreement would allow the United States Bankruptcy Court to continue using the Marysville facility for preliminary hearings.

Motion made by Councilmember Toyer, seconded by Councilmember Norton, to approve the Renewal Facility Use Agreement with the United States Bankruptcy Court. Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

9. Consider Accepting the Decant Facility Retrofit Project, Starting the 45-Day Lien Filing Period for Project Closeout.

Director Nielsen reported that they just had the ribbon-cutting ceremony on this project.

Motion made by Councilmember Vaughan, seconded by Councilmember Toyer, to approve the Decant Facility Retrofit Project, Starting the 45-Day Lien Filing Period for Project Closeout. Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

10. Consider Approving the Hotel/Motel Committee Recommendation to Award Funding.

CAO Hirashima reviewed this item. The funding for the awards by the committee was \$90,000, but requests were around \$200,000. The committee went through a scoring process and was able to give partial funding to most of the applicants.

Councilmember Norton who chaired the committee commented on the process.

Motion made by Councilmember Vaughan, seconded by Councilmember Wright, to approve the Hotel/Motel Committee Recommendation to Award Funding. Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

13. Consider the Interlocal Agreement with South Correctional Entity (SCORE) to provide an Alternate Option to House Inmates in the Event of an Emergent Situation Where Inmate Need to be Placed in an Environment Requiring Specialized Attention (Medical/Mental Health Service).

Chief Smith explained that this gives the police a place to take someone who has medical and/or mental health issues in case the county doesn't take them. He reviewed a recent situation where this was needed. The daily cost is higher than the Police Department normally pays, but would provide an emergent stopgap measure.

Councilmember Muller asked what would happen if no one takes them. Chief Smith stated that if the police book someone they are responsible for them. They might have to transfer to a hospital or a mental health facility. If it is not a lockdown facility, they would have to provide an officer to stay with the individual for the duration.

Councilmember Muller asked if the increased rate would be passed on to other jurisdictions the City provides support to. Chief Smith affirmed that the cost would be passed through.

City Attorney Weed noted that this is a short-term agreement; an extension or another long-term agreement would be coming back in January. Chief Smith affirmed this, and

added that they will be trying to decrease the daily rate with SCORE on a future agreement.

Court Administrator Suzy Elsner commented that in some instances individuals with mental health issues cannot be released back out into the public, and they need to be kept in some sort of facility that can manage their mental health issues. In some situations they have to go through a court process to have them committed to see if they are even competent enough to understand what they are being charged with for trial purposes. Chief Smith added that the recent situation was a domestic violence issue so it was a mandatory arrest.

Councilmember Seibert asked whether the Interlocal agreements with other cities that Marysville provides services with should also be amended to cover the SCORE services. City Attorney Weed commented that this is a good question and needs to be examined.

Motion made by Councilmember Wright, seconded by Councilmember Seibert, to approve the Interlocal Agreement with South Correctional Entity (SCORE) to Provide an Alternate Option to House Inmates in the Event of an Emergent Situation Where Inmate Need to be Placed in an Environment Requiring Specialized Attention (Medical/Mental Health Service). Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

14. Consider Authorizing \$110,000 in Additional Management Reserve for the 99th Ave/42nd Street Water Main Project for a Total Project Allocation of \$856,425.42.

This item was removed from the agenda.

Mayor's Business

- Mayor Nehring attended the UCLA School of Urban Design City Lab event. This is an event that was grant funded by the federal government, and was a very interesting event. He attended along with six other mayors of cities with unique revitalization projects. UCLA also brought in eight urban design architect professionals from around the nation. He reviewed some of the projects and concepts discussed.
- At the Economic Alliance Snohomish County Board meeting concern was expressed about the 777x line. He stressed that this is a deal that could provide jobs to this area for decades. He encouraged everyone to keep working toward a workable solution.
- At the SCT meeting there was a great Sound Transit update.
- He requested a volunteer for the Alliance for Housing Affordability meetings. Councilmember Muller volunteered to do it.
- He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Staff Business

Jim Ballew:

- Thanks to Sandy Langdon and Gloria Hirashima for a smooth budget process.
- Parks is getting ready for the 25th year of Merrysville for the Holidays. Decorations have started going up for the holidays. In partnership with the Fire District, the City has offered an opportunity to kids at Liberty Elementary School to ride in the fire engine with a family member for the parade by coloring an entry form. Mayor Nehring randomly selected student Mercedes Gonzales from the entries. Director Ballew announced that the parade is on December 7, and the Tour of Lights starts on December 6.
- The Winter Guide is getting ready to be published.
- Happy Thanksgiving to everybody.

Chief Smith:

- Police are gearing up for the Merrysville for the Holidays as well.
- Black Friday traffic and directed patrol details will be targeted up at Lakewood Crossing and branching out to other areas as they are able.
- The County served a search warrant near a park. They cleared numerous burglaries to include one K-mart and one Burger King Burglary.
- The police are going through sergeant promotions.
- Chief Smith asked about Council's interest in having the Public Safety Committee on Wednesday. There was consensus to wait until January.

Kevin Nielsen:

- He recommended cancelling Public Works Committee meeting in December. There was consensus to cancel the meeting.
- The letter went out for PUD and sanitation in the Whiskey Ridge/Sunnyside area.
- The budget was very interesting this year. He commented on the positive changes they have seen in the trends. He thanked the Council for all of their efforts and the difficult decisions that they made.
- 88th Street crossing is nice.
- Happy Thanksgiving.

Sandy Langdon:

- Thanks to Director Nielsen and others for the positive feedback. She stated that they appreciate Council's actions in the past years. She commented that CAO Hirashima has recommended that they look at biennial budgeting.
- Finance Committee for December is cancelled.
- Happy Thanksgiving.

Grant Weed:

- Thanks for the action on the agreement between his firm and the City.
- He is working to get ready for the ultimate closing of the transfer and sale of the utilities in the Sunnyside area.

- There is no need for an Executive Session tonight.
- Happy Thanksgiving.

Gloria Hirashima:

- Thanks to everyone for their work on the budget. The City is in a positive place in terms of recovery due to the culture of economy that has been created. She commended staff for their resourcefulness and creativity in making the most of what they have.

Call on Councilmembers

Kamille Norton:

- Thanks to Sandy Langdon and all the department heads for all of their work on the budget. She expressed appreciation for staff's work at spending wisely and purposefully.
- Happy Thanksgiving.
- She commented that it is exciting to see the banners up around town for the holidays.

Steven Muller:

- Thanks to staff for their work on the budget. He agreed that city employees seem happy too.
- Happy Thanksgiving and safe travels to everyone.

Rob Toyer:

- Thanks to staff for the hard work on the budget.
- Thanks to Grant Weed for his hard work.
- He commented that he heard Boeing will not be negotiating with the union at all.

Michael Stevens:

- He commented that even though they have a culture of economy, they have not sacrificed a culture of quality.
- He commended Kari Chennault for her amazing work at obtaining grants and recommended naming something for her.

Jeff Seibert:

- Thanks to Finance and all the directors and staff for their creativity and hard work.
- He especially commended Jim Ballew and the Parks staff for the improvements to the golf course subsidy situation.
- He was surprised that there was a traffic jam going westbound near 1st Street and the mall.
- The 88th Street crossing is really smooth and works great. He asked when the other ones would be completed. Director Nielsen said the railroad has their ties at 4th and 1st, and has indicated that 4th Street will be next.
- Happy Thanksgiving.

Donna Wright:

- She attended the National League of Cities Congress of Cities in Seattle. There were many interesting speakers, especially some who spoke to the importance of the cities of the nation pulling together even though the federal government and state governments have let them down. There were some innovative parks ideas, especially related to handicapped people. There was also discussion on Healthy Communities, Let's Move, and creative ideas for intergenerational housing.
- Happy Thanksgiving

Jeff Vaughan concurred with the positive comments on the budget. He is thrilled with where the City is currently at. This is a result of vision, leadership, teamwork, and discipline during tough times. He expressed his appreciation for those qualities to city staff. He is especially pleased about the Fleet and Facilities Fund.

Executive Session - None

Adjournment

Seeing no further business Mayor Nehring adjourned the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2013.

Mayor
Jon Nehring

April O'Brien
Deputy City Clerk