

**Marysville City
Council**



**1049 State Avenue
Marysville, WA 98270**

**Regular Meeting
December 13, 2021**

Call to Order

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

Invocation

The invocation was given by Chaplain Dan Hazen.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Nehring led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present:

Mayor: Jon Nehring

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

Staff: Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Gloria Hirashima, Finance Director Sandy Langdon, Information Services Director Worth Norton, Human Resources Director Jason Smith, Fire Chief Martin McFalls, Courts Administrator Suzanne Elsner, Systems Analyst Mike Davis, Public Works Services and Utilities Director Karen Latimer, Public Works Engineering and Transportation Director Jeff Laycock, Parks Director Tara Mizell, Police Chief Erik Scairpon, City Attorney Jon Walker, Communications Officer Connie Mennie

Approval of the Agenda

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

AYES: ALL

Presentations

A. Mayor's Employee Excellence Award

Mayor Nehring presented the Mayor's Employee Excellence Award to Rochelle Barker, Tina Brock, and Sandra Gyurkovics, original members of the Electronic Management Content Core Team. He reviewed their important work in developing a comprehensive electronic infrastructure that moved the City into the 21st century by transforming the City's record keeping and work processes from paper to electronic records. Director Norton, City Attorney Walker, CAO Hirashima, Director Langdon, and Courts Administrator Elsner commented on the valuable work done by this team and by others who have joined in their mission. Director Norton also announced that Sandra Gyurkovics will be retiring soon.

B. Marysville School District

Dr. Chris Pearson, Interim Superintendent of Marysville School District, and Dave Cram, Executive Director of Finance, gave an update on two upcoming four-year replacement levies which will be on the ballot in February. Dr. Pearson explained the first levy would support staffing; smaller class sizes; nurses, counselors, and librarians; programs for students with disabilities; transportation; enrichment activities; safety and security measures; instructional resources; and pre-K programs. The second would support technology initiatives and capital projects. Mr. Cram reviewed the impacts of the levies on the taxpayer. There were no Council comments or questions.

C. Councilmembers' Oath of Office

Mayor Nehring gave the Oath of Office to newly re-elected councilmembers Mark James and Michael Stevens.

Audience Participation

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

1. Approval of the November 8, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the November 8, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes as presented moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Council President Norton.

AYES: ALL

Consent

2. Approval of the November 17, 2021 Claims in the Amount of \$5,876,005.94 paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 151629 through 151770

3. Approval of the November 24, 2021 Claims in the Amount of \$872,963.79 paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 151771 through 151887 with Check Numbers 139906, 140076, 141802, and 151358 Voided
4. Approval of the November 24, 2021 Payroll in the Amount of \$1,412,581.98 paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 33718 through 33731
16. Approval of the December 1, 2021 Claims in the Amount of \$6,280,211.84 paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 151888 through 152005 with Check Number 151872 Voided
17. Approval of the December 8, 2021 Claims in the Amount of \$657,565.73 paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 152006 through 152133 with Check Number 140008 Voided
18. Approval of the December 10, 2021 Payroll in the Amount of \$1,506,640.82 paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 33732 through 33745
5. Consider Approving the Contract Extension with Rae Boyd APRN, BC, PLLC for Custody Medical Services
6. Consider Approving the Grant Agreement with Washington State Department of Ecology for Phase II Improvements for the Downtown Stormwater Treatment Project in the Amount of \$2,637,395.00
7. Consider Approving the Community Development Block Grant Program Years 2022 and 2023 Funding Allocations in the Amount of \$365,000.00
8. Consider Approving the CARES Funding from the Administrative Office of the Courts in the Amount of \$16,723.00
9. Consider Approving the Enterprise Fleet Management Vehicle Lease Associated Agreements
10. Consider Approving the R&D Masonry (PA21-033) Easement Modifications
11. Consider Approving the Therapeutic Court Grant from Administrative Office of the Courts in the Amount of \$307,817.00

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda moved by Council President Norton seconded by Councilmember Richards.

AYES: ALL

Review Bids

Public Hearings

New Business

- 12. Consider Approving a Resolution of the City of Marysville Establishing the Policy for the Expense and Reimbursement of Travel, Meals, and Light Refreshments

Motion to approve Resolution 2509, a Resolution of the City of Marysville Establishing the Policy for the Expense and Reimbursement of Travel, Meals, and Light Refreshments moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Councilmember Muller.
AYES: ALL

- 19. Consider Approving the Deed Conveying the Public Safety Building to the Marysville Fire District

City Attorney Walker explained that items 19-22 are part of the implementation of the Regional Fire Authority (RFA) Plan. Part of the plan involved the transfer of the Public Safety Building to the Marysville Fire District/RFA. Part of the offset of that was the Fire Administration Building being transferred to the City. With the Civic Campus not being fully complete the police cannot vacate the Public Safety Building resulting in the need to do leaseback agreements.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign and execute the Deed Conveying the Public Safety Building to the Marysville Fire District moved by Councilmember Muller seconded by Councilmember James.
AYES: ALL

- 20. Consider Approving the Deed Conveying the Fire Administration Building to the City of Marysville

Motion to authorize the Mayor to accept the Deed Conveying the Fire Administration Building to the City of Marysville moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Council President Norton.
AYES: ALL

- 21. Consider Approving the Leaseback Agreement for the Public Safety Building

Motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the Leaseback Agreement for the Public Safety Building moved by Councilmember Stevens seconded by Councilmember James.
AYES: ALL

- 22. Consider Approving the Leaseback Agreement for the Fire Administration Building

Motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the Leaseback Agreement for the Fire Administration Building moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Councilmember King.
AYES: ALL

23. Consider Approving the Teamsters City of Marysville Ratification Memorandum of Understanding

Director Smith summarized changes to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Teamsters.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign and execute the November 1, 2021 Ratification of the Teamsters Memorandum of Understanding to the Agreement and Appendix A moved by Council President Norton seconded by Councilmember James.

AYES: ALL

Legal

Mayor's Business

13. 2022 Legislative Priorities

Motion to approve the 2022 Legislative Priorities moved by Councilmember James seconded by Councilmember King.

AYES: ALL

14. Community Transit Board of Directors Selection

Motion to send Mayor Nehring to the Community Transit caucus to run for another term on the Community Transit Board of Directors moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Council President Norton.

AYES: ALL

15. Consider Approval of the Civil Service Commission Appointment: Toni Kief

Motion to approve the appointment of Toni Kief to the Civil Service Commission through March 2022 moved by Councilmember King seconded by Councilmember Muller.

AYES: ALL

Other Mayor's Business:

- Thanks to Council President Norton for running the Work Session last week.
- Thanks to staff and everyone involved in Marysville for the Holidays. The crowds were evidence that this was really appreciated.
- He and other staff members had a great time at the Buddy Bowl last weekend. This was a positive event for the community.
- He and Director Laycock were informed by WSDOT that they did not receive a bidder within the budgeted dollar amount for the I-5/529 Interchange project. He discussed a possible backstop option and stressed that there are already a lot of local dollars invested in this project. He stated that the City funded the 1st Street Bypass for several million dollars which is funded, constructed and ready to go to

meet the traffic coming off the interchange. The City Council and County Council also partially funded the IJR (Interchange Justification Report) for that interchange. He stressed that it is imperative to find a way to get the interchange constructed to keep the faith of the taxpayers.

- He thanked all staff and councilmembers for the pleasure of working together and having a very productive year. He is looking forward to 2022.
- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

Staff Business

Director Mizell reported that Premier Golf informed them that their majority investor, Leonard Green, is going to be switching the majority interest to an affiliate, TPG Global. This notification was done as part of the contract with the City, and no action is needed.

Chief Scairpon reported:

- The police held a Tip-a-Cop event last week at Applebee's where they raised over \$1200 for the Shop with a Cop program. They were then able to serve 13 families with shopping trips at Walmart for gifts for the family. Later in the afternoon several members of the department participated in the Buddy Bowl.
- Today they had the second of two large legislative stakeholder meetings on adjusting police reforms for this upcoming legislative session. It was a good call with some promising draft language to bring clarity to police operations, but there is still a number of items that need to be worked out. An official hearing on the draft language is expected to be held in January.
- He wished everyone Merry Christmas.

CAO Hirashima congratulated all the returning councilmembers on their new terms. She also wished Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year to everyone.

Call on Councilmembers and Committee Reports

Councilmember Stevens stated it has been a pleasure serving with everyone through 2021 and he is looking forward to serving another four years. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councilmember Vaughan thanked everyone for the opportunity to work together. He is looking forward to the coming year and what they will do together. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Muller reported on a great potluck dinner at the museum tonight. They played Christmas carols to a 125-year old pump organ. He also expressed appreciation for the Council and staff and the great work they do together. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councilmember Richards:

- He thanked whoever was in charge of distributing and collecting the new garbage cans. It was a very efficient process
- He congratulated those who received the Excellence Award from the Mayor tonight.
- Congratulations to those who got re-elected and sworn in tonight.
- He wished everyone Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanza, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year.

Councilmember King:

- He thanked the City again for the holiday parade and lights.
- He sees that work is progressing nicely on the Cedar Avenue project between 1st and 4th and the new bridge over the Quilceda.
- He wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Councilmember James thanked the Mayor for administering the Oath of Office to him tonight. He is honored and will continue to work hard. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

Council President Norton:

- Congratulations to Councilmembers Stevens and James who were sworn in again for another term tonight.
- She proposed moving the meetings back to in person and that the meetings be open to the public. She solicited feedback from the rest of the Council. There was some discussion about whether the meetings should be closed and not have to wear masks if vaccinated or open to the public and everyone has to wear a mask. Council President Norton spoke in support of opening it up to the public meaning that everyone would need to wear a mask. Councilmember James asked if they could revert to masks off if there is no public present. City Attorney Walker replied they could, but they would have to then make it a closed meeting, and staff would need to enforce it. He noted that the Zoom portion of the meeting would still be required as well.

Councilmember Richards asked about making the Work Sessions closed so they could have masks off. City Attorney Walker indicated they could if that was the desire of the Council, but noted that is when a good portion of the presentations and discussion occur.

Council President Norton reiterated her preference to have all the meetings open to include the public and not put staff in the position of having to turn people away.

Councilmember Vaughan commented that there are frequently items that require a vote at Work Sessions. He noted that having access to all the meetings is part of having transparency of government. He agreed with Council President Norton's suggestion in order to facilitate open government and giving the public the ability to have access.

Councilmember Richards asked if councilmembers would still be able to participate via Zoom if they chose. Mayor Nehring affirmed that any councilmember or staff member who has a concern or does not wish to come live could have the option to Zoom in.

Motion to approve the Council meeting protocol with live and virtual meetings as explained by Council President Norton effective with the January 3 Work Session made by Councilmember Vaughan and seconded by Council President Norton.

AYES: ALL

Adjournment

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

AYES: ALL

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Mayor
Jon Nehring