

City Council



**1049 State Avenue
Marysville, WA 98270**

**Regular Meeting
June 28, 2021**

Call to Order

Mayor Nehring called the June 28, 2021 City Council meeting to order in person at Marysville City Hall and via Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation

Chaplain Larisa Koenig of the Marysville Police Department gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Nehring led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present:

Mayor: Jon Nehring

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

Staff: Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Gloria Hirashima, Finance Director Sandy Langdon, Parks & Recreation Director Tara Mizell, City Attorney Jon Walker, Human Resources Manager Teri Lester, Utility Manager Karen Latimer, Information Services Manager Worth Norton, Public Works Director Esco Bell, Community Development Director Haylie Miller, Police Chief Erik Scairpon, Fire Chief Martin McFalls, Community Information Officer (CIO) Connie Mennie, Senior Planner Amy Hess, Systems Analyst Mike Davis

Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda moved by Councilmember Muller seconded by Councilmember Richards.

AYES: ALL

Presentations

A. Strategies 360 Legislative Session Overview

AJ Dotzauer, Trevor Justin, and Paul Berendt from Strategies 360 reported on the 2021 legislative session. Highlights of the session were that the State provided \$1 billion for rental and utility assistance, provided more than \$400 million for broadband enhancement programs, added \$10 million to cannabis revenue sharing, funded remaining state-shared revenues at expected levels, created a new \$20 million city assistance fund for one-time costs associated with policing and criminal justice reforms, funded the Public Works Trust fund with \$129 million for competitive loans and provided other needed infrastructure funding, addressed homelessness through \$175 million for the Housing Trust Fund, nearly \$120 million in capital investments for rapid rehousing grants and housing and homelessness projects, \$42 million for utility improvement or connection grants to local entities to support affordable housing, and made significant investments in behavioral health funding.

The consultants also discussed priority issues for Marysville in depth:

- Cascade Industrial Center, HB 1386 - Local property tax exemption re-authorized
- Centennial Trail Connector - Marysville/Lake Steven's trail connector, funded at \$515,000
- 156th Street NE Overcrossing - \$1 million design funding request, not funded
- Grove Street Overcrossing - \$24 million Transportation Package advocacy/funding request, construction funding included in Senator Hobbs' proposed package, Forward WA.

The importance of legislator relationships and progress made in that regard was also reviewed. Other topics discussed were process observations and recommendations and historical successes with Marysville.

Audience Participation

Sarah Lemas, 8345 61st Place NE, Marysville WA 98270, expressed concerns regarding the proposed pallet shelter at Generations Community Church in conjunction with the North Snohomish Council Outreach. She discussed reasons why she believes this is not a good location and proposed other locations that would be more appropriate.

Kristin Pedersen, 2907 140th Street NW, Marysville, WA 98270, thanked the City Council for the great work they do. She expressed concern about government overreach and Critical Race Theory and encouraged the City Council to establish Marysville as a Common Sense Sanctuary as was done in Baker City, Oregon in order to preserve the rights of its citizens.

Christina McColl, 7631 87th Avenue NE, Marysville, thanked the City for listening to pleas about the Holbrook plat. On behalf of some of her elderly neighbors she also raised concerns about the construction associated with this project. They would like to have the City consider the plot is only 10 feet away from Highway 9. They proposed that the access be from there or via the Rock Creek development or Keystone. Additionally, they shared the same concerns as Sarah Lemas regarding the pallet shelters.

Cassandra Mulivrana (via Zoom), 8502 61st Place NE, Marysville, WA 98270, also expressed concerns about the pallet shelter pilot program. She urged the Community Development Director to reject this proposal. She noted that over 711 have signed the petition opposed to the program. She noted that this is not transitional housing as there is nowhere to move the people to; the applicant has not involved the community in this proposal and there appears to be no plan to do so in the future; there is a poorly developed and constantly changing plan; and the shelter is located in a residential community which is segregated from services that the homeless need.

Michael Watson, 6120 86th Avenue NE, Marysville, (via Zoom) also spoke against the pallet shelter for all the same reasons already articulated.

Ronald Brown, 8332 57th Place NE, Marysville, (via Zoom) HOA President of Kenley East, stated that no one in his neighborhood is in support of the pallet shelter in the proposed location, and people are very upset.

Brittany Dixon, 8320 57th Place NE, Marysville, (via Zoom) also spoke against the proposed pallet shelter noting safety concerns for herself and her children. She spoke in support of the idea in general, but urged the City to find a better location.

Mayor Nehring announced the City had also received written communication from the following individuals:

- Sarah Sonnetag opposed to the pallet shelters
- Nicolas Homer regarding speeding concerns which Public Works and Police are looking into

Mayor Nehring stressed that the pallet shelter is a private proposal by Generations Church. He shared with the audience the things that the City is already successfully doing to assist the homeless including the embedded social worker program which helps with substance abuse treatment, mental health assistance, MESH (micro emergency shelter homes) to temporarily house homeless, and support of Housing Hope and Volunteers of America who help the homeless. He stated that the pallet proposal project would likely go to the Hearing Examiner because of the level of comments received. He stressed that they all want to help the homeless.

Councilmember Vaughan thanked the Mayor and citizens for their comments and for the specific suggestions for alternatives. He commented that the City has partnered with local churches to get the MESH homes equipped with necessary supplies. He asked if the MESH housing program has been suggested to Generations Church as an

alternative way to help the homeless. Mayor indicated he had mentioned it in an email to them and also plans to bring it up in an upcoming meeting with them. Councilmember Vaughan spoke in support of continuing what the City has already been doing and stated he shared the concerns brought up by several citizens tonight.

Councilmember King thanked everyone who spoke and noted he had also received several phone calls from people with concerns.

Council President Norton also thanked everyone who spoke tonight on all topics. She loved hearing about people getting to know their neighbors and talking about these concerns. She stressed that the Council is very committed to representing the residents of Marysville.

Councilmember James thanked everyone who made comments tonight and noted that the Council is listening and looking into these issues.

Councilmember Muller thanked everyone for the comments and for being vigilant and engaged in the community.

Councilmember Richards thanked everyone for coming and making comments.

Councilmember Stevens expressed appreciation for all the comments and for the residents who care so much about the community. He especially appreciated those who came with solutions as well as concerns.

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

1. Approval of the June 7, 2021 City Council Work Session Minutes

Motion to approve the June 7, 2021 City Council Work Session Minutes as presented moved by Council President Norton seconded by Councilmember King.

AYES: ALL

Consent

2. Approval of the June 9, 2021 Claims in the amount of \$816,867.00 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 148655 through 148776 with Check Number 148292 Voided
3. Approval of the June 10, 2021 Payroll in Amount \$1,579,559.14 Paid by EFT Transaction and Check Number 33486 through 33512
4. Approval of the June 16, 2021 Claims in the Amount of \$739,577.77 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 148777 through 148896

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items 2, 3, and 4 moved by Councilmember James seconded by Councilmember Vaughan.

AYES: ALL

New Business

5. Consider Approving the Subrecipient Agreement with Homage Senior Services in the Amount of \$100,000.00 for Minor Home Repair Program

Senior Planner Hess reviewed this contract with Homage Senior Services for their Minor Home Repair Program as part of the Community Development Block Grant.

Motion to approve the Subrecipient Agreement with Homage Senior Services in the Amount of \$100,000.00 for the Minor Home Repair Program moved by Council President Norton seconded by Councilmember Richards.

AYES: ALL

6. Consider Approving the Subrecipient Agreement with City of Marysville Public Works in the amount of \$106,619.14 for Installation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons in Low-Moderate Income Census Tract Neighborhoods

Senior Planner Hess explained these are CDBG funds awarded to Marysville Public Works Department for the rectangular rapid flashing beacons that will be place in a series of low-income neighborhoods in the city.

Motion to approve the Subrecipient Agreement with City of Marysville Public Works in the amount of \$106,619.14 for Installation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons in Low-Moderate Income Census Tract Neighborhoods moved by Councilmember James seconded by Councilmember Muller.

AYES: ALL

7. Consider Approving the Fourth Amendment to the 1995 Wheel Water Agreement with Tulalip Tribes

Director Bell reviewed the history of this agreement and explained this is an extension. Staff is recommending approval.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign and execute the Fourth Amendment to the 1995 Wheel Water Agreement with Tulalip Tribes moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Councilmember King.

AYES: ALL

8. Consider Approving an Ordinance Amending the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget and Providing for the Increase of Certain Expenditure Items as Budgeted for in Ordinance No. 3160

Director Langdon reviewed this budget amendment to the 2021-2022 biennial budget.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 3187 amending the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget and providing for the Increase of Certain Expenditure Items as Budgeted for in Ordinance No. 3160 moved by Councilmember Vaughan seconded by Council President Norton.

AYES: ALL

9. Consider Approving a Resolution Adopting the Proposed Changes to the Personnel Rules

City Attorney Walker reviewed the proposed changes to the personnel rules which would address changes in sick leave laws, update electronic records policies, and make other minor changes for clarification.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2504 adopting the Proposed Changes to the Personnel Rules moved by Councilmember King seconded by Councilmember Richards.

AYES: ALL

10. Consider Approving the Temporary Easement and Permanent Emergency Access Easement

Director Miller reviewed this item which would allow the applicant to utilize the easement for temporary construction and emergency access. Mr. Shipley, the applicant, reviewed the reasons for the request and how this came about. CAO Hirashima explained there had been significant debate about this because it was unusual, but the circumstance was such that staff felt it was appropriate.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Temporary Easement and Permanent Emergency Access Easement moved by Councilmember Stevens seconded by Councilmember Muller.

AYES: ALL

11. Consider Approving the Proposed Renewal of the City's 2021-2022 Property/Cyber Insurance with Alliant Property Insurance Program

CAO Hirashima reviewed this item. This is the third year of purchasing insurance through Alliant. She discussed the reasons for this insurance and answered clarification questions from councilmembers.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign and execute the renewal of the City's 2021-2022 Property/Cyber Insurance with Alliant Property Insurance Program moved by Council President Norton seconded by Councilmember Richards.

AYES: ALL

Legal

Mayor's Business

There are some cooling areas that were established at the library, Station 62, the spray park, and a local church which can be helpful for the extreme heat. He thanked the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Department for the planning of a fabulous July 4 celebration.

Staff Business

HR Manager Lester had no comments.

CIO Mennie commented on additional cooling stations in the community including Marysville YMCA, the Center at North Marysville, Grove Church, and the Lakewood Smokey Point Library.

Director Bell spoke to the need for mandatory water curtailment for a few days during this heat wave. He gave updates on the bridge project and highway safety grant projects. The pedestrian crossings at 84th Street NE and 83rd Avenue NE on the Centennial trail will be done in the next couple of weeks.

Chief Scairpon encouraged everyone to be careful as they recreate in the water. The Compass Health grant expires at the end of this month. The Police Department is working on a proposal to extend that for a year and should hear back in the next couple days whether or not that is successful. This proposal adds the Tulalip Tribes and Tribal Police to the existing grant team and adds two additional mental health professionals in addition to the original two. The Police Department is preparing for the 4th of July and will be enforcing the law. There will be another all-hands meeting with all police staff to update them on what is going on in the department and some recent legislative changes.

Director Miller thanked all residents for bringing their comments and concerns to the Council. She emphasized that the details of the proposal are still in the preliminary phase. There will likely be several revisions. She pointed out that Senior Planner Amy Hess has set up a list serve for interested parties. Anyone interested in staying up to date on this matter should contact her. Regarding the public notification process, the city code requires that the public is notified within 300 feet of the property. Council President Norton has requested review of this so it will be going to the Economic Development Committee for discussion in July. She will be bringing an update on different projects around town to the next meeting.

Director Mizell commented on the mister at the fire station and noted it was a cooperative effort. She commended the Parks and Recreation team for working to keep everyone safe this week. There will be food trucks and photo opportunities starting at 7:00 on the 4th of July. Fireworks should begin at dusk, around 10 p.m.

City Attorney Walker had no comments.

CAO Hirashima had no comments.

Call on Councilmembers and Committee Reports

Councilmember Vaughan noted someone in the community contacted him when they saw police officers give Gatorade to someone walking down the sidewalk in the heat. He expressed appreciation to the police officers for what they do, even when it is not noticed.

Councilmember James said he is looking forward to the 4th of July celebration.

Councilmember King reported on last Thursday's Government Affairs Committee meeting. The interim Superintendent for the Marysville School District gave an overview of next year's issues. He thanked Chief Scairpon for his recent article in the Outlook. The monthly Chamber breakfasts are back in session. He commended Director Mizell for her excellent representation of the City. The museum became a self-appointed cooling center with bottled water and a refuge from the heat.

Councilmember Stevens was sorry he would miss the 4th of July celebration since he will be out of town. He has heard amazing things about it though.

Councilmember Richards is looking forward to the 4th of July celebration. He was happy to see the cooling station at the fire station. He thanked all the citizens who came to speak tonight.

Councilmember Muller said he was looking forward to the 4th of July and cooler weather. Regarding water safety, he noted he has never seen so many cars lined up to get in the water.

Council President Norton reiterated her thanks to those who came to speak today. She wished everyone a Happy Independence Day.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:41 p.m. moved by Councilmember James seconded by Councilmember Muller.

AYES: ALL

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Mayor
Jon Nehring