



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

February 24, 2009

15728 Main Street, Mill Creek, WA 98012 425-745-1891

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

February 24, 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.

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION

Tom Murdoch
Executive Director, Adopt-a-Stream
WSU Extension, McCollum Park

Mr. Murdoch discussed his concerns with placing a senior center at the McCollum Park site.

Judy Nagel
818 175th Street SW
Mill Creek, Washington 98012

Ms. Nagel responded to comments from Mayor Ryan's article in the Mill Creek View newspaper. Ms. Nagle stated that the seniors need support and some funding to secure grants. She also relayed that the annex building location is not big enough to hold the seniors.

Ann Sankey
2406 97th Place SE
Everett, Washington 98208

Ms. Sankey stated that she would like to know how many letters and emails the Council has received about the senior center, both in support for the senior center and against it.

Ralph Ehrlich
15716 25th Drive SE
Mill Creek, Washington 98012

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Mr. Ehrlich stated that he delivered questions to the Council that he would like to have answered at tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Voss volunteered to answer Mr. Erlich's questions aloud. Council engaged in a conversation about the questions.

Chuck Wright
15907 24th Court SE
Mill Creek, Washington 98012

Mr. Wright stated that he believes it's the people that set the agenda for the Council. He appreciated Mr. Erlich's questions.

Bill McElroy
4718 169th Street SE
Bothell, Washington 98012

Mr. McElroy read a letter from the Senior Center Steering Committee.

Pam Pruitt
14429 28th Drive SE
Mill Creek, Washington 98012
Cottonwood Division

Ms. Pruitt stated that she hoped the senior center would become a reality someday however the economy is not good. Due to City revenues being down, she doesn't believe that this is the time for the City to be spending its reserves. She would like the City to explore the option of a taxing district.

Marguerite Corbally
1507 151st Place SE
Mill Creek, Washington 98012

Ms. Corbally urged the Council to treat the seniors with respect and honesty. She believes the Council and the seniors need to get better acquainted.

Max Rigelman
15416 20th Drive SE
Mill Creek, Washington 98012

Mr. Rigelman explained that he believed that taking care of the seniors is an essential service. He asked how the seniors could become a priority.

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.

Placing Mayor Selection Process on a Future Council Agenda

(Donna Michelson, Councilmember)

Councilmember Michelson is proposing that the Council consider an alternative Mayor selection process as a future council meeting agenda topic. Councilmember Michelson explained her proposed selection process for the record.

Council discussed this matter and a majority of the members agreed to discuss this matter in more detail at a future Council meeting.

Senior Center Advisory Group Report

(Timothy W. Burns, City Manager)

City Manager Burns shared that he has been in contact with the County regarding a shared facility. The County drafted a letter to the City which was sent over today. The letter shows their interest in working with the City to support the creation of a Metropolitan Park District.

MOTION: Councilmember Voss made a motion to support the proposal by the Senior Center Foundation to use the MCCA property as the location for a Senior Center, Councilmember Michelson seconded the motion.

Council engaged in a discussion on the motion and the potential sites for a senior center.

MOTION: At 8:30 p.m., Mayor Ryan made a motion to extend the meeting to 10:00 p.m., Councilmember Voss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Councilmember Voss moved to call the question. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

MOTION: After some further discussion, Councilmember Voss again moved to call the question, Councilmember Michelson seconded. The motion failed 4-2-1 with Mayor Ryan, Mayor Pro Tem Bennetts opposed and Councilmember Todd abstained. (Note: This motion requires a majority plus one vote)

ORIGINAL MOTION VOTE: The motion failed 3-4-0 with Councilmember Todd, Mayor Ryan, Councilmember Harmsworth and Mayor Pro Tem Bennetts opposed.

(Council took a break from 8:37 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.)

MOTION: Councilmember Voss made a motion to have the City Manager talk with the County and bring back an answer at the first meeting in April of whether the

County has a viable interest in a partnership with Mill Creek for a Senior Center, Mayor Ryan seconded the motion.

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION: Councilmember Michelson made an amendment to that motion, that if the City receives a negative answer from the County, the MCCA site will be the prime site if Snohomish County says that McCollum Park is not viable, Councilmember Voss seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-2-0 with Mayor Ryan and Mayor Pro Tem Bennetts opposed.

ORIGINAL MOTION VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: At 9:55 p.m., Mayor Ryan made a motion to extend the meeting to 10:30 p.m., Councilmember Voss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

March Council Meeting Dates

(Timothy W. Burns, City Manager)

City Manager Burns asked if the Council would like to cancel the March 10, 2009 Council Meeting due to the retreat scheduled for Saturday, March 7, 2009. The consensus of the Council was to cancel the meeting. Councilmember Voss reported that she would not be at the March 24, 2009 meeting.

Due to the late hour, the following item will be heard at the next meeting:

Snohomish Artist Guild Sponsorship Request

(Timothy W. Burns, City Manager)

Snohomish County Tomorrow (SCT) Steering Committee Briefing

(Bill Trimm, Community Development Director)

Community Development Director Trimm gave a briefing of the upcoming SCT meeting.

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 #41856 through #41922 and ACH Wire Transfer in the Amount of \$501,316.98.

(Audit Committee: Mayor Pro Tem Bennetts and Councilmember Michelson)

Approval of ACH Automatic Deposit in the Amount of \$116,312.81.

(Audit Committee: Mayor Pro Tem Bennetts and Councilmember Michelson)

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Mayor Ryan and Councilmember Harmsworth made a few clarifications to the meeting minutes.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Bennetts made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Councilmember Michelson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Appoint Member to the Library Board with a Term Expiring August 31, 2011

(Landy Manuel, Finance Director)

MOTION: Councilmember Michelson made a motion to appoint Carol Spate to the Library Board with a term expiring August 31, 2011, Councilmember Voss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

Councilmember Todd asked the Council for support on a letter for Community Transit to Snohomish County's Congressional Delegation to consider funding in FY 2010 for purchasing replacement buses for Community Transit's fleet. The majority of the Council agreed to have the Mayor sign the letter.

Councilmember Voss reported that the Arts and Beautification Board approved the Library Board's request for rotating artwork.

City Manager Burns reported that the City Clerk is working on the Enterprise public records request and will be checking the Council's email boxes for emails pursuant to this request. He also reported that he placed an article from Business Week in the Councilmember boxes related to Mill Creek. Lastly, he reminded the Council that the legislative retreat is scheduled for March 7, 2009 at Shawn O'Donnell's Restaurant.

Finance Director Manuel reported that the financial report is in the Council packet.

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION:

George Athanas
12126 42nd Drive SE
Everett, Washington 98208

Mr. Athanas reported that he believed that the MCCA site is the most viable for a senior center. He further stated that there are construction issues at the McCollum Park site.

Troy Evans
Executive Director, West Coast Aquatics

Mr. Evans recommended the senior center facility be placed at the MCCA site, it would complement the West Coast Aquatics Center adjacent to this site.

Candie Lambert
1930 150th Place SE

Mill Creek, Washington 98012

Ms. Lambert reminded the Council that there are only 4 cities in Snohomish County that do not have a senior center.

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Bennetts made a motion to adjourn the meeting;
Councilmember Todd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

Terry Ryan, Mayor

Kelly Chelin, Executive Assistant/City Clerk