

City Council



**1049 State Avenue
Marysville, WA 98270**

**Regular Meeting
June 27, 2022**

Call to Order

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

Invocation

Tom Albright gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Nehring led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present:

Mayor: Jon Nehring

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

Staff: Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Gloria Hirashima, Finance Director Sandy Langdon, Parks & Rec Director Tara Mizell, Police Chief Erik Scairpon, Public Works Director Jeff Laycock, Human Resources Director Jason Smith, IT Director Stephen Doherty, Finance Director (new) Crystil Wooldridge, City Attorney Jon Walker, Community Development Director Haylie Miller, Information Systems Administrator Chris Brown, Information Systems Analyst Mike Davis, Emergency Preparedness Manager Sarah LaVelle

Approval of the Agenda

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

AYES: ALL

Presentations

A. Tom Albright Retirement

Chief Scairpon recognized the retirement of Tom Albright who served for many years as a police chaplain and a member of the Crisis Support Team.

B. Officers' Swearing In

Benjamin Blake and Katherine Herrera were sworn in as police officers by Mayor Nehring. The officers were introduced by Chief Scairpon.

Audience Participation

Christina McCall, 7631 87th Ave NE, Marysville 98270, expressed frustration about new no parking signage on their street and people being towed on the first day. Mayor Nehring apologized for this happening. He agreed that they had had inadequate notice, and this is not the way it should have happened. He stated that the developer will be covering all costs for anybody affected by this. He noted that on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, and every evening, parking will be allowed on the street. Ms. McCall noted there has been some muddled communication with the developer, and she hopes this will be clarified.

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

Consent

1. Approval of the June 1, 2022 Claims in the Amount of \$2,546,088.37 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 155848 through 155955 with Check Numbers 142474 and 144849 Voided
2. Approval of the June 8, 2022 Claims in the Amount of \$734,260.26 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 155956 through 156065 with Check Numbers 145030, 145265, 145382, 146291, 149273, and 155290 Voided
3. Approval of the June 10, 2022 Payroll in the Amount of \$1,654,473.28 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 33979 through 34012
4. Approval of the June 10, 2022 Miscellaneous Payroll in the Amount of \$3,665.16 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 34013 through 34014
5. Approval of the June 15, 2022 Claims in the Amount of \$825,305.80 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 156066 through 156174

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items 1-5 moved by Council President Norton seconded by Councilmember King.

AYES: ALL

Review Bids

Public Hearings

6. Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) Update

Director Laycock made a presentation regarding the Six-Year TIP for 2023-2028. He summarized this presentation is a requirement for the City. The total program for six years is \$486 million. 2023 estimated program is \$47 million. Funding comes from city funds and other funds.

Projects completed or in progress include:

- Non-Motorized (Marysville- Lake Stevens Trail Connector, Ebey Waterfront Trail, Shoultes SRTS, Cascade SRTS, sidewalk infill)
- Traffic Safety and Intersection Improvements (53rd Avenue NE/Sunnyside; 2020 City Safety Program)
- Widening/Lane Addition Projects: State Avenue Phase 2: 104th Street NE to 11th Street NE (\$4M TIB grant for construction)
- New Alignment Projects: 156th Street NE Design and Right-of-Way. STP grant funded project to complete bottleneck between Smokey Point Blvd. and Hayho Creek
- Bridge Projects: Grove Street overcrossing (\$5M Move Ahead WA) and 156th Street Overcrossing (\$500K Move Ahead WA, \$500K ARPA)
- Pavement Preservation: Annual pavement preservation, State Avenue NHS, and 116 NHS
- Joint Agency Projects: I-5 NB HOV Extension and Interchange, 88th Street NE (State Ave to 67th NE, 88th Street NE interchange, SR 528 interchange)

The public hearing opened at 7:37 p.m. Public comments were solicited. There were none.

6. Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) Update

Motion to adopt Resolution 2518 approving Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) Update moved by Councilmember Muller seconded by Councilmember Richards.

AYES: ALL

New Business

7. Consider Approving the Interlocal Agreement between City of Marysville and Marysville Fire District Regional Fire Authority for the Provision of Certain Emergency Management Services

Emergency Preparedness Manager LaVelle reviewed this item which would allow the use of Station 66 for the Joint Information Center in the event of an emergency. It would also allow for the use of Station 66 as a radio room.

Motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between City of Marysville and Marysville Fire District Regional Fire Authority for the Provision of Certain Emergency Management Services moved by Councilmember James seconded by Councilmember Richards.

AYES: ALL

8. Consider Approving the Contract with Washington Service Corps for AmeriCorps Member in the Amount of \$10,800.00

Emergency Preparedness Manager LaVelle stated that this agreement would allow the City to host an AmeriCorps member from Washington Service Corps to support the City's Department of Emergency Management. That person would help enhance the preparedness outreach, public communication, and volunteer outreach recruitment.

Motion to approve the Contract with Washington Service Corps for AmeriCorps Member in the Amount of \$10,800.00 moved by Councilmember King seconded by Councilmember Muller.

AYES: ALL

9. Consider Approving the Property and Cyber Insurance Renewal with Alliant in the Amount of \$330,341.37 for 2022-2023

CAO Hirashima reviewed this item related to property coverage. The cost is \$330,341.37. It is a sizeable increase over last year primarily a result of the valuations going up because of the addition of the civic center for coverage.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign and execute the Property and Cyber Insurance Renewal with Alliant in the Amount of \$330,341.37 for 2022-2023 moved by Council President Norton seconded by Councilmember Muller.

AYES: ALL

10. Consider Approving an Ordinance Amending the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget and Providing for the Increase of Certain Expenditure Items as Budgeted in Ordinance Number 3160

Human Resources Director Jason Smith reviewed the changes.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 3221, an Ordinance Amending the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget and providing for the Increase of Certain Expenditure Items as Budgeted in Ordinance Number 3160 moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Councilmember James.

AYES: ALL

11. Discuss Process for Filling Vacant Council Position #1

Council President Norton reviewed the process for filling the vacancy. A questionnaire has been included to get a little more information from the candidates. Once the process is approved, the position can be posted.

Councilmember Richards asked if it would only be posted in the Everett Herald. CAO Hirashima replied that it would be posted online and on social media as well.

Councilmember James spoke in support of the process and asked if councilmembers would be able to add questions. Council President Norton suggested that each person would be able to ask two questions to ask during the interview portion. Questions can also be added to the questionnaire.

Councilmember James said he would like to add: What is something you appreciate in our community today that exists thanks to the decisions and efforts of people that were here more than ten years ago?

Councilmember Muller said he liked the Bonney Lake process. He suggested asking about the top three issues instead of just being open-ended. He also would like to ask about their understanding of the responsibilities of the City Council to weed out people who misunderstand the scope of the Council.

Councilmember Muller asked about the process for follow-up questions. CAO Hirashima thought the intent was that the councilmember who asked the question was the one who could ask a follow-up question. Councilmember James suggested a time at the end of each candidate's questions for general follow-up questions. Each councilmember can ask one follow-up question.

Councilmember Richards asked for enough time flexibility to allow the Council to get questions answered.

Councilmember Stevens suggested they state that the candidates must be available to attend both meetings in person.

Councilmember Richards asked if they are required to provide a virtual option. City Attorney Walker noted it was not required. Council President Norton noted that requiring applicants to be in person is one way to ensure fairness.

Council President Norton noted they might need to consider a way to whittle down candidates if there is a large number of applications.

Councilmember Muller referred to question 3 relating to being convicted of a crime. He asked if they should have a follow-up item requiring proof that the applicant has been cleared of that. City Attorney Walker noted they could request a certified court order if someone answered in the affirmative.

Councilmember Richards asked to add information about the length of the appointment and clarification that they would need to run in the next election.

Legal

Staff Business

CAO Hirashima noted that Finance Director Sandy Langdon and IS Director Worth Norton are both retiring. She introduced new IT Director Stephen Doherty and new Finance Director Crystil Wooldridge who gave brief self-introductions.

Mayor's Business

Mayor:

- It's great to have the new directors here. There was a new hire orientation today for all the new hires.
- He thanked everyone involved with Strawberry Festival. It was great to have that back this year.
- AWC Conference last week was excellent. He and Councilmember James attended. There were four mayors working the Public Safety issue who presented to the AWC legislative priorities committee. He believes they have a very strong chance of taking that to a tier 1 issues for AWC.
- He thanked everyone involved with getting the spray park open.

Staff Business

Director Mizell reminded everyone that the 4th of July is coming up. Vendors will be down predominately on 1st Street this year.

Chief Scairpon:

- He reminded everyone that there is a fireworks ban so go enjoy the show put on by the Parks Department.
- He encouraged everyone to be mindful of water temperatures and be safe.
- One more police officer will be graduating from the academy at the end of July. Police will be interviewing for entry level police officers over the next three days. The community service officer position is also live through the civil service process. Thanks to Council for approving that.

City Attorney Walker stated the need for an Executive Session to address one item regarding the acquisition of real estate for ten minutes with action expected.

Director Miller shared permit data through May. 2200 permits have been issued with a valuation of \$85 million. The fees charged for the permits are approximately \$4.8 million.

Call on Councilmembers and Committee Reports

Councilmember James:

- The Strawberry Parade was a lot of fun this year.
- Monday the 20th was the pickleball court opening and ribbon-cutting.
- He reported on the kinds of classes he was able to attend at the AWC conference.
- Welcome to the new directors.

Councilmember King:

- Thanks to the City for all the support and help in the 90th year of the Strawberry Festival.
- Welcome to the new police officers and new directors.
- The Public Works Committee met today to discuss a quiet zone for the trains.
- Thanks to Tom Albright for his service

Councilmember Stevens:

- Great job to everyone for putting on all the events of the recent weeks.
- Welcome to the new directors and police officers.

Councilmember Richards:

- He sat in on a Public Safety meeting on the 23rd. He noted that the recruitment pool for new officers is pretty shallow.
- He also went to the Public Works committee meeting today.
- He was not able to attend the Strawberry Festival because of his son's graduation.

Councilmember Muller:

- He reported on the Public Works Committee meeting where they talked about Phase 2 permit requirements and other stormwater issues they are dealing with. They talked about finalization of the street layouts up in the CIC. They also discussed quiet zones and will be bringing something to Council in September. There was discussion about the layout of the 529 interchange.
- He suggested police look at using the Public Works buildings on the old Quilceda wrecking yard site when they are done using it.
- He will be out of town for the meeting on July 5.

Council President Norton:

- Public Safety Committee meeting update: She reviewed crime stats, noting they removed the artificially low pandemic statistics. Once those were removed it shows that Marysville is about 20% below the 4-year average with crime. The only major crime category that saw an increase compared to the four years pre-pandemic average was assault. This was primarily driven by domestic violence.
- Thanks to everyone involved in the Strawberry Festival and pickleball courts.
- Welcome to new directors.

Adjournment/Recess

The meeting recessed at 8:38 p.m.

Executive Session

Executive Session began at 8:50 p.m.

- A. Litigation
- B. Personnel
- C. Real Estate – one item

Reconvene

The meeting reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign and execute the Purchase and Sale Agreement for 1926 4th Street moved by Councilmember James, seconded by Councilmember Muller.

AYES: ALL

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Mayor
Jon Nehring