

**City Council**



**1049 State Avenue  
Marysville, WA 98270**

**Regular Meeting  
Minutes  
January 25, 2021**

**Call to Order / Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Jon Nehring called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was given by Pastor Craig Laughlin of Generations Community Church.

**Roll Call**

CAO Hirashima called the roll.

**Present:**

Mayor: Jon Nehring

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

Staff: CAO Gloria Hirashima, Finance Director Sandy Langdon, Public Works Director Kevin Nielsen, Police Chief Erik Scairpon, City Attorney Jon Walker, Parks & Recreation Director Tara Mizell, Interim Community Development Director Allan Giffen, Fire Chief Martin McFalls, Human Resources Manager Teri Lester, Community Information Officer Connie Mennie, Information Services Manager Worth Norton, Systems Analyst Mike Davis, Court Administrator Suzanne Elsner, Judge Lorrie Towers, Judge Fred Gillings, Assistant Court Administrator Kim Ricker, Associate Planner Amy Hess

**Approval of the Agenda**

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

**AYES: ALL**

### **Committee Reports**

Councilmember King reported on the January 20 Fire Board meeting:

- Two firefighters were promoted to captains.
- Two firefighters were promoted to medical service officers.
- Service calls for 2020 were down 8%.

### **Presentations**

### **Audience Participation**

Mayor Nehring solicited audience participation. There was none.

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

1. Approval of the December 14, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes

**Motion** to approve the December 14, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes as presented moved by Council President Norton seconded by Councilmember Stevens.

**AYES: ALL**

2. Approval of the January 4, 2021 City Council Work Session Minutes

**Motion** to approve the January 4, 2021 City Council Work Session Minutes as presented moved by Councilmember King seconded by Councilmember Richards.

**AYES: ALL**

3. Approval of the January 11, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes

**Motion** to approve the January 11, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes as presented moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Councilmember Stevens.

**AYES: ALL**

### **Consent**

4. Approval of the December 29, 2020 Claims in the Amount of \$564,329.65 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 145564 through 145653 with No Check Numbers Voided
5. Approval of the January 6, 2021 Claims in the Amount of \$232,069.60 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 145654 through 145679 with No Check Numbers Voided

6. Approval of the January 8, 2021 Payroll in the Amount of \$1,468,998.38 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Number 33334 through 33346
7. Approval of the January 13, 2021 Claims in the Amount of \$482,338.46 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 145680 through 145764 with No Check Numbers Voided
8. Approval of the December 31, 2020 (P13) Claims in the Amount of \$207,599.29 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 145765 through 145839 with No Check Number Voided
9. Consider Approval of the Program Year 2019 Annual Action Plan as Amended and Direct Staff to Forward Said Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Motion** to approve Consent Agenda items 4-9 moved by Council President Norton seconded by Councilmember James.

**AYES: ALL**

### **Review Bids**

### **Public Hearings**

### **New Business**

10. Consider Approving an Agreement with Washington State Department of Transportation for the SR 529 Roundabout Gateway Sign Treatment

Director Nielsen reviewed this item. The City will be paying for the gateway sign and the roundabout. Legal has reviewed this.

**Motion** to authorize the Mayor to sign and execute an Agreement with Washington State Department of Transportation for the SR 529 Roundabout Gateway Sign Treatment moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Councilmember Muller.

**AYES: ALL**

11. Consider Approving the Licensing Agreement with Snohomish County Elections for the Ballot Drop Box Location

Director Nielsen explained this is a one-year extension for the ballot drop box location. He informed the Council that based on population size Marysville will need two drop boxes in the future.

**Motion** to authorize the Mayor to sign and execute the Licensing Agreement with Snohomish County Elections for the Ballot Drop Box Location moved by Councilmember Stevens seconded by Councilmember King.

**AYES: ALL**

12. Consider Approving the Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement with Washington State Military Department

CAO Hirashima explained this is a \$37,198 grant which will be used for the City's Emergency Management Program.

**Motion** to authorize the Mayor to sign and execute the EMPG Grant Agreement E21-181 and amendments between the City of Marysville and Washington Military Department moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Councilmember James.

**AYES: ALL**

13. Consider Approving an Agreement with Bridgeways for Funding the Continuation of the Mental health Alternatives Program (MAP Court) for 2021

Mayor Nehring welcomed and thanked Judge Gillings and Judge Towers for attending the meeting, for all their work with their courts and especially this MAP Court. Judge Towers explained this agreement would provide funding for the MAP program. The City currently shares services for one MAP liaison person with Everett. The liaison spends 50% of her time with Everett and 50% with Marysville. The City has received grant funding in the past, but it is not available this year so staff is seeking funding from the City. The program has been very successful and valuable to address mental health issues and drug addictions that drive criminal behavior. There are currently 11 participants; there have been five graduates with no repeat offenders in the program.

Council President Norton asked what kind of follow up there is with the graduates. Judge Towers explained that the follow up at this time is informal and consists of checking the criminal history to make sure there are no charges. She noted that the City has helped to secure housing for the individuals, and the participants have also been able to secure and maintain employment. Two more graduates will be graduating in two weeks.

Councilmember Muller asked how people get involved with this program. Judge Towers explained that they have to be Marysville residents and are referred by the Prosecutor's Office, public defender, judge, or law enforcement. Everyone who is part of the MAP team has to agree that this person understands the commitment and is a viable candidate because it is very strict with a significant commitment of 18 months at a minimum.

Councilmember King said he attended a graduation ceremony a while back and was very impressed with the ceremony and the attitude of the person that graduated.

Councilmember James asked if there are any other programs like this in the region or locally. He also asked about the cost-effectiveness. Judge Towers replied that it started at the Everett Municipal Court and it morphed into the MAP Court. Because it was so

successful Marysville was able to secure the services of the liaison on a half-time basis. Similar programs in the area include a county mental health court and other therapeutic courts. The City's graduates have been very successful, as they have also seen in Everett. With regard to cost effectiveness, City Attorney Walker noted that the judges, the court clerk, the prosecutor and the defense attorneys are all taking on additional duties related to this program without additional cost to the City. The only cost is for the liaison, and that cost is coming out of the Executive Budget at this time.

**Motion** to authorize the Mayor to sign and execute an Agreement with Bridgeways for Funding the Continuation of the Mental health Alternatives Program (MAP Court) for 2021 moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Councilmember James.

**AYES: ALL**

14. Consider Approving a Resolution Amending Council Rules and Procedures

City Attorney Walker explained this would create a special meeting with the Council in the first quarter to discuss city goals for the year and summarize the prior year's accomplishments.

Councilmember Richards asked if the budget retreat would be combined with this. City Attorney Walker replied it would be a special meeting, but could be combined with the budget retreat if desired.

Councilmember Richards asked if action would be taken at this meeting. City Attorney Walker replied that they could if it was identified on the agenda.

Councilmember King asked if department heads would be present. Mayor Nehring replied it would just be the Mayor and CAO, but other staff members could attend if desired.

**Motion** to adopt Resolution No. 2492 amending Council Rules and Procedures moved by Councilmember Vaughan seconded by Councilmember Stevens.

**AYES: ALL**

15. Consider Approving an Ordinance Amending MMC 2.34.010 Regarding the Position of Chief Administrative Officer

City Attorney Walker reviewed the proposed amendments. The revised language states that the CAO serves "*at the pleasure of the Mayor and the City Council*". It also states that the terms of employment "~~may be~~ **will be** specified by a contract".

**Motion** to adopt Ordinance No. 3173 amending MMC 2.34.010 Regarding the Position of Chief Administrative Officer moved by Councilmember Stevens seconded by Councilmember Muller.

**AYES: ALL**

## Legal

### Mayor's Business

16. Consider Approving the Parks, Culture, and Recreation Advisory Board Re-Appointment of Mike Leighan

**Motion** to approve the Parks, Culture, and Recreation Advisory Board Re-Appointment of Mike Leighan moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Councilmember King.

**AYES: ALL**

Other Mayor's Business:

- The Governor has delayed going out to bid for Connecting Washington projects which affects three Snohomish County projects. Senator Hobbs asked for a letter related to this which the City provided on Friday.
- Mayor Nehring testified in Rep. Fey's committees with regards to current Connecting Washington projects and the Grove overcrossing project.
- Marysville's COVID-19 case count has dropped to 292 per 100,000. The County's rate is similar.
- Strategies 360 is lining up meetings for virtual legislative action days in Olympia.

### Staff Business

Interim Director Griffin had no comments.

Community Information Officer Mennie had no comments.

Chief Scairpon reported there has been an uptick in gang-related graffiti in the parks. He encouraged anyone who notices graffiti to report it. There will be a Public Safety Committee meeting on Thursday as well as a Diversity Advisory Committee meeting and a Hispanic Outreach event.

Chief McFalls had no comments.

Director Mizell reported there will be a virtual scavenger hunt in the parks coming out soon.

Human Resources Manager Lester had no comments.

Director Langdon had no comments

City Attorney Walker had no comments.

CAO Hirashima had no comments.

Director Nielsen reported that the City received two Department of Ecology grants to increase cleanup of downtown low impact development water and source control for a total of \$3.1 million. They are also applying for a grant to overlay State Avenue and applying for some federal grants.

### **Call on Councilmembers**

Councilmember Muller had no comments.

Councilmember Stevens had no comments.

Councilmember Vaughan asked about the next Finance Committee meeting. Director Langdon replied that she would send out updated information this week with meetings scheduled the first part of February. Councilmember Vaughan echoed Chief Scairpon's encouragement to report graffiti and reminded everyone about the graffiti reporting form online. He suggested publicizing this on social media.

Councilmember Richards noted that Parks Board got cancelled last week because of a power outage. He referred to the sign at the roundabout at 529 and asked about cleaning up an old mill site at the same location. Director Nielsen reviewed some background on this site and explained that handling of this site would be a decision for Council in the future.

Councilmember James referred to upcoming legislative meetings and encouraged packing the Zoom meetings to keep up Marysville's reputation of having an active presence. He asked about adding all of the committee meetings to the Council's calendars (not just their own committee meetings) so they can see what is happening with other committees. He referred to the private property adjacent to where the new gateway sign is going to go and expressed concern about an unsightly use potentially locating there. CAO Hirashima reported that the property had been rezoned from an Industrial Zone to Mixed Use or Downtown Commercial to address that specific concern.

Councilmember King thanked the City for the recent modifications to the traffic signal at 47th Avenue and 528 on the northbound left turn lane. He also got a call from a neighbor who wanted to pass along his appreciation for that modification too. He commended Mayor Nehring for the recent State of the City address. He also reported that Strawberry Festival Board has cancelled the Strawberry Festival this year.

Council President Norton asked if the City is planning on a 4th of July event this year. Mayor Nehring reported that there will probably be something along the lines of what they had last year due to restrictions. Director Mizell added that they will be looking at strategic areas to encourage more parking sites for people to view the fireworks as well as an area with food trucks and other opportunities for people to engage.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Mayor  
Jon Nehring