

City Council



**501 Delta Ave
Marysville, WA 98270**

Work Session

March 3, 2025

Call to Order

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

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, Finance Director Jennifer Ferrer-Santa Ines, City Attorney Jon Walker, Community Development Director Haylie Miller, Engineering Services Director Jeff Laycock, Parks, Culture, and Recreation Director Tara Mizell, Asst. Police Chief Jim Lawless, Communications Manager Connie Mennie, IT Director Stephen Doherty, Network Systems Administrator Chris Brown, Communications Specialist Bridgette Larsen, IT Services Supervisor Jeremiah Nyman (via Zoom), Emergency Preparedness Manager Sarah Lavelle

Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of waiving normal rules to take action on number 4 and allowing public comment moved by Councilmember Richards seconded by Councilmember Condyles.

AYES: ALL

Presentations

A. Strategies 360 Legislative Update

Stephanie Wright, Strategies 360, gave an update on legislative developments and budget discussions in Olympia. She thanked the Mayor and Council for coming down on February 5. Two successful projects were submitted by the delegation for transportation package budget requests - the 156th Street overpass and the Highway 92 and Highway 9 roundabout. The Bayview Trail project was submitted for the capital budget. The only project that did not get traction was the 88th Street project. This is not surprising due to the tight budget this year. She generally reviewed the agenda for Washington DC. Mayor Nehring thanked her for the update.

B. Swearing-in of Police Officer Robert Blaho

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Asst. Chief Lawless introduced Police Officer Robert Blaho who was sworn in by Mayor Nehring.

Public Comment

None

Discussion Items

1. Hazard Mitigation Plan

Emergency Preparedness Manager Sarah Lavelle made a presentation regarding the Hazard Mitigation Plan including background, risk assessment, public engagement, outreach, project timeline, and planning process.

Councilmember Richards asked if the CERT class would include some of the hazards they might run into. Ms. Lavelle replied that would be a part of the public educations.

2. Recreational Vehicles - Draft Ordinances on Camping and Parking for Discussion

Ordinance - Camping 2-25-25.pdf

Ordinance - RV Parking.pdf

City Attorney Walker introduced two proposed ordinances - one prohibiting camping in an RV on public streets, city parks, and any city property, and one regarding limiting of parking of RVs to four hours to public streets. They do not apply to private property.

Councilmember Muller spoke in support of this but noted that for the Strawberry Festival some vendors set up RVs around Strawberry Field. He wondered how this could be

handled. City Attorney Walker noted that the Master Permit or the associated temporary use permit for the Strawberry Festival could address that.

This item will come back to the March 17 meeting.

3. Quiet Zone Project Update

Director Laycock gave a presentation regarding the Quiet Zone project. He reviewed what a Quiet Zone is, Quiet Zone requirements, Supplemental Safety Measures (SSMs), Alternative Safety Measures (ASMs), Quiet Zone process, prior work, timeline, city railroad crossings, potential Quiet Zones, risk index, cost estimate, next steps, and potential risks and challenges.

Councilmember Muller asked about potential grants. Director Laycock commented that only safety-related grants would be possible for this.

Councilmember Richards asked if the recent accident would impact the risk index. Director Laycock said it would not. Councilmember Richards asked if the City would have to acquire property for gate improvements. Director Laycock stated they would not. Councilmember Richards requested a copy of the presentation. He also asked if BNSF can reverse Quiet Zones. Director Laycock did not think so.

Councilmember Condyles asked if other cities are going through this process. Director Laycock replied that Vancouver, Bellingham, Tacoma, and Everett have gone through the process. More and more jurisdictions are looking at this. Councilmember Condyles asked if some cities have been unsuccessful in getting approved. Director Laycock explained that some situations require more negotiation than others.

Councilmember Norton asked what impacts the scoring or the risk index. Director Laycock explained that accidents or traffic concerns would impact that. Councilmember Norton wondered if the standards could change. Director Laycock stated that it was possible.

Councilmember King asked if Edmonds has this. Director Laycock explained that Edmonds has wayside horns, and they have had issues with them. The City evaluated that but determined this would be a better approach. Councilmember King asked if private crossings are aware of this process. Director Laycock replied that they are.

Councilmember James asked if these also improve safety at crossings. Director Laycock affirmed that they do. Councilmember James wondered if quiet zones would allow freight trains to go faster through town. Director Laycock said it would not.

Staff will bring this back again at the March 17 meeting.

New Business

Approval of Minutes

Consent

Review Bids

4. Contract Award - 1049 State Avenue Addition Project

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Director Laycock reviewed this item.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to award and execute the contract with Valdez Construction, Inc. for the 1049 State Avenue Addition Project in the amount of \$3,211,675.49 including Washington State Sales Tax and approve \$321,167.55 management reserve for a total allocation of \$3,532,843.04 moved by Councilmember James seconded by Councilmember King.

AYES: ALL

Public Hearings

Legal

Mayor's Business

Mayor Nehring:

- Governmental Affairs meeting with the school district last week went very well. Dr. Jarvis from the state oversight committee was in attendance and provided some good insight and optimism. The school district is looking at bringing in a new superintendent and will be voting on that soon.
- Staff had a good meeting with Amazon last Friday. He expressed appreciation to them for their partnership on the Strawberry Fields project. They are looking for ways to stay involved in Marysville and have some volunteer opportunities for their workforce in the community.

Staff Business

None

Call on Councilmembers and Committee Reports

Councilmember Condyles reported on the Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting last week. They had updates on the PSRC. The County Human Services Provider group will be moving from a county organization to an arm of SCT. There was an update from the County Economic Development team. They are continuing work on the sustainable aviation fuel research and development center. They are looking at ways the county can

be more proactive to meet some of the commercialization goals they have for 2030 as it relates to Paine Field. A team has been set up at the County to start working on the FIFA World Cup planning as Everett is going to be one of the fan cities. They are looking at doing a rebrand for the tourism office. They also announced that Economic Alliance Snohomish County will continue to be the designated economic development organization within Snohomish County. There were also updates on the community-wide Climate Resiliency Plan and the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Councilmember James reported that the Government Affairs Committee meeting with the school district was optimistic.

Councilmember King congratulated and welcomed Police Officer Blaho. He reported on the recent the Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting. The main topic is a proposed rate increase for garbage tipping fees. He also reported on last week's Public Works Committee meeting last week.

Council President Stevens reported that the Economic Development Committee met and discussed the school district property exchange as well as impacts the city is facing and ways to address the middle housing effort.

Councilmember Richards reported on the Public Works meeting. Interviews were held for the new Public Works Director position. They also discussed upcoming CIP projects. Congrats to Officer Blaho. Thanks to Director Laycock for the presentation and Strategies 360 for the update.

Councilmember Muller congratulated Police for filling another vacancy. He noted that it is great to be moving forward on the school district projects. He wished safe travels to all who are going to Washington DC.

Councilmember Norton welcomed Police Officer Blaho.

Adjournment

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

AYES: ALL

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2025