

City Council



1049 State Avenue
Marysville, WA 98270

**Special Meeting
August 3, 2021**

Call to Order

Mayor Nehring called the August 3, 2021 Special Meeting of the Marysville City Council to order at 3:00 p.m.

Flag Salute

Mayor Nehring led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present:

Mayor: Jon Nehring

Council: Council President Kamille Norton, Councilmember Mark James, Councilmember Tom King, Councilmember Kelly Richards, Councilmember Steve Muller

Staff: Chief Administrative Officer Gloria Hirashima, Finance Director Sandy Langdon, City Attorney Jon Walker, Utility Manager Karen Latimer, Public Works Director Esco Bell, Community Development Director Haylie Miller, Community Information Officer Connie Mennie, Information Services Director Worth Norton, Systems Analyst Mike Davis

Absent: Councilmember Stevens¹, Councilmember Vaughan

Motion to excuse the absence of Councilmember Vaughan and Councilmember Stevens moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Councilmember King.

AYES: ALL

¹ Councilmember Stevens logged on at 3:33 p.m.

Review Bids

1. Comeford Reservoir Recoat

Utility Manager Latimer reviewed the background on this item and explained staff's recommendation to go forward with a full recoat in order to maintain and preserve the structure.

Councilmember King asked about the repeater antennas on the tower. Utility Manager Latimer replied that the antennas are no longer active and will be removed.

Councilmember Richards spoke in support of this, but pointed to the increased cost and asked about postponing this item until September for a regular meeting when the public would be present.

Council President Norton acknowledged Councilmember Richards' concern, and noted that this is a public meeting even though it is a special meeting. She asked Utility Manager Latimer if there are any other options for maintaining this structure. Utility Manager Latimer explained they are not preserving the structure in the same manner they would if it were to hold potable drinking water; it will just be maintained as a safe steel structure. The coating is important to keep the steel in good condition so it doesn't deteriorate.

Council President Norton asked if there are any safety issues with not starting this recoating process right away. Utility Manager Latimer replied there are no safety concerns with it and no urgency.

Council President Norton asked if they had any idea how much it would cost if they just removed the tower without trying to save it. Utility Manager Latimer estimated around \$200,000. It could be more since they found out about the hazardous material in the paint.

Councilmember Muller clarified that this is a budget amendment to the Public Works budget and not the General Fund. Council President Norton asked if using the funds for this project would be taking funds away from something else important they could be doing. Utility Manager Latimer replied there are other projects, but nothing critical.

Councilmember King asked what the life expectancy of the structure would be if they took it down to bare metal and put the coating on it. Utility Manager Latimer replied the engineers estimate that it could last 30-35 years with a full recoat, and maybe up to 20 years if they topcoat it again.

Councilmember Muller asked about a deadline for the current bid and if they could get an actual cost for tear down. Utility Manager Latimer indicated they could check with the contractor about holding the bid for a while.

Councilmember James asked if any other repairs will be needed. Utility Manager Latimer replied that they would be adding two tie offs at the top for lanyards and adding a hatchback on the roof in order to make spot repairs in the interior. The structure itself is sound.

Councilmember James asked about the long-term plans for the water tower. Utility Manager Latimer estimated it could last at least another 70-80 years if they take care of the steel. Councilmember James asked about just gutting the interior. Director Bell thought that the structure was as light as they would want to make it and still be stable.

Councilmember James asked how much it was worth to the Council to save the tower. Council President Norton replied there is a point where it wouldn't be worth it to save the tower. Councilmember James asked about urgency for passing this item tonight. Utility Manager Latimer spoke to the risk that the contractor would not be available to wait. Putting it out to bid could bring in a higher cost next time; the next highest bidder was substantially higher than this one.

Councilmember Richards suggested waiting until the first meeting in September. Councilmember King noted waiting until September would also allow Councilmembers Vaughan and Stevens to comment on this item. Council President Norton commented that if they wait the work most likely wouldn't be done in time for the holiday season. Councilmember Muller added that the cost might also change as they get into the rainy season. Utility Manager Latimer replied she would check on the contractor's schedule. Because of the hazardous materials in the paint the project will be fully encapsulated anyway so weather shouldn't be much of an impact.

Mayor Nehring summarized the will of the Council to vote on this at the work session on September 7. Council President Norton commented that if there is a problem with waiting she does not want to miss out on the bid. Councilmember Richards concurred, but expressed his preference to wait to vote until September if possible. Councilmember Muller concurred.

City Attorney Walker stated the need for an Executive Session to address one item regarding potential litigation expected to last five minutes with action expected.

Recess

Council recessed at 3:33 p.m. and reconvened in Executive Session at 3:36 until 3:41 p.m.

Executive Session

Litigation - one item

Personnel

Real Estate

Motion to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement settling all claims with Delaney Phaysith as discussed in Executive Session moved by Councilmember Muller seconded by Councilmember James.

AYES: ALL

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Mayor
Jon Nehring