

City Council



1049 State Avenue
Marysville, WA 98270

**Regular Meeting
October 25, 2021**

Call to Order

Mayor Nehring called the October 25, 2021 City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation

Pastor Rick Thiessen 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 Hirashima, Finance Director Sandy Langdon, Information Services Director Worth Norton, Utility Director Karen Latimer, Public Works Director Jeff Laycock, Community Information Officer Connie Mennie, Community Development Director Haylie Miller, Fire Chief Martin McFalls, Human Resources Director Jason Smith, Parks & Recreation Director Tara Mizell, City Attorney Jon Walker

Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda moved by Councilmember James seconded by Councilmember Stevens.

AYES: ALL

Presentations

- A. Proclamation: Declaring October 2021 as National Disability Employment Awareness Month

Mayor Nehring read the proclamation into the record.

Audience Participation

None.

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the September 27, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the September 27, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes moved by Council President Norton seconded by Councilmember King.

VOTE: Motion carried 6 - 0

AYES: Council President Norton, Councilmember Vaughan, Councilmember King, Councilmember James, Councilmember Richards, Councilmember Muller

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Stevens

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

Motion to approve the October 4, 2021 City Council Work Session Minutes moved by Councilmember Muller seconded by Councilmember Vaughan.

AYES: ALL

Consent

3. Approval of the October 6, 2021 Claims in the Amount of \$1,417,907.56 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 150810 through 150998
4. Approval of the October 8, 2021 Payroll in the Amount of \$1,536,751.61 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 33668 through 33688
5. Approval of the October 13, 2021 Claims in the Amount of \$569,367.30 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 150999 through 151088
6. Approval of the October 20, 2021 Claims in the Amount of \$1,973,217.22 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 151089 through 151165
7. Approval of the October 25, 2021 Payroll in the Amount of \$1,432,814.20 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 33689 through 33701

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 moved by Councilmember James seconded by Councilmember Richards.

AYES: ALL

Review Bids

Public Hearings

New Business

8. Consider Approving the Ranney Well Pump and Motor Repair and Replacement Project, Starting the 45-day Lien Filing Period for Project Closeout

Director Latimer reviewed this item.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract for the Ranney Well Pump and Motor Repair and Replacement Project, Starting the 45-day Lien Filing Period for Project Closeout moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Councilmember Muller.

AYES: ALL

Legal

Mayor's Business

Mayor Nehring had the following comments:

- He attended the ribbon cutting on Friday for Sprague Pest Control.
- There will be a virtual coffee klatch tomorrow from 12 to 1 on Facebook Live.
- He requested Council begin compiling legislative priorities for the last meeting in November.

Staff Business

Director Norton had no comments.

CIO Mennie had no comments.

Director Miller had no comments.

Chief McFalls extended thanks to Mayor Nehring for giving opening remarks at the Washington State Fire Commissioner meeting last weekend. He also thanked the Fire Board commissioners who attended.

Director Laycock asked people to let Public Works know if they notice anything in the right-of-way this week with the extreme weather.

Director Latimer gave an update on the Comeford Reservoir refit project. The contractor is onsite and has started installing the scaffolding.

Director Smith had no comments.

Chief Scairpon had the following comments:

- He gave an update on staffing.
- The academy start dates for new police officers are getting pushed out significantly due to high demand.
- He appreciated going to the Fire Conference with Chief McFalls.
- There will be a drive-thru Halloween event at the Police Department on Friday.

Director Mizell noted there was a live reading performance at the Opera House tonight. There will be free BINGO on Friday night following the drive-thru Halloween event with the police.

Director Langdon gave an update on the purchase of furniture for the Courts and Police Department in the new Civic Center. The City was notified recently about a rate increase which will happen on November 1. Director Langdon requested Council authorize a Purchasing Agreement for the furniture up to about \$200,000 so it can be purchased before the rates go up.

Motion to add an item related to a Purchasing Agreement for furniture at the new Civic Center to the agenda moved by Councilmember Muller, seconded by Commissioner Stevens.

AYES: ALL

Motion to authorize the Mayor to approve a Purchasing Agreement up to \$200,000 for furniture for Courts and Police at the Civic Center moved by Councilmember Stevens, seconded by Councilmember James.

AYES: ALL

City Attorney Walker had no comments.

CAO Hirashima had no further comments.

Call on Councilmembers and Committee Reports

Councilmember Richards:

- He referred to legislative priorities and requested clarification on the police reform package that was passed last year.
- He asked if there is a hotline people can call if they notice plugged storm drains. Director Laycock replied that there is.

Councilmember Stevens commented on extreme weather over the weekend.

Councilmember Vaughan asked if the City has ever looked at putting a drop lane heading off 4th Street to access I-5 northbound. Director Laycock was not sure if that

specifically had been considered, but he thought right-of-way would be an issue there. He noted that the Tribes are proposing a roundabout project at that location.

Councilmember Muller commended City Attorney Walker and Chief Scairpon for their excellent service at the fire conference and elsewhere.

Councilmember King had the following comments:

- He reported that the Food Bank Toy Committee has been busy painting and putting new details on the toy collection barrels. These will be distributed soon around the community.
- The fire conference last week was very informative.
- He expressed condolences over the recent passing of his opponent.

Councilmember James:

- He asked Chief Scairpon if they are also utilizing the Spokane Police Academy. Chief Scairpon did not think that was available.
- He asked if the quiet zone for BNSF could be put on the legislative agenda.
- He reported that the Sprague Pest Control ribbon cutting was a nice event.
- He asked if the city sign ordinance related to political signs could be added to the agenda for next week. Councilmember Stevens supported that request. Council President Norton suggested giving the Legal Department a heads up about that.

Council President Norton extended her condolences to Mr. Gallagher's family.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting moved by Councilmember Muller seconded by Councilmember King.

AYES: ALL

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Mayor
Jon Nehring