

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

MAY 27, 2010

Mr. Reams opened the meeting by saying, “Twelve and a half years ago I first ran for Council. My son, Chet Reams, who is in the audience tonight, came with me and helped me put up signs; he was there when I was sworn into office that first time; he’s been, as we’ve all seen through the years, at various meetings, and next week he graduates. I just would like to say, Chet, thank you for your support; you’ve been doing a good job in school; we’re very proud of you, and we would like to have you lead the Pledge of Allegiance to open the meeting.”

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Richardson, Mr. Fogt, Mr. Gore, Mrs. Groat, Mr. Reams, Mr. Berbee

OTHERS PRESENT: Director of Administration Froment, Finance Director Chavarria, City Engineer Klingman, City Law Director Aslaner, Clerk Patterson

REPORTERS PRESENT: Ryan Horns – Journal Tribune, Lin Rice – ThisWeek

CITIZENS PRESENT: Randy Loebig, Don Bergwall, Faye Cox, Chet Reams, Leslie Reams, Linda Menery, Bob Meeder

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: There being no additions or corrections, the minutes for the meeting on May 13, 2010 were approved as written.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: On behalf of the Mayor, Ms. Froment appointed Scott Failor of the Planning Commission to the Design Review Board, replacing John Cunningham. Mr. Failor has previous experience on Architectural Review Boards in other communities.

Ms. Froment reported the following:

Memorial Day activities. 9:00 a.m. North Main Street Bridge Ceremony for Fallen Heroes that served in the Navy and Marines. 9:30 a.m. – Parade starting at Fifth and Plum and then on to the Cemetery. 10:00 a.m. Oakdale Cemetery ceremony.

Ms. Chavarria has been asked to serve on the Board of the Municipal Financial Officers Association. That is a statewide association.

Marysville Police Investigators solved two arsons that occurred on Wednesday, May 26th. Those young individuals were apprehended last night for both the starting of a fire of one of the trucks belonging to the City's contractor who is in town working on a water line and also starting a fire behind one of the businesses in town. They also did some damage to one of the city signs and also spray painted profanity on a water tower. Ms. Froment commended the Police Department. They are still working on the tire incidents. They don't believe those issues are related.

The sewer fund legislation has been delayed. Still working with Malcolm Pirnie on finalizing some of the numbers, and will be in contact with the Finance Committee as to how it's proceeding and when to bring it forward to Council. Delay is due to a disagreement on what the city's bond covenant says. Counsel is being brought in to advise Malcolm Pirnie on that issue.

In regards to the proposed sewer fund legislation, Mr. Gore told Journal Tribune Reporter, Ryan Horns, that his article was pretty accurate; the headline was terrible. "There has been more grief I received in the last week over that headline, that people didn't read your article. Like I say, your article was accurate, so I don't blame you, but I mean sometimes I think it's the intent to stir the pot."

Ms. Froment reminded everyone of the city's Beautification Program. There have been some questions from the public about this program and why it feels like we're creating a new program. She explained that this is an outgrowth from the Comprehensive Plan, in which we engaged the public over the last year in 2009 asking for their priorities for the city. One of those was to make sure property maintenance was a priority. This is the city's way of not only looking at enforcement on the enforcement side, but recognizing those people who are in fact doing property maintenance. Hopefully, this is incentive to others to consider some things they can do in their own yard. There is no income revenue being spent on this Program. This money is raised from enforcement fines for those who absolutely will not come into compliance. For example, if people don't mow their lawn, the city will take care of it, but there is a fine associated with that. This is a minimal cost program and is springing from a mandate from the people. Anyone willing to hand out program brochures at their business, please see Ms. Froment.

Ms. Froment asked Council's consideration to add two pieces of legislation to the consent calendar. This legislation amends the 2010 budget. Titles for the legislation are as follows:

“TO AMEND CHAPTER 110 – FACILITY COSTS AND CITY FEES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE FOR THE MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY”

“AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS TO RESTORE BASIC AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND MODIFYING THE ANNUAL BUDGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE APPROPRIATIONS”

REPORT OF CLERK OF COUNCIL: No report.

REPORT OF PLANNING COMMISSION: Mr. Don Bergwall, Vice Chairman of Planning Commission reported on the May 3rd Planning Commission meeting. The Commission approved extensions on the Oaks development as requested by Myron Gallogly and for the Woods at Mill Valley North, Phase 1, Part 12, requested by Catherine Cunningham on behalf of Dominion Homes. Both of these requests were rated in the best interest of both the City of Marysville and the developers during the protracted decline in residential housing market.

The Commission also reviewed updates to Chapter 1136, the Historic Design Review District, Chapter 1100, Subdivision and Zoning Fees and Chapter 1143, Signs. The focus on the signs updated this time is on temporary and portable A-frame type signs. These chapters will be on the June Planning Commission agenda for further review.

During this period of slower development projects and new proposals being brought forward, the focus is now being placed on updating codes and integration of the new Comprehensive Plan.

The Design Review Board tabled a request from Buffalo Wild Wings for an awning over their patio. Unanswered questions about support columns and lighting prompted the tabling. It's scheduled to be back on the agenda at the June 9th meeting.

A Variance and Certificate of Appropriateness were approved for the Old Bag of Nails for a projecting sign and a variance request for an awning was withdrawn by the owner of this same property.

Mrs. Richardson asked Planning Commission, while reviewing the sign code, to be sensitive to her request. A number of small business owners have approached Mrs. Richardson to ask Planning Commission to be opened-minded to the issue of signage. She realizes signage has to be controlled to make sure the city looks good, but at the

same time, these small businesses need some help in making sure that they can get publicity and the things that they need. “If we can be a little bit more lenient with signage when we’re reviewing that, I think it might be helpful.”

Mr. Bergwall agreed. That’s one of the reasons why there is lengthy discussion on this, so that there is a balance between getting better, more controlled signage and also viability for the business, commercial development and for the consumers from an informational standpoint, so that they can easily find places, or they can be attracted to some special events or promotions that are going on.

Mr. Gore said to keep in mind that the city has zoning ordinances governing that and pretty much their hands are tied on most of those signs.

Mr. Taylor said to err on caution of public safety first before worrying about the dollar sign on the other side.

HEARING OF CITIZENS: No comments.

Mr. Fogt moved to confirm the appointment of Scott Failor to the Design Review Board, term to expire March 31, 2014, affirmative voice vote was unanimous.

Mr. Gore read the titles of the legislation to be considered for the consent calendar:

“AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS TO RESTORE BASIC AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND MODIFYING THE ANNUAL BUDGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE APPROPRIATIONS”

“TO AMEND CHAPTER 110 – FACILITY COSTS AND CITY FEES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE FOR THE MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY”

Mr. Taylor moved to add both pieces of legislation to the consent calendar, with the idea that the main reason we’re allowing the consent calendar approval is the passage of the levy, and that this will not be a common practice and the question put, stood:

Mr. Taylor YES Mrs. Richardson YES Mr. Fogt YES Mr. Gore YES Mrs. Groat YES Mr. Reams YES Mr. Berbee YES

Motion passed.

RESOLUTIONS

“A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WATER AND SANITARY SEWER SERVICE TO JEROME VILLAGE COMMUNITY AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SERVICE AGREEMENT, AN AMENDMENT TO THE ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT OF DECEMBER 19, 2005 AND SUCH OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO EFFECTUATE SAID WATER AND SANITARY SEWER SERVICE TO JEROME VILLAGE COMMUNITY AUTHORITY” was presented for third reading, title only. Ms. Froment explained that since the legislation was introduced, there have been some changes, all of which are non-substantive to the nature of the Agreement. Regarding the Service Agreement, there were only minor, non-substantive changes. The City/County Agreement has many changes, all non-substantive. Ms. Froment explained that we went from an amendment to an amendment/restatement. When you do a restatement, you actually have to restate all of the terms that were in the original document, thus the reason for all the changes. The only thing that was not in the original document is in Section 2.06. At the time the city entered into this agreement in 2005, we said that if we added any of the county customers on to our system, we would waive tap fees. At the time we were considering Mill Creek. Those people were already on a system, had already paid tap fees and it seemed unfair to ask them to pay it a second time. That was part of the calculation in how we negotiated. Since then, some other areas have arisen that were never envisioned at the time; one of them being New Dover and some other areas that likely will be able to come on line in the future, but also are now facing some orders and findings from the EPA and need to be handled. Staff suggested to the Commissioners that that was not really the intent to allow unlimited people to come on board, but existing customers, and asked that language be put in that basically causes staff to negotiate every time a new person comes on board. This was new to the Commissioners a week ago. They were a little uncomfortable without having time to think through the ramifications, and so was staff. “We all agreed though, on the record at the Commissioner’s Hearing, that we all wanted to work together jointly and be fair to both the customers and to the City and County. The language has been changed and instead have asked that, by one year from now we come up with a plan to address new customers that were not in existence on December 19, 2005. That Agreement would need to come back to Council again. This allows input and feedback, but doesn’t hold up the Jerome Village Agreement while we try to figure out something that we never envisioned to begin with.

Also included are changes requested by Nationwide Realty. 2.03(g) applies to an unincorporated area of the county but not that which is inside the Authority District, and that was obviously intended, but just clarifying language.

2.02(b) Sewer Service Charges. Changes clarify that the charges that the city will charge them as bulk user is what we're saying over in the City/County Agreement.

Ms. Froment gave Clerk Patterson a clean document that reflects all changes to go with the legislation. The legislation has a phrase that allows staff to clean up anything else they might find. She noted an Appendix Map needs to be finished. She expects to have this done within the next few days. She will then give Council clean copies of the final copy. She expects no substantive changes.

There was discussion whether or not the changes were considered substantive or not. Law Director Aslaner ruled that the document is not being substantially changed and that under the wording of the Resolution, if passed as is, the Mayor would have the authority to execute any agreements that don't substantially change the attached agreement.

Mr. Gore expressed concern that Council is passing legislation that allows the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Jerome Village. As a part of that agreement, it ties in the County/City Agreement. The stated legislation is more of a deal with Jerome Village. Ms. Froment and Mr. Aslaner agreed. Mr. Gore asked Mr. Aslaner if he was comfortable that as long as the city can meet our obligation through the legislation to Jerome Village, the other issue is to be resolved between the County and the City.

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

Mrs. Richardson YES Mr. Fogt YES Mr. Gore YES Mrs. Groat YES Mr. Reams YES Mr. Berbee YES Mr. Taylor YES

Resolution 9-10 passed.

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE TO THE STATE OF OHIO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) SMALL CITIES PROGRAM FOR \$67,000 OF FY2010 FORMULA GRANT FUNDS” was presented for second reading, public hearing. City Engineer Klingman gave the following presentation.

CDBG Formula Program ~ FY 2010
City Council Presentation
May 27, 2010

This presentation is the second of two required presentations that must be completed prior to the Formula application submittal deadline of June 25, 2010.

The first presentation given by City Planner Greg DeLong on May 13th was a broad-based overview of the Formula program.

This presentation tonight will be more project specific on how the funding received through the Formula grant will be used.

On April 9, 2010 the City received notice from Ohio's Housing and Community Partnership (OHCP) that we will receive \$67,000 in CDBG Formula funds.

This grant does not require the City to provide matching funds.

The Formula grant can be used to fund up to three (3) projects. The City must also allocate funds for a Fair Housing Program and Administration, but these are not counted as projects.

City staff is proposing to use the Formula grant this year to resurface a portion of West Ninth Street between Maple & Mulberry Streets

Staff identified many areas which could have qualified as project, but staffs recommendation to resurface W. Ninth Street between Maple and Mulberry Streets was because of the following:

- The existing street surface is deteriorated.
- The City is presently replacing the waterline on W. Ninth Street. With the waterline replacement, the area of W. Ninth where the waterline is being replaced (Mulberry to Grove) will be completely resurfaced. This Formula project will extend the resurfacing to complete the entire 1,800 linear feet of street surface between Maple and Grove Streets.
- The subject area meets CDBG Formula Grants National Objective as the project is benefiting an area identified as low/moderate income (LMI) according to the 2000 Census.

The resurfacing project will meet all Federal and City procurement and bidding procedures.

Funds are expected to be available in the Spring of 2011 and the project is anticipated to commence and be completed in the summer of 2011.

Mr. Fogt said he drove down that street last evening and it's in pretty bad shape. It is extremely rough. He asked if it was going to be patched this summer, then resurfaced properly next year. Ms. Klingman said she was not aware of any project on that street for this year. Ms. Froment said potholes would be filled, but nothing else is planned. She will work with the Street Department to see what can be done.

ORDINANCES

The ordinance "TO AMEND SECTION 1123.01, INTERPRETATION AND MEANINGS, OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE" was presented for third reading, public hearing. Mr. Taylor moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

Mr. Fogt YES Mr. Gore YES Mrs. Groat YES Mr. Reams YES Mr. Berbee YES
Mr. Taylor YES Mrs. Richardson YES

Ordinance 15-10 passed.

The ordinance "TO AMEND SECTION 1139.21, FENCES, OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE" was presented for third reading, public hearing. Mr. Taylor moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

Mr. Gore YES Mrs. Groat YES Mr. Reams YES Mr. Berbee YES Mr. Taylor YES
Mrs. Richardson YES Mr. Fogt YES

Ordinance 16-10 passed.

The ordinance "TO AMEND CHAPTER 1145, PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE" was presented for third reading, public hearing. Mr. Taylor moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

Mrs. Groat YES Mr. Reams YES Mr. Berbee YES Mr. Taylor YES Mrs.
Richardson YES Mr. Fogt YES Mr. Gore YES

Ordinance 17-10 passed.

The ordinance “TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR HALCYON VILLAGE, FORMERLY GALBURY MEADOWS, PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT” was presented for second reading, public hearing. Mrs. Groat moved to waive the reading in full; affirmative voice vote was unanimous.

Ms. Linda Menery of EMH&T addressed Council. Mr. Bob Meeder was also in attendance. She offered to answer any questions from Council and citizens.

Mr. Bergwall spoke as a citizen and as a member of the Planning Commission. The updated plan for the Halcyon Village is going to be a good asset to the city. It will offer a variety of housing that is not currently available and has been very well done.

Mr. Gore noted that it was brought up at the last meeting that the builder of Halcyon Inn is not the same builder for this project, Halcyon Village. Ms. Menery said the ground on which Halcyon Inn sets was previously owned by Marysville Development Company. They sold to the McClain Company, so they are a different developer and owner. This has been lot split. The developer of this piece, Halcyon Village, is the property owner, Marysville Development Company. This unit is being modeled after a similar unit that the same company has done. This project will go before Design Review Board in July. Representative elevations from the McClain Company were included in Council packet.

Mrs. Groat asked for a very subjective assurance that quality in the past will be equally matched by developmental quality in the future. Ms. Menery spoke on behalf of Mr. Meeder. “Yes, we will agree that the quality from previous will be met in this new project.” Ms. Menery added that this plan is a more organic plan. This is more curvilinear streets. The unit count has gone down from 106 to 65 units. They are offering a single unit or a double unit with an attached garage, so it’s hitting a different market that you don’t really have available. She said people have expressed interest already.

Mr. Fogt asked if the condo development connects to Boerger Road. Ms. Menery said it does not connect to Boerger Road.

Mr. Berbee said he toured the existing facility in Heath and it was definitely high-end.

Ms. Menery said the first two units will be a double and will be models.

Ms. Froment said at the last Council meeting, a special meeting on June 17th was discussed in order to decrease the process time so the developer could begin work. Since that time, Ms. Froment talked with the City Engineer and it was suggested to do a Conditional Permit to start construction. This permit would be with the understanding that should Council make any changes, it would be on the owner/developer to then modify to meet those changes. Therefore, there will be no Special Council meeting on June 17th. The required Public Hearing will be held on June 24th at 7:00 p.m. as previously scheduled.

The ordinance “TO AMEND CHAPTER 141, INCOME TAX, SECTION 141.03(h)(20)” was presented for first reading, title only. Mr. Berbee explained that what used to be MRDD, the Mentally Retarded Developmentally Disabled, had a name change last year. The name is now Union County Board of Developmentally Disabled. The Marysville Code uses the old language. This legislation will amend the current language and bring it up to date with the new name.

The ordinance “TO INCREASE THE CITY INCOME TAX FROM A RATE OF ONE PERCENT (1.00%) TO A RATE OF ONE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT (1.50%) EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010, AND TO AMEND SECTION 141.03, CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY” was presented for first reading, title only. Ms. Froment explained this language was part of the legislation that was passed in December to put the issue on the ballot. This ordinance is required since the ballot issue was successful. There will be three readings on this legislation. The reason for the emergency is so that the income tax increase can take effect July 1st.

Mrs. Groat moved to pass the emergency and the question put, stood:

Mr. Reams YES Mr. Berbee YES Mr. Taylor YES Mrs. Richardson YES Mr. Fogt YES Mr. Gore YES Mrs. Groat YES

Emergency passed.

CONSENT LEGISLATION

The ordinance “TO AMEND CHAPTER 110 – FACILITY COSTS AND CITY FEES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE FOR THE MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY” was presented for first reading, title only. Ms. Froment explained that this legislation

removes the language that requires that the municipal pool receive at least \$100,000 in revenue from sale of season passes, swim team sign-ups and/or swim lesson enrollment by April 30, 2010.

The companion legislation will restore funding to the pool. Ms. Froment asked for an emergency and the waiving of all readings because the pool opens next Thursday, June 4th.

She said the hiring of the life guards and managers has begun. Also, city crews have been preparing the pool.

Mr. Taylor moved to pass the emergency and the question put, stood:

Mr. Berbee YES Mr. Taylor YES Mrs. Richardson YES Mr. Fogt YES Mr. Gore YES Mrs. Groat YES Mr. Reams YES

Emergency passed.

Mr. Taylor asked what was going to be done with the money that was donated for the pool by private individuals. Ms. Froment said several thousand dollars was collected, and that money is available for the city to draw on for maintenance and operation. That money is not here because staff already has the appropriation authority that is needed within the pool fund to spend that money. It will still be maintained by the Union County Foundation. That money would be used before pulling from the General Fund. Mr. Taylor suggested communicating with the individuals who donated, so they know what the city is doing with their money. Ms. Froment said she'd first look at incoming revenue from sales, then would fall to the Grant (to be reported by Mrs. Richardson), the Foundation and then if money is still needed, the secondary legislation to be introduced would provide that funding to make sure the pool can be operated.

Mr. Taylor moved to waive second reading, public hearing and the question put, stood:

Mr. Taylor YES Mrs. Richardson YES Mr. Fogt YES Mr. Gore YES Mrs. Groat YES Mr. Reams YES Mr. Berbee YES

Motion passed.

Mr. Fogt moved to waive the reading in full; affirmative voice vote was unanimous.

Mr. Taylor moved to waive third reading, title only and the question put, stood:

Mrs. Richardson YES Mr. Fogt YES Mr. Gore YES Mrs. Groat YES Mr. Reams YES Mr. Berbee YES Mr. Taylor YES

Motion passed.

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

Mr. Fogt YES Mr. Gore YES Mrs. Groat YES Mr. Reams YES Mr. Berbee YES Mr. Taylor YES Mrs. Richardson YES

Ordinance 18-10 passed.

The ordinance “AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS TO RESTORE BASIC AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND MODIFYING THE ANNUAL BUDGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE APPROPRIATIONS” was presented for first reading, title only. Ms. Froment explained this ordinance is a request to authorize additional appropriations that would meet basic and essential services in the short term. This is not a full-fledged amended budget. As background, Ms. Froment said when staff made budget cuts last November, they tried to communicate that there would be serious impacts on services this summer. Those impacts were avoided by the last vote. Many of the services are seasonal, especially summer seasonal, such as paving and mowing, etc. Before looking at layoffs, staff eliminated all part-time staff in the city. Also, looked internally to do jobs instead of going with outside contractors. Two main areas were impacted, Streets Department and Buildings and Grounds Department. The Street Department normally has 13 people from April through October. That number was reduced to five (5) going into this summer. Buildings & Grounds, who normally have 13 people, was reduced to three (3). We went from 26 people who were responsible for mowing, maintaining the cemetery, keeping roads repaired, cleaning bathrooms, emptying trash cans in the park and reduced that number to 8. This legislation will restore some of those funds to get those part-time people back to work. None of these requested funds fills any full-time positions. This addresses short term need in order to restore services. During the process of the campaign, the city pledged to restore funding to allow operation of the municipal pool at \$40,000. That will be the last resort for the pool, but if needed, the money will be there. If it’s not used, it will stay in the General Fund. Will restore the part-time fire-fighters that we committed to doing and that’s going to cost \$84,500 for the remainder of the year. That gets two people per shift back on shift. Parks & Cemetery will be maintained and to do that, staff is requesting to restore funding for seasonal staff in Buildings and Grounds for mowing and maintenance of the park and cemetery and other seasonal repairs for \$50,000. Staff

is also asking to restore funding to the Buildings and Grounds for mosquito control and basic landscaping expenses for parks and cemetery. This does not mean flowers at every entrance of Marysville; this is about making sure the cemetery looks good and replacing trees and other items that are destroyed - \$8,500. For yard waste/leaf pick-up - \$15,000. This is no impact on the General Revenue Fund; this is an Enterprise Fund and they have the funds available to hire this part-time person. Also want to honor street paving. Residents will be receiving day-to-day services they need and expect. Street paving is a much larger item, but city needs to be able to fill potholes, do the crack and seal, catch basin repairs and provide for mowing on the medians and the freeways - \$22,500. Also, \$8,500 in stormwater. That is also an Enterprise Fund, not out of the General Revenue Fund. Would like to reduce the charge-backs for water for use for the street crews. City took three street crew people and put them in Water Department to do water work. This funding would put one of those street crew people back. This will put one person back and take \$50,000 out of the General Fund so that they can focus on the street work. That is part of going back to 11 people. Two people would still remain in Water for the remainder of the year. Also want to restore limited overtime compensation for seasonal emergencies related to specifically the street crew - \$10,000. That is only if needed. \$4,000 is being requested, which is not related to a pledge, for postage and supplies that the Tax Division needs to communicate with taxpayers and employers regarding the changes in withholding. Ms. Froment commented that this is going to be a very unusual year because the tax form isn't just going to scratch out the 1% and put the 1.5%. We have to say from January 1 to June 30th you pay 1% and from July 1 to December 31st you pay 1.5%. This information needs to get to employers as soon as possible so that they have a chance to make those changes. Ms. Froment requested Council's consideration of waiving all readings and passing this legislation so that staff can immediately get some of these people back to work to prepare for this weekend and the pool.

Mr. Gore said that one of the biggest complaints he received and read about has been about the maintenance of the cemetery. We've always had a good presence at the cemetery and it's been well maintained, as well as for city parks. He asked if this funding puts the city back to what we've become accustomed over the years, as far as seeing regular mowing and cemetery brought back up to standards. Ms. Froment said yes. By passing this legislation, summer help will begin working on the cemetery and parks tomorrow to prepare them for the weekend activities. She said whether this passes or not, staff will be at the cemetery regardless, getting the cemetery ready.

Mrs. Groat added that last winter, Administration and the street crew did an incredible job flexing shifts to save money because we had to. She encouraged that same behavior even though the "have to" may have evaporated. The concern for good financial

intelligence is still there. Also, the city had a lot of cross-training throughout the city in order to be able to flex employees as much as possible. "I think we have learned in the last year some incredible tools, that while I'm delighted we have the dollars and I'm very supportive of replacing all of this stuff, I think that's all very good; I don't want to dump what we've learned as long as people are willing to be cross-trained. I think that is something we need to keep doing, as long as people are willing to flex to accommodate, and I know last winter some people really stepped up to the plate when they weren't comfortable flexing; they flexed anyway."

Mr. Taylor offered his assistance to mow if staff sees by noon tomorrow that there is any question on whether or not the cemetery will be ready for the Memorial Day weekend.

Mrs. Richardson commented that she is concerned about letting folks know that the city is only asking for the minimum needed for essential services. "We have to be judicious with taxpayer dollars. I want to make sure that we are only asking for the minimum." Ms. Froment said, "Yes, and to confirm, we are not even going back, as I noted, to the numbers that we had before, we're not filling any full-time they don't trap us into something for next year, and we can continue to look at how can we do things more efficiently, and believe me, we have one of the best crews I've ever seen for doing that, so I just want to assure you that we will manage the money wisely." Regarding Mrs. Richardson's question of urgency, Ms. Froment said the city has been neglected without the funding and, therefore, we need the personnel to do the work immediately. Mrs. Richardson also sees that we were facing serious problems this summer without the tax. "I want to let folks know that we've explored that in depth."

Mr. Taylor moved to waive second reading, public hearing and the question put, stood:

Mr. Gore YES Mrs. Groat YES Mr. Reams YES Mr. Berbee YES Mr. Taylor YES Mrs. Richardson YES Mr. Fogt YES

Motion passed.

Mrs. Groat moved to waive the reading in full; affirmative voice vote was unanimous.

Mr. Fogt moved to waive third reading, title only and the question put, stood:

Mrs. Groat YES Mr. Reams YES Mr. Berbee YES Mr. Taylor YES Mrs. Richardson YES Mr. Fogt YES Mr. Gore YES

Motion passed.

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

Mr. Reams YES Mr. Berbee YES Mr. Taylor YES Mrs. Richardson YES Mr. Fogt YES Mr. Gore YES Mrs. Groat YES

Ordinance 19-10 passed.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL PERSONS AND GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. Parks & Recreation Representative – Mrs. Richardson reported that Parks & Recreation Commission met on May 26th. The pool will open on June 4th. The city received a Stimulus Grant in the amount of \$43,000 to be used for youth job retention. The Commission is working on the Capital Improvement Plan and making sure it is in sync with the Parks Master Plan. Members are prioritizing project recommendations. There will be no capital projects for 2010 for Parks & Recreation. Members also gave updates on local parks, most of which were maintenance recommendations, which hopefully can be addressed.

Mrs. Richardson addressed the tax increase and said, “If you are a commuter and you voted yes for this tax increase, I thank you so much. We’ve heard from a lot of commuters over the last couple of months.” She is looking into starting a Commuter Advocacy Group. This group would be a group of citizens, and it would be looking potentially at petitioning the state for some changes to the law that the state has regarding commuters. This committee could also look at a commuter co-op or even some babysitting co-ops. If anyone is interested in being involved in this group, email Mrs. Richardson.

Mrs. Richardson encouraged nominations from Ward 1 for the Beautification Program.

Mr. Taylor said, “This weekend whether you attend the 9:00 session or whether you attend the Oakdale session, I’d ask that you take some time to remember the Veterans and their families; those that are currently doing what they believe and have signed up to support that flag; those that did and those that died for it. We get to appreciate what they did for us.”

Mr. Berbee noted that during the Finance Committee meeting, he had questions with regards to the Jerome Village Agreement. He had a good conversation with Supt. Varner and commended the city for the record keeping that they do, especially when it comes to water. Mr. Varner gave Mr. Berbee all the details from the previous years. “With that in mind, I certainly hope that the Jerome Village project continues to move forward. Some of the information that Rick and I talked about, potential income out of that area is going to be between \$500,000 and \$600,000 per year that definitely goes to paying for the sewer. In addition to that, of course, the tap in fees even for the first extension are going to be well over and above \$8.5M, so that will go along way to paying off some of the notes that we have. It’s a very important project for the City of Marysville and especially the sewer plant, and I definitely hope that we continue to move forward with that one as quick as we can.”

Mrs. Groat announced the next Ward 3 meeting on June 1st, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Library, Meeting Room B.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.