

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

December 17, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Taylor at 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: J.R. Rausch, Tracy Richardson, Nevin Taylor, Mark Reams, and Henk Berbee. Alan Seymour and Deb Groat- excused.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor John Gore, Director of Administration Terry Emery, Finance Director Jenny Hutchinson, Chief Golden, Chief Jay Riley, Public Service Director Mike Andrako, City Engineer Jeremy Hoyt, Law Director Tim Aslaner, IT Director Aaron Story, HR Director Brian Dostanko, HR Assistant Tara Maine, Public Information Officer/ Administrative Assistant Anna Krutowskis, Events Coordinator Amanda Morris, Project Manager Marc Dilsaver and Clerk Kristina Jones

REPORTERS PRESENT: Taylor Evans-Journal Tribune, Jennifer Noblit- ThisWeek

CITIZENS PRESENT: Charles Hall, Steve Stolte, Sharon Daniels, Regina Gallagher, David Gallagher, Barb Taylor, Chris Schmenk, Lorrie & Joe Spaulding, Jennifer & Shannon Legge, Peter Griffin, Scott Zwiezinski, Tim Schacht, Donald Boerger

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for the meeting on December 3, 2015 were approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Mrs. Jones and Mayor Gore handed out the awards for the First Annual Lights, Sights, and Holiday night's contest. The overall winner was 524 Surrey Lane, they received a temporary yard sign, donated Home Depot gift card and a City ornament. Second place was 11 Scott Circle, and third place was 845 Kentucky Circle. The Deck the Halls winner was 259 Fairview Avenue. We had 24 participants this year.

Mayor Gore asked for an executive session to consider the purchase of real property.

Mayor Gore reported the following:

Maintenance & Operations

Millcreek Park Additional Parking Areas

Streets crews have been taking advantage of the warm temperatures and assisting Parks with the construction of additional parking areas in Millcreek Park. The new parking areas will be adjacent to the access drive entering the park and along the gravel drive that heads south toward Schwartzkopf Park. The areas will be installed in gravel this winter and paved with asphalt next year. In total, we expected to add seventy-five (75) spaces to the park.

Administration

City offices will be closed Friday, December 25 2015 in observance of Christmas.

Presentations for Mayor Gore:

Jason Stanford with TeamMarysville presented Mayor Gore with a key to Union County.

Commissioner Charles Hall presented Mayor Gore with a copy of a Resolution the Commissioners passed to honor all his years of service with the City of Marysville.

Barb Taylor read a letter from Congressman Jim Jordan to Mayor Gore thanking him for his service not only in the City of Marysville but as his time spent coaching has inspired kids.

City Council presented Mayor Gore with a customized ball bat containing the City logo, and his years in service as Mayor and Council member.

The City Administration and Council presented Mayor Gore with plaque that will hang inside City Hall.

REPORT OF CLERK OF COUNCIL:

REPORT OF PLANNING COMMISSION/DESIGN REVIEW BOARD: Mr. Schacht reported that there were two items on the agenda for Design Review Board this month, which were as follows:

Item 1: Exterior Plan/Landscape Plan: An application to construct a new +/- 20,000 sq. ft. (Physician) Medical Office Building on property located at 140 Coleman's Crossing Boulevard in the TOC (Traffic Oriented Commercial) zoning district, which was approved.

Item 2: Exterior Plan/Landscape Plan: An application to construct a new +/- 5,600 sq. ft. standalone steel rail and truck unloading building on property located at 14101 Scottslawn Road in the M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing) zoning district, which was approved.

HEARING OF CITIZENS: Andy Smarra introduced his self as the new Union County Treasurer starting January 1, 2016.

RESOLUTIONS:

A Resolution "TO ACCEPT THE FIRE CONTRACT WITH DARBY TOWNSHIP" was presented for one reading only.

Administration Comments: Chief Riley spoke regarding all the fire contract and explained that we are just renewing the current contracts we already have, and that some of the contracts have increased.

Council Comments:

Mrs. Richardson move to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

Mr. Berbee YES; Mr. Rausch YES; Mrs. Richardson YES; Mr. Taylor YES;
Mr. Reams YES;

A Resolution "TO ACCEPT THE FIRE CONTRACT WITH DOVER TOWNSHIP" was presented for one reading only.

Administration Comments:

Council Comments: Mrs. Richardson mentioned that in the contract it states it is only for one year but in the resolution it states it is for two years. Chief Riley said the contract is only for 2016. Mr. Rausch also mentioned that on the contract it says in the amount of \$206,000 and it is written out to say \$206,008.00.

Mr. Rausch move to amend the legislation to a one year contract and the question put, stood:

Mr. Rausch YES; Mrs. Richardson YES; Mr. Taylor YES;
Mr. Reams YES; Mr. Berbee YES;

Mrs. Richardson moved to approve the legislation as amended and the question put, stood:

Mrs. Richardson YES; Mr. Taylor YES; Mr. Reams YES; Mr. Berbee YES;
Mr. Rausch YES;

A Resolution "TO ACCEPT THE FIRE CONTRACT WITH DARBY TOWNSHIP" was presented for one reading only.

Administration Comments:

Council Comments:

Mr. Rausch move to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

Mr. Taylor YES; Mr. Reams YES; Mr. Berbee YES;
Mr. Rausch YES; Mrs. Richardson YES

ORDINANCES:

An ordinance “ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF THE ADENA POINTE, SECTION 2 SITE DEVELOPMENT IMPROVEMENTS” was presented for third reading, title only.

Mrs. Richardson moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

Mr. Reams YES; Mr. Berbee YES; Mr. Rausch YES; Mrs. Richardson YES;
Mr. Taylor YES

An ordinance “AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS, ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS, REDUCTION IN APPROPRIATIONS AND MODIFYING THE 2015 ANNUAL BUDGET AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY” was presented for second reading, public hearing. Third reading and the Emergency clause was passed on December 3, 2015.

Council Comments:

Citizen Comments:

Mr. Reams moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

Mr. Berbee YES; Mr. Rausch YES; Mrs. Richardson YES; Mr. Taylor YES;
Mr. Ream YES

An ordinance “ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF NEW CALIFORNIA HILLS PHASES XI AND XII SITE DEVELOPMENT IMPROVEMENTS” was presented for first reading, title only.

Administrative Comments:

Council Comments:

Back for second reading, public hearing on January 14, 2016.

PARKS & RECREATION REPORT: Mr. Rausch had no report.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL PERSONS AND GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Richardson moved to enter into executive session to discuss the purchase of real property, Mr. Rausch seconded.

Mrs. Richardson YES; Mr. Taylor YES; Mr. Reams YES; Mr. Berbee YES;
Mr. Rausch YES

Mrs. Richardson thanked Mayor Gore for his years in service to the City of Marysville.

Mr. Rausch explained that we will be having the retreat February 12 and 13th, and we will try to end on Saturday between 3-4pm. Mr. Rausch thanked Mayor Gore for all that he has done for Marysville, Marysville Highschool and Fairbanks Highschool and himself.

Mr. Berbee reported that Finance Committee met on December 10th and discussed the debt review because we have notes and bonds outstanding. He explained the rating system. Mr. Berbee said that Mayor Gore being a mentor was not only at the City but the senior group and Job and Family Services. Part of his mentoring is giving good advice, and surrounding yourself with good people and get out of the way so they can do what they need to.

Mr. Reams reported that Finance Committee met on December 10th and Utility study group and Public Service met this week, where we reviewed the street paving plans and the future water plant plans. We also discussed all the future construction projects that are coming up next year. He thanked Mayor Gore for his years in Service to the City of Marysville.

Commissioner Gary Lee said it has been a pleasure over the last few years, but some 14 years ago when the City and County struggled to have a relationship, but Mayor Gore was instrumental in leading the City and County down a path that we are blazing new trails that we are proud of. He said we have all learned a lot from Mayor Gore, on behalf of the County we say thank you.

Mr. Taylor talked about a great care train turn out. He introduced Mayor Gore as a coach, mentored council members to become better council members, his friend and colleague to make his final closing comments as Mayor of the City of Marysville.

Mayor Gore gave the following farewell remarks:

Thank you for allowing me to speak tonight.

Anyone who knows me understands the end of my service to the city is bitter sweet. I am sad to leave a job that I am passionate about, but happy because I know the new form of government is in the best interest of the city.

In serving eleven years as a Marysville Council Member, and nearly five years as Mayor, I am proud of all that has been accomplished.

During the time I served on City Council, we dealt with many issues from not being able to pave streets, to the construction of a new water reclamation facility and even as Mark stated at our last council meeting, how difficult it was to come to a consensus to plant a tree!

However, through the hard work of former Mayor Chris Schmenk, former City Administrator Jillian Froment, all members of Council, dedicated safety service staff and most importantly, community support, we were able to generate another ½ percent personal income tax-, which this year will reach over 15 million dollars from resident income. That will put the earnings of those that live and those that work in our community to over 1 billion dollars in revenue.

Because of those efforts, over the past 4+ years serving as Mayor, we were able to address the infrastructure needs of our community including three new public facilities- Marysville Police and Municipal Court, the Decker 271 Fire Station and City Hall/2nd Fire Station. These facilities will serve our citizens for the next 40+ years.

We also focused on revitalization in Uptown Marysville including the Town Run Restoration, Marysville City Hall/Fire Station, Partners Park and Hatfield Corner Park. Out of these revitalization efforts, I am most proud of Partners Park. Partners Park has proven to be more than we ever had imagined. It has truly revitalized the Uptown, becoming the centralized gathering place for community events, private functions and a place to relax with family and friends.

Speaking of parks-, numerous improvements were made to Marysville's Park System. The sand volleyball courts at Eljer Park, upgraded playground equipment and the construction of Bark Park, the first dog park in Marysville, just to name a few.

In addition, we made all city property- including our parks and city events tobacco-free, creating a healthier environment and a better quality of life in our community.

Over the past 5 years, the City received over \$9.5 million in grant funds. This includes \$2.8 million dollars for construction of the US 33 Pedestrian Bridge. Though this project created some controversy, it is another step to help improve overall pedestrian connectivity throughout our community.

I am proud to be a founding member of the Union County Council of Governments, which allows us to collaborate with Union County and Marysville Schools, providing better services to our residents.

We also established the first friendship city relationship with Yorii-Machi, Japan, which has grown with a student exchange program and a Japanese Language Program within the Marysville Exempted Village School District.

Over \$100 million dollars of commercial and industrial development and over 480 single-family homes have been constructed as Marysville continues to develop, it is important we maintain smart growth.

None of the accomplishments I just mentioned would have been possible without a strong city team and a supportive Council. Thank you city staff and council, past and present, for helping get us to where we are today.

Probably the thing I am most proud of is the quality customer service that our employees provide to our residents.

A special thank you to my wife Cathy and our family for the love and support they have provided.

I am confident in the new form of government and wish the city much success.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25p.m for Executive Session. The executive session adjourned at 7:38 p.m., being no further business to come before Council the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.