

City Council



1049 State Avenue  
Marysville, WA 98270

**Regular Meeting  
Minutes  
July 27, 2020**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Nehring called the online meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Invocation**

Pastor Craig Laughlin from Generations Church gave the invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Nehring led the flag salute.

**Roll Call**

**Present:**

Mayor: Jon Nehring

Council: Council President Kamille Norton, Councilmember Jeff Vaughan, Councilmember Tom King, Councilmember Mark James, Councilmember Michael Stevens, Councilmember Kelly Richards

Staff: CAO Gloria Hirashima, Finance Director Sandy Langdon, Public Works Director Kevin Nielsen, Parks & Recreation Director Tara Mizell, Interim Police Chief Jeff Goldman, Community Development Director Jeff Thomas, Human Resources Manager Teri Lester, City Attorney Jon Walker, Public Relations Administrator Connie Mennie, Fire Chief Martin McFalls, Information Services Manager Worth Norton, Systems Analyst Mike Davis

**Excused:** Councilmember Steve Muller

**Motion** to excuse the absence of Councilmember Muller moved by Council President Norton seconded by Councilmember Richards.

**AYES: ALL**

### **Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion** to approve the agenda moved by Councilmember King seconded by Councilmember James.

**AYES: ALL**

### **Committee Reports**

Councilmember Richards reported on the recent Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting where they discussed the Growth Management Report due next year. He also attended the Affordable Housing Association meeting where they encouraged the support of House Bill 1590 by local cities.

Council President Norton reported on the July 17 Public Works Committee meeting where they took a field trip to the biosolids removal project and the 1st Street bypass project. There was some discussion about giving the street a new name.

Councilmember King reported on the recent LEOFF 1 Board where they reviewed and approved four claims. He also reported on the July 15 Fire Board meeting where they approved an agreement for AED equipment.

### **Presentations**

A. Proclamation: Declaring September 2020 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor Nehring read the Proclamation declaring September 2020 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and encouraging all Marysville residents to join in this special observance.

### **Audience Participation**

Mayor Nehring solicited public comments.

Scott Allen requested that a half-mile portion of Sunnyside Blvd. (from 4014 Sunnyside Blvd. past Sunnyside Elementary to 36th Place NE) be reduced in speed from 35 mph to 25 mph for safety. He noted that there are children in the area, and that portion of the road has no sidewalks.

David VanWinkle, 4004 Sunnyside Blvd., also commented on the traffic hazards in that area, especially in the residential area with lots of children.

Mayor Nehring indicated that staff would take a look at this area.

### **Approval of Minutes**

1. Approval of the June 22, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes

Finance Director Langdon noted that the Ordinance Number for item 6 needs to be corrected to 2488.

**Motion** to approve the June 22, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes as corrected by Finance Director Langdon moved by Councilmember King seconded by Councilmember Richards.

**AYES: ALL**

### **Consent**

2. Approval of the June 25, 2020 Miscellaneous Payroll in the Amount of \$15,999.41 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Number 33167
3. Approval of the July 8, 2020 Claims in the Amount of \$1,094,171.64 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 141938 through 142067 with Check Number 140407 Voided
4. Approval of the July 10, 2020 Payroll in the Amount of \$1,636,225.20 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 33147 through 33166
5. Approval of the July 15, 2020 Claims in the Amount of \$5,024,203.80 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 142068 through 142182 with Check Numbers 138969 and 140013 Voided
6. Approval of the July 22, 2020 Claims in the Amount of \$1,113,649.85 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 142183 through 142320 with Check Numbers 141835, 141837, 141852, 141861, 141872, 141892 and 141893 Voided
7. Approval of the July 24, 2020 Payroll in the Amount of \$1,388,657.54 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 33168 through 33180

**Motion** to approve Consent Agenda items 2-7 moved by Councilmember James seconded by Councilmember Richards.

**AYES: ALL**

### **Review Bids**

### **Public Hearings**

8. Consider Approving the Community Development Block Grant Program Year 2019 Annual Action Plan Amendment for COVID-19 Rental Assistance Relief

Director Thomas reviewed the proposed amendment to add rental assistance as an eligible activity to the CDBG Program Year 2019 Annual Action Plan based on direction by HUD. He reviewed how these funds have been distributed and will be distributed in the future.

Mayor Nehring opened the public hearing at 7:24 p.m. and solicited public comments. Seeing none, the public testimony portion of the hearing was closed.

**Motion** to authorize and approve the Community Development Block Grant Program Year 2019 Annual Action Plan Amendment for COVID-19 Rental Assistance Relief moved by Councilmember James seconded by Councilmember Richards.

**AYES: ALL**

### **New Business**

9. Consider Approving a Letter to the Fire District Requesting Termination of the Interlocal Agreement between Marysville Fire District and the City of Marysville Regarding Facility Landscaping Maintenance to be Effective August 31, 2020

Director Nielsen reviewed this item.

**Motion** to authorize the Mayor to sign a Letter to the Fire District Requesting Termination of the Interlocal Agreement between Marysville Fire District and the City of Marysville Regarding Facility Landscaping Maintenance to be Effective August 31, 2020 moved by Council President Norton seconded by Councilmember King.

**AYES: ALL**

10. Consider Approving an Ecology Grant Agreement WQC-2020-MaryPW-00100 with the Department of Ecology

Director Nielsen discussed a \$185,000 grant that staff received from Department of Ecology to do a watershed planning study.

**Motion** to authorize the Mayor to sign and execute an Ecology Grant Agreement WQC-2020-MaryPW-00100 with the Department of Ecology moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Council President Norton.

**AYES: ALL**

11. Consider Awarding the Contract to Construct the Downtown Stormwater Treatment Preloading Construction Contract with Tastad Construction in the Amount of \$158,121.03 and Approve a Management Reserve of \$5,000.00 for a Total Allocation of \$163,121.03

Director Nielsen explained this is a small portion of the \$5M grant that was received. It has to do with preloading the area that will actually be built.

Councilmember King asked if some of the leftover material from the 1st Street bypass project would be used for this project. Director Nielsen replied that it would.

**Motion** to authorize the Mayor to sign and execute the Contract to Construct the Downtown Stormwater Treatment Preloading Construction Contract with Tastad Construction in the Amount of \$158,121.03 and approve a Management Reserve of \$5,000.00 for a Total Allocation of \$163,121.03 moved by Councilmember King seconded by Councilmember Richards.

**AYES: ALL**

12. Consider Approving Amendment Number 1 for the Biosolids Removal and Reuse Project with American Process Group Increasing the Total Contract Amount to \$10,101,157.60

Director Nielsen reviewed this item and explained how it would save taxpayers money. He thanked Finance Director Langdon and the Finance Department for their assistance with this.

**Motion** to authorize the Mayor to sign and execute Amendment Number 1 for the Biosolids Removal and Reuse Project with American Process Group Increasing the Total Contract Amount to \$10,101,157.60 moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Council President Norton.

**AYES: ALL**

13. Consider Approving the Interlocal Agreement with Washington State Department of Transportation Supplement Number 1 and Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus, Laying the Groundwork for Authorization of \$537,670.00 in Federal Funds for Construction on Project #R1901 Citywide

Director Nielsen reviewed some of the safety improvements that would be made throughout the city with this federal grant for \$537,670. Council's authorization is needed to get these projects constructed.

**Motion** to authorize the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement with Washington State Department of Transportation Supplement Number 1 and Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus, Laying the Groundwork for Authorization of \$537,670.00 in Federal Funds for Construction on Project #R1901 Citywide moved by Councilmember James seconded by Council President Norton.

**AYES: ALL**

14. Consider Approving the Interlocal Agreement with Washington State Department of Transportation Supplement Number 3 and Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus, Laying the Groundwork for Authorization of \$1,418,524.50 in Federal Funds for Construction on Project #R1302 from 3rd Street to 80th Street

Director Nielsen reviewed this \$1.4M federal grant.

**Motion** to authorize the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement with Washington State Department of Transportation Supplement Number 3 and Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus, Laying the Groundwork for Authorization of \$1,418,524.50 in Federal Funds for Construction on Project #R1302 from 3rd Street to 80th Street moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Councilmember Vaughan.

**AYES: ALL**

15. Consider Approving the Mayor's Appointments to the Community and Housing Development Citizen Advisory Committee for 2020-2021

Director Thomas reviewed this item. The Mayor has five one-year appointments to be made.

**Motion** to approve the Mayor's Appointments to the Community and Housing Development Citizen Advisory Committee for 2020-2021 as listed in the agenda bill moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Council President Norton.

**AYES: ALL**

16. Consider Approving the Community Grant Program

Director Langdon explained this is requesting that \$250,000 of CARES Act funding be used for community rent relief to residential community members with a cap of \$1,500 per household for those that have been impacted by COVID-19. If approved, the Mayor would have approval to award the funds in order to get this out as soon as possible. The checks would go directly to the landlords.

**Motion** to authorize the Mayor to initiate and administer the Community Grant Program including approving final grant awards moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Councilmember James.

**AYES: ALL**

17. Consider Approving an Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Lake Stevens for Outdoor Video Services

Director Mizell reviewed this agreement with Lake Stevens for the potential of video services.

**Motion** to authorize the Mayor to sign and execute an Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Lake Stevens for Outdoor Video Services moved by Councilmember King seconded by Councilmember James.

**AYES: ALL**

## Legal

## Mayor's Business

Mayor Nehring had the following comments:

- He let the City Council know that a number of thank you notes have been coming in from local small businesses thanking the City and the Council for the grant program and the impact it has had on their businesses.
- The City is working with local businesses to help businesses with permitting issues as needed to keep their businesses going.
- He has asked Association of Washington Cities CEO Peter King to use AWC to lobby the governor to extend the CARES Act spending deadline.
- He thanked Director Nielsen and his team for all the overlays and curb improvements that have been made.
- He thanked the Council, the Finance team, and Community Development for everything that has been done to facilitate the business grants.

## **Staff Business**

Finance Director Langdon:

- She announced a Finance Committee meeting tomorrow at 3:30.
- The financial audit was clean; the accountability audit is still being conducted. The City has maintained its bond rating of Aa2.

Chief McFalls:

- He thanked Scott Allen for his participation tonight.
- He thanked Director Nielsen and the City for working with them on the landscape termination contract.
- He wished Council a nice August vacation.

Interim Chief Goldman gave an update on the audits. He also hoped Council enjoyed their break in August.

Director Nielsen:

- He noted that scheduled overlays are complete, and crews are working on striping. They will be coming back to Council in September for some downtown overlays.
- State Avenue will be shut down on August 5 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. to install five of the nine girders for the bridge. The bridge project is moving along ahead of schedule.
- He asked Council for suggestions on renaming the 1st Street bypass. This project is also way ahead of schedule.

Director Thomas had no further comments.

Public Relations Administrator Connie Mennie gave an update on the City's social media program on Facebook, Twitter, NextDoor, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

Human Resources Manager Lester had no comments.

Director Mizell announced a Cedar Fields grand opening event on Friday, September 18 and Saturday, September 19.

City Attorney Walker stated the need for an Executive Session to address three items - two having to do with collective bargaining negotiations with action expected on one item and one regarding leasing city property with action expected. The estimated time was ten minutes.

CAO Hirashima had no further comments.

### **Call on Councilmembers**

Councilmember Stevens had no comments.

Councilmember Vaughan had no comments.

Councilmember Richards asked Director Langdon about tax revenues. Director Langdon reported no new information since the last meeting.

Councilmember James had no comments.

Councilmember King thanked his neighbor, Scott Allen, for commenting tonight. He thanked Mayor Nehring for being so responsive to citizen concerns.

Council President Norton congratulated Finance Director Langdon on the audit and bond rating.

### **Adjournment/Recess**

Council recessed at 8:15 into Executive Session to address three items as described by City Attorney Walker with action expected on two items and an estimated time of ten minutes.

### **Executive Session**

- A. Litigation
- B. Personnel – two items, RCW 42.30.140(4)(a)
- C. Real Estate – one item, RCW 42.30.110(1)(c)

Executive session was extended for 10 minutes and then another 15 minutes.

### **Reconvene**

Council reconvened following the Executive Session at 8:55 p.m.



**Motion** made by Councilmember Richards, seconded by Councilmember James, to authorize the City Attorney to draft and the Mayor to execute an amendment to the current Bleacher's lease deferring rent payments May to August 2020 with repayment at \$1,000 per month over approximately twenty four months to be completed by May 2023.

**AYES: ALL**

**Motion** made by Councilmember Richards, seconded by Councilmember King, to authorize the Mayor to execute the collective bargaining agreement with the Marysville Police Management Association.

**AYES: ALL**

### **Adjournment**

**Motion to Adjourn** moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Councilmember James.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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Mayor  
Jon Nehring