

City Council



501 Delta Ave
Marysville, WA 98270

Regular Meeting November 4, 2024

Call to Order

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

Invocation

Rev. Mark Fischer from Bethlehem Lutheran gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Nehring led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present:

Mayor: Jon Nehring

Council: Councilmember Condyles, Councilmember James, Councilmember King, Council President Stevens, Councilmember Richards, Councilmember Muller, Councilmember Norton

Staff: City Administrator Jennifer Stapleton, Parks & Rec. Director Tara Mizell, City Attorney Jon Walker, Finance Director Jennifer Ferrer-Santa Ines, Chief Erik Scairpon, Human Resources Director Megan Hodgson, IT Director Stephen Doherty, Community Development Director Haylie Miller, Engineering Services Director Jeff Laycock, Communications Manager Connie Mennie, Network Systems Administrator Chris Brown, Court Administrator Suzanne Elsner, Principal Planner Angela Gemmer, Emergency Preparedness Manager Sarah Lavelle

Approval of the Agenda

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

AYES: ALL

Presentations

- A. Proclamation Declaring November 2024 as Native American Indian Heritage Month in Marysville

PROCLAMATION Native American Indian Heritage Month 2024.pdf

Mayor Nehring read the proclamation into the record.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Minutes

Consent

1. October 23, 2024 Claims in the Amount of \$2,046,785.35 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 173230 through 173370 with Check Numbers 156677, 156723, 156816, 156865, 157186, 157220, 157234, 157329, 157350, 157578, 157936, 158170, 158188, 158196, 158337, 158410, 158491, 158765, 158829, 159175, 159275, 159344, 159447, 159895, 159980, 160016, 160019, 160020, 160064, 160246 and 172646 Voided

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2. October 25, 2024 Payroll in the Amount of 1,964,895.33 Paid by EFT Transactions and Check Numbers 35485 through 35493

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items 1 and 2 moved by Councilmember Muller seconded by Councilmember James.

AYES: ALL

Review Bids

Public Hearings

3. Consider an Ordinance to adopt the 2025-2026 Biennial Budget.

Ordinance - Budget 2025-26.pdf

Director Ferrer-Santa Ines introduced this follow up budget presentation. She noted this was the first public hearing. She reviewed citywide revenues, citywide expenditures, the proposed 5% rate increase for utility customers, and fiscal impacts of the rate increase. She also discussed General Fund revenues, General Fund expenditures, a General

Fund department summary, a long-term debt summary, the Capital Improvement Program, and a budget summary.

The public hearing was opened at 7:12 p.m. and comments were solicited. Seeing none, the public hearing was closed at 7:12 p.m.

4. Consider an Ordinance setting the Regular Property Tax Levy for all Real, Personal, and Utility Property subject to taxation within the corporate limits of the City of Marysville for the year 2025.

Regular levy ordinance 2025.11.4.24.docx

Director Ferrer-Santa Ines reviewed this Ordinance. The public hearing was opened at 7:14 p.m., and public comments were solicited. Seeing none, the public hearing was closed at 7:15 p.m.

5. An Ordinance of the City of Marysville to Set Water, Sewer, and Surface Water Utility Rates.

Water, Sewer, Surface Water Rate Ordinance 10-29-24.pdf

Director Ferrer-Santa Ines reviewed the proposed ordinance regarding water, sewer, and surface water utility rates.

The public hearing was opened at 7:16 p.m. and public comments were solicited. Seeing none, the public hearing was closed at 7:16 p.m.

New Business

5. An Ordinance of the City of Marysville to Set Water, Sewer, and Surface Water Utility Rates.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 3321 to take effect on January 1, 2025 moved by Council President Stevens seconded by Councilmember Norton.

AYES: ALL

6. An Ordinance to Repealing Chapter 3.66 of the Municipal Code, Water and Sewer Utility Tax

Ordinance - Repealing in lieu of tax charge chapter 3.66.pdf

City Attorney Walker reviewed this item.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 3322 moved by Councilmember James seconded by Councilmember King.

AYES: ALL

7. 2024 - 2029 School District Capital Facilities Plans for Lake Stevens and Lakewood School Districts

Principal Planner Gemmer reviewed 2024-2029 School District Capital Facilities Plans for Lake Stevens and Lakewood School Districts. Lake Stevens is the only district proposing impact fees. Marysville School District has not submitted a Capital Facilities Plan due to declining enrollment. Representatives from the school districts were available to answer questions.

Councilmember Norton asked if the Lake Stevens School District impact fees are the same for development in the City of Lake Stevens and Marysville. Robb Stanton from Lake Stevens School District confirmed that they are.

Councilmember Muller asked about the bond measure currently on the ballot. Mr. Stanton explained that the greatest growth area is in the Whiskey Ridge area of Marysville and mostly at the elementary level. Building a new elementary school and modernizing and expanding two others will give them capacity to address increased growth. The district expects to continue to grow in the near future. Councilmember Muller asked if they are considering placing a school in the Marysville city limits in the future. Mr. Stanton replied that they are continuing to look, but finding space is a challenge.

Councilmember King asked about enrollment in Lake Stevens. Mr. Stanton explained they have over 10,000 students including all the alternative programs. Councilmember King asked if they share transportation with Granite Falls. Mr. Stanton replied that they do.

Memo and 2024 - 2029 Lake Stevens and Lakewood School District CFPs

8. 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update

Memo re. 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update - Part 1

Exhibit 1 - 2024 Marysville Comprehensive Plan - Part 1

Exhibit 2 -2024 Comprehensive Plan general code amendments

Exhibit 3 Memo re Flex amendment.pdf

Exhibit 6 - PSRC comment letter, VISION 2050 Consistency Checklist, and Goals and Policies Addressing PSRC or State Requirements

Exhibit 7 - Department of Commerce Compliance Checklist Comments, Email Response, and DRAFT Land Capacity Analysis

Exhibit 8 - Master Builders Association letter and City's email response

Exhibit 9 - Other comment letters

2024 Comprehensive Plan Update - City Council Presentation

Director Miller made a presentation on the Comprehensive Plan Update. She discussed significant changes that have occurred at the State, regional, and city levels. The proposed Comprehensive Plan has been amended to address new State, Puget Sound Regional Council, Snohomish County, and other partner entity laws, policies and initiatives. She highlighted plan organization, environmental review, and the Introduction section. Principal Planner Gemmer and Director Miller gave overviews of the Land Use; Housing; Economic Development; Parks; and Environmental Elements. Questions followed each one.

Land Use:

Councilmember Muller asked about potential expansions of the UGA. Ms. Gemmer explained that a new requirement is to re-evaluate the progress of the Comprehensive Plan every five years. It would be a policy decision for the Council if they think it is necessary to expand the UGA. This is something they will need to monitor. Councilmember Muller asked how the number of ADUs can mesh with impervious surface requirements. Ms. Gemmer explained that they have to meet the letter of the law, and they are also strongly encouraged to meet the spirit of the law to have more flexible standards with respect to middle housing and ADUs. This will be a policy discussion with Planning Commission and Council. Staff will be working on these codes in the new year. Councilmember Muller commended staff for their work on this document.

Councilmember Condyles praised the layout, graphics, and the readability of the new Comprehensive Plan. He had several questions:

- He asked if the Comprehensive Plan took into account development that had happened since the 2019 Buildable Lands Report. Ms. Gemmer explained they did consider what had happened since the Buildable Lands Report and that was included in the capacity figures.
- He referred to the graphic on page 50 and asked about the difference between the pedestrian-friendly block frontage and the active ground floor. Ms. Gemmer explained that it would mainly be the width of the sidewalk and the amount of windows.
- He referred to LU 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3 and asked if it is common to weigh in on land that is not necessarily in the City or the UGA. Ms. Gemmer explained they have done that in the past to signal their intentions to the County. He asked if it is likely that the County will pay attention to that. Ms. Gemmer explained it is substantially consistent with the County's policies. It is helpful to have the City's policies clearly stated.
- Councilmember Condyles asked about planning tools to reduce the risk of wildfires. Ms. Gemmer thought this had to do with setbacks from certain areas, brush management, and additional fire rating of structures.

Councilmember James referred to figure 2.2 on page 28 and asked for clarification about the areas of future influence. Staff clarified this.

Housing Element:

Councilmember Muller asked about the possibility of allowing tiny home developments in residential areas. Ms. Gemmer replied they could take a look at this.

Councilmember Norton referred to page 92, figure 3.3, and pointed out that the graphic was missing some labels.

Councilmember Condyles referred to page 102, and asked about measures that can be taken to protect vulnerable populations from displacements. Ms. Gemmer replied that there are recommendations from the State but cities can primarily determine how to handle this. Councilmember Condyles asked about emergency housing beds. Ms. Gemmer explained that these are short term shelters.

Parks & Recreation Element:

Councilmember Condyles referred to page 178 where it has Community Information Site (caboose). He asked if this refers to the old caboose that used to be here. Ms. Gemmer explained that it does but needs to be updated.

Economic Development Element:

Councilmember Richards asked when the jobs numbers were done. Director Miller explained they were done in 2021.

Councilmember Condyles referred to the list of high priority projects and asked if Grove Street Overcrossing should still be in there. Mayor Nehring noted that it should be removed.

Environmental Element:

There were no questions related to this element.

Director Miller reviewed the timeline going forward.

9) [An Ordinance Amending Section 6.01.130 of the Municipal Code, Defining Malicious Mischief as a Public Disorder Crime, and Setting Mandatory Minimum Sentences for Certain Crimes.](#)

City Attorney Walker reviewed this ordinance which would add the crime of malicious mischief as a public disorder crime and make the mandatory minimum 45 days on the fourth conviction. Councilmember Norton said she would like to continue to monitor this

to see the impacts. City Attorney Walker agreed and stated they are working on gathering data.

Ordinance - Mandatory Minimum Sentences 10-30-24.pdf

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 3323 moved by Councilmember Norton seconded by Councilmember Muller.

AYES: ALL

10. Emergency Management Performance Grant (E25-099)

E25-099 City of Marysville 24EMPG.pdf

Emergency Management Coordinator Sarah Lavelle reviewed details of the Emergency Management Performance Grant.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign and execute the Emergency Management Performance Grant agreement (E25-099) moved by Councilmember Condyles seconded by Councilmember James.

AYES: ALL

11. 2025 LifeWise Assurance Stop Loss Insurance Renewal

R0125 - Stoploss Exhibit - City of Marysville.pdf

Human Resources Director Megan Hodgson presented the updated services renewal with LifeWise. This would increase the current stoploss deductible and reduce monthly premiums per employee member.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign and execute the LifeWise Assurance Company services renewal moved by Councilmember King seconded by Council President Stevens.

AYES: ALL

Legal

Mayor's Business

12. 2025 State and Federal Legislative Priorities Packets

2025 State Legislative Packet_Final_2024OCT21.pdf

2025 Federal Legislative Packet_Final_2024OCT03.pdf

Mayor Nehring presented the state and federal legislative packets.

Councilmember Condyles asked if it has already been decided that there will be a roundabout at the intersection of SR9/92. Mayor Nehring thought that it looks like the State will force the roundabout. Director Laycock agreed that it looks like a roundabout will be required at that intersection.

Motion to approve the 2025 State and Federal Legislative Priorities Packets as presented moved by Councilmember Muller seconded by Councilmember Richards.

AYES: ALL

Mayor's Business

Mayor Nehring thanked Public Works, SnoPUD, and everyone involved in the storm today.

Staff Business

Suzanne Elsner gave an update on security issues with courts networks and how they are addressing the situation.

Call on Councilmembers and Committee Reports

Councilmember Condyles thanked Community Development for the streamlined Comprehensive Plan.

Councilmember James agreed that it looks great and is very readable.

Councilmember King:

- He thanked staff for the Comprehensive Plan.
- He reported on the recent Public Works Committee meeting where they talked about preparation for snow and ice, got a report on lead inspection of older homes in the town, and talked about stormwater system proactive maintenance.
- He went to an event at the Opera House yesterday and noted that the new fence looks great.

Council President Stevens thanked everyone involved in expanding the mandatory minimums program. He agreed with others that this is a beautiful Comprehensive Plan.

Councilmember Richards:

- He also commended the Comprehensive Plan.
- He asked staff to add the cold weather shelter to the plowing schedule when it starts to get cold.
- He commented that the tree planting program is a great program for Marysville residents.
- He encouraged people to vote if they haven't already.

Councilmember Muller thanked Community Development for their hard work on the Comprehensive Plan. He also commended Finance for their great work on the budget.

Councilmember Norton also thanked Director Miller and Principal Planner Gemmer for the great work on the Comprehensive Plan.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Councilmember Muller.

AYES: ALL

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Approved by City Council this 25th day of November, 2024