

**Work Session**

*February 7, 2019 (rescheduled from February 4)*

**Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Nehring called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.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:** Mark James, Tom King, Steve Muller, Kamille Norton (President), Rob Toyer, and Jeff Vaughan

**Absent:** Michael Stevens

**Also Present:** Chief Administrative Officer Gloria Hirashima, Finance Director Sandy Langdon, Police Chief Rick Smith, City Attorney Jon Walker, Parks and Recreation Director Jim Ballew, Public Works Director Kevin Nielsen, Community Development Director Dave Koenig

**Committee Reports**

1. Approval of the January 7, 2019 City Council Work Session Minutes.
2. Approval of the January 14, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes.

**Consent**

3. Approval of the January 23, 2019 Claims in the Amount of \$347,807.62 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 129860 through 130036 with No Check Numbers Voided.

4. Approval of the January 30, 2019 Claims in the Amount of \$232,261.79 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 130037 through 130104 with Check Numbers 129953 and 129985 Voided.

### **Review Bids**

### **Public Hearings**

5. Consider an Ordinance Vacating the Rights-of-Way for Future Construction of the Civic Campus and Waive Compensation in Accordance with MMC 12.32.020. (Public Hearing will be held February 11, 2019)

### **New Business**

6. Consider Amendment No. 9 to the Janitorial Services Contract with Advantage Building Services.
7. Consider the Technology Solution Contract with Compulink Management Center, Inc. dba Laserfische for an Enterprise Content Management System.
8. Consider the Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus and Local Agency Funding Agreement with Washington State Department of Transportation thereby Securing Funding for the 80th St NE Non-Motorized Project.
9. Consider a Resolution approving the Joint Resolution with Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 12 to form a Regional Fire Protecting Authority.

CAO Hirashima reviewed the Resolution which would approve the Work Plan for creation of a Regional Fire Authority and authorize sending it to the voters for the April ballot. The Planning Committee has worked on this effort for over the year. This Work Plan has included setting a levy rate as well as the operational plan. The proposal that they recommended was \$1.45 which would go into effect in 2020. She highlighted one change that the appointment of the pro and con committee would be done through the Fire Board.

10. Consider an Ordinance Amending MMC 3.63.030(3)(b) Low Income Disabled Citizen Discount.
11. Consider an Ordinance to Continue to Impose Sales and Use Tax as Authorized by RCW 82.14.415 as a Credit against State Sales and Use Tax; Certifying the Cost to Provide Municipal Services to the Central Marysville Annexation Area; and Setting a New threshold Amount for the Fiscal Year 2019 Relating to Annexations.

Finance Director Langdon reviewed this item and summarized the City's use of those funds in the time that they were provided. 2019 is the last full year that the City will be

collecting the annexation sales tax. CAO Hirashima discussed the impact that this would have on the city's operations and services.

## Legal

## Mayor's Business

### 13. Legislative Priorities

This was briefly reviewed. Council had no comments or questions.

## Staff Business

### 12. Discussion of City Levy Rate in regards to Proposed Regional Fire Authority Formation.

Finance Director Langdon reviewed the City of Marysville 2019 Regular Levy Post RFA Adjustment which showed how the RFA would affect the City's levy rate. She also reviewed Available City Manual Levy Reduction. She summarized that to equalize the City's property tax collections as a result of an RFA formation a levy rate of \$0.75 must be maintained. CAO Hirashima explained that the reason for this discussion was to be transparent with the taxpayers on what the rate would be.

#### Comments and Questions:

Council President Norton encouraged the Council to try to limit the impact to taxpayers as much as possible, but acknowledged that the City has needs such as public safety that need to be addressed.

Councilmember Toyer asked if \$.30 would be the level which would cover lost annexation dollars. CAO Hirashima indicated that was correct.

Councilmember Vaughan commented that during the RFA process the group had discussed the importance of trying to keep this revenue neutral for the citizens if at all possible; he was disappointed that it didn't work out that way.

Council President Norton solicited Council feedback on the range of numbers they were considering.

- Councilmember Muller recommended they take the RFA out of the question. Even though there is a cost to the citizens for the RFA, it is now its own entity. He suggested mitigating the cost of doing business to the lowest level possible while still maintaining a high level of service. He commented he wants the money to be used for projects to leverage grants and not go into the General Fund. He indicated he was comfortable with the \$.20 range which would generate approximately \$1.6 million.

- Councilmember Toyer agreed that the money should be allocated appropriately to be used as it currently is.
- Councilmember James asked which programs they would cut out if they did less than the \$.30. He spoke in favor of generating enough to replace the lost annexation sales tax revenue.
- Council President Norton spoke in support of \$.30 to try to maintain funding levels where they are at currently. This would provide funding for necessary projects and public safety.

CAO Hirashima commented that the voters would be the ones to ultimately decide this. Mayor Nehring spoke to the importance of balancing the needs of the city with what the citizens are being asked to pay for. He agreed that \$.30 might be that sweet spot in order to fund needed projects and essential public safety.

Council President Norton referred to the explanatory statement and suggested making it clear that the amount per month would be an increase.

There was discussion about the high cost of the election (\$242,000) and the Council's desire that the cost be borne by the Fire District Reserves rather than the City's General Fund. Mayor Nehring indicated it could be put on the agenda for the Fire District Board meeting with a formal request from the Council. CAO Hirashima clarified that the Fire District Reserves were established with help from the City.

Other Mayor's Business:

- He commended the Streets Department's response to the recent snow storms.
- He gave an update on Council plans at AWC.

## **Call on Councilmembers**

Chief Smith commended the City's long-term approach to major decisions.

Director Koenig had no comments.

Director Ballew had no comments.

Director Nielsen gave an update on garbage collection as a result of the snow storm.

Director Langdon had no further comments.

CAO Hirashima had no comments.

## **Council Comments:**

Rob Toyer echoed commendations for Marysville's Streets' handling of the streets in the snow storm.

Rob King had no comments.

Mark James had no comments.

Steve Muller had no comments.

Jeff Vaughan had no comments.

Kamille Norton had no comments.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Mayor  
Jon Nehring