



# CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

October 13, 2009

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Terry Ryan, Mayor  
Rosemary Bennetts, Mayor Pro Tem  
Donna Michelson  
Mary Kay Voss  
Mark Harmsworth  
Mike Todd (Absent)  
Mark Bond

**October 13, 2009**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**6:00 p.m.**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

## **ROLL CALL**

Roll was called by the City Clerk with all Councilmembers present except Councilmember Todd.

Mayor Ryan announced that Councilmember Todd had a family emergency and would not be at the meeting tonight.

**MOTION: Mayor Ryan made a motion to excuse Councilmember Todd, Councilmember Harmsworth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION**

There were no comments from the audience.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Employee of the Quarter for July to September, 2009

Camille Chriest, Senior Planner  
(Timothy W. Burns, City Manager)

## **STUDY SESSION**

*Public business is conducted at a study session. Citizens are welcome and encouraged to attend study sessions, but participation by citizens shall be permitted only upon the consensus of a majority of the Councilmembers present.*

2009 Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan (Follow-up from September 22, 2009)

(Camille Chriest, Senior Planner)

At the September 22, 2009 study session, the City Council reviewed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. The amendments consisted of “housekeeping” amendments initiated by the City to ensure consistency between the City’s Comprehensive Plan and the Snohomish County General Policy Plan and amendments proposed by the Everett School District.

As described in the staff report and presented at the study session on September 8, 2009, the Everett School District's proposal is to amend the Land Use Plan to change the underlying land use designation for a 17.44 acre property located at the southeast corner of SR 527 (Bothell-Everett Highway) and Seattle Hill Road, between Seattle Hill Road and 173<sup>rd</sup> Street S.E. The request is to amend the City's Comprehensive Plan Land Use Plan designation on the subject property from Medium Density Residential to Mixed Use/High Density Residential, including text amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Mill Creek Municipal Code to support the change. The site is outside of the City of Mill Creek city limits, but within the City's MUGA, and the designation would be in effect only upon annexation to the City of Mill Creek. The current Comprehensive Plan and Zoning designations under the County's regulations call for high density residential land uses.

The staff recommendation included code text amendments that provide for an additional 10 feet in building height bonus (up to 60 feet) if commercial uses were provided on the ground floor. The basis for the additional height was to provide an incentive for providing the commercial uses and for developing the property within the City as opposed to developing typical multifamily housing under the County's regulations. The Planning Commission recommendation removed the building height bonus, limited buildings to 3 stories, and required a minimum of 18% commercial uses on the ground floor. Staff believes that these modifications will not allow the density necessary to meet the purpose of the MU/HDR zone district and would be a disincentive to annexing to the City.

At the September 22, 2009 study session, the City Council requested additional information for the Everett School District site to evaluate the building height issue. Pursuant to the Council's direction, an aerial photograph illustrating the adjacent land uses and vegetation on the site and cross sections (prepared by the applicant) showing the potential structure heights relative to the existing single family residences to the east are attached. In addition, staff presented additional photos/information showing the potential impact of the proposed structure heights on the adjacent properties.

Council engaged in a discussion regarding the Everett School District site. The consensus of the Council was to move forward with the staff recommendation. An ordinance will be prepared based on that consensus and will be scheduled for action at a future City Council meeting.

*The following item was added to the agenda:*

U.S. Census Presentation

Marcel Maddox from the U.S. Census Bureau gave a presentation to the Council about the 2010 Census. He asked the Council for support in completing the census and provided a timeline of events.

*The following item will be rescheduled to the next meeting:*

Fleet Maintenance Agreement

*(Bob Crannell, Police Chief)*

Washington Aerospace Partnership

*(Timothy W. Burns, City Manager)*

At the October 6, 2009 Council meeting, the City Council briefly discussed a request by the Washington Aerospace Partnership (Partnership) for the City to join the Partnership, as well as

provide a monetary contribution. A \$1,000 contribution was being proposed by the Council. At the time of the meeting, little was known about the Partnership, and Council requested staff to provide additional information on this organization.

The Washington Aerospace Partnership (Partnership) is a broad-based coalition of business, labor and local government interests working to grow aerospace industry jobs in Washington. The Partnership is developing a unified vision/agenda on which communities all over the state can collaborate to ensure that Washington remains the leading location in the world for aerospace.

Aerospace is vital to Washington's economy. Aerospace companies and their suppliers support more than 200,000 jobs in the state and pay \$5 billion plus in wages. Some 650 aerospace companies are operating in 28 counties. In addition to creating jobs and generating business, aerospace workers are generous contributors of time and money to charitable, civic and cultural programs throughout the state.

Council discussed this matter and agreed to join the partnership and provide \$1,000 donation from the Council Contingency fund. This will be placed on the consent agenda for approval later in the evening.

Future Study Session Items/Open Discussion

*(Timothy W. Burns, City Manager)*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*Items listed under the Consent Agenda are generally routine administrative actions and policy statements of a non-controversial nature. They are normally approved by a single majority vote without discussion. Items removed from the Consent Agenda, if any, are usually considered following the adoption of the remainder of the Consent Agenda.*

Approval of Checks #43139 through #43235 and ACH Wire Transfer in the Amount of \$378,449.11.

*(Audit Committee: Councilmember Michelson and Councilmember Bond)*

Approval of ACH Automatic Deposit in the Amount of \$123,961.58.

*(Audit Committee: Councilmember Michelson and Councilmember Bond)*

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*The following item was added to the consent agenda from the earlier study session:*

Authorize City Manager to Enroll the City as a Member of the Washington Aerospace Partnership with a \$1,000 Contribution to be Paid From the Council Contingency Fund

Mayor Ryan made a few changes to the September 22, 2009 meeting minutes for the record.

**MOTION: Mayor Ryan made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Councilmember Michelson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### Appoint Two Members to the Library Board with Terms Expiring August 31, 2012

*(Council Interview Committee: Councilmember Voss and Councilmember Michelson)*

The Council Interview Committee consisted of Councilmember Voss, Councilmember Michelson and Library Board Secretary Jean Lightburne. There were a total of 5 applicants.

**MOTION: Councilmember Michelson made a motion to appoint Carolyn De Hart and Lee Kluth to the Library Board with terms expiring August 31, 2012, Councilmember Voss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **REPORTS**

Mayor Pro Tem Bennetts thanked the staff for the Employee Appreciation Luncheon.

Councilmember Michelson stated that she went over to the Senior Center yesterday and they have requested a link to their organization on the City's website. She also asked staff to look into any signage for the Senior Center. Lastly, she reported that a total of 309 people attended the Senior Center Open House.

Mayor Ryan thanked Planning Manager Rogers for all of his work with the Snohomish County Tomorrow group. He also agreed that the need for signage for the Senior Center and City Hall should be looked at. He also believes that the City should put a large Mill Creek Senior Center sign on the annex building and asked staff to find out what signage is available and report back to the Council.

City Manager Burns replied that he will bring back some proposals for signage at all of the City complexes. He also reviewed the proposed agenda for the October 27, 2009 Council meeting. He relayed that the press release reflecting the Council's opposition to Initiative 1033 has been issued. Also, the South County Cities dinner will be held at the Country Club on Thursday, October 15, 2009 and is hosted by the City. Lastly, the Employee Appreciation Luncheon was a success on October 7, 2009.

Planning Manager Rogers gave Council an update on the banner request from North Creek Presbyterian Church. Staff will bring back some material for Council's review that will hopefully address some of the Church's concerns. The question also arose about the fee for sign permits. Planning Manager Rogers replied that these are two separate issues and both will be addressed at a future meeting.

Public Works Director Gathmann reported that WSDOT will be paying for a new signal at 132<sup>nd</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup>. Also, the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant is underway and will change out all lights in the three complexes with more energy efficient lights. The 35<sup>th</sup> drainage repairs have been completed. Also, the Garden Club will be participating in redesigning the entry way of City Hall. Lastly, the LED street light pilot program will begin soon.

Police Chief Crannell reported that the September police activity report was in the packet for Council's review.

**AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION**

There were no comments from the audience.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: Councilmember Voss made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilmember Bond seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

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Terry Ryan, Mayor

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Kelly Chelin, Executive Assistant/City Clerk