



DRAFT CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Monday, January 4, 2016
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Perry called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Zaroudny, Councilmembers Whalen, Bennest, Manley, Ott, Morton, and Johnson

Absent: None

STAFF PRESENT

Police Chief Hernandez, Finance Director Garrison, Public Works and Community Development Director Nix, City Engineer Mark Howlett, Surface Water Inspector Jamie Carter, and City Clerk Bolam

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS

Due to the number of items on the agenda, Mayor Perry suggested postponing Item 7B, Six-year TIP discussion, to the January 11 Study Session; Council agreed.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Speaker	Comments
Michelle Stephens	Shared that her adult child was struck and killed while walking on Pacific Highway last year, and she is advocating for pedestrian improvements, including lighting, shoulder areas or even sidewalks.
John Falkowski	Referred to a need for some sort of sequencing of the lights by the Post Office. From the hours of 3p.m.-6p.m. traffic can't get through.
Jacquelyn Whalen	Suggested that the December 7 minutes be amended – on page 7 of the packet – she is quoted regarding East Pierce Fire District and wants it clarified that Milton will not be getting a new station – the talk is to take down the Milton and Edgewood stations and build a large station to serve North Hill.

Tom Boyle	Expressed appreciation for the city crews out prepping the icy roads and setting up safety signs. He isn't available to attend the upcoming Lakeside Estates Public Hearing, but encourages Council to take another look at parking capacities.
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PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

A. Swearing-in Ceremony – Councilmembers Johnson, Bennest, Manley, and Whalen Mayor Perry conducted the Swearing-in of newly elected and re-elected councilmembers.

Mayor Perry called a recess from 7:55-8:10pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of:

- A. Minutes
 - a. December 7, 2015 Regular Meeting
- B. Voucher and Payroll Approval
 - i. Approval of the checks/vouchers numbered 58091, 58107-58148, 58234-58308, and 58309-58337 in the amount of \$326,530.31.
 - ii. Approval of the payroll disbursement of 12/5/15 and 12/20/15, and related checks numbered 3910-3912, 3913-3918, 58086-58090, 3919-3923, 58092-58105, 3924-3928, and 58149-58158 in the amount of \$445,441.49.
 - iii. Approval of check number 58338 in the amount of \$24812.70
- C. Updates to Personnel Policies

COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Morton, to approve the Consent Agenda. **Passed 7/0.**

REGULAR MEETING

- A. Acceptance of Grants

Director Nix introducing the storm water grants presented for approval. Pointed to pages 78-79 of the adopted budget identifying placeholder funds for these. He introduced new City Engineer Mark Howlett and new Surface Water Compliance Inspector Jamie Carter.

- I. Pervious parking construction grant

Director Nix explained the locations where pervious parking would be constructed using these grant funds, and answered council's questions regarding the maintenance, ability to enlarge the footprints of the planned construction areas, and the financial budgeting and stipulations involved with this grant acceptance.

COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Manley accept the grant for the Pervious parking. **Passed 7/0**

II. Emerald Street detention/water quality improvement grant

Director Nix explained the intention of the Emerald Street Detention Project Grant.

Finance Director Garrison specified that this grant was not budgeted and will require a budget amendment, with the city funds coming from the Storm Water Capital Fund.

Some discussion ensued.

Speaker	Comments
Jacquelyn Whalen	Very happy to see this project. Since some property owners are very diligent about maintaining their ROW so she encourages a very diligent outreach to protect the project. Referred to Seattle's "SeaStreet" project and encouraged everyone to look up the research on the savings to the city of Seattle.

MAYOR PRO TEM ZAROUDNY MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Bennest to approve the grant from the Department of Ecology and allocate the associated stormwater utility funds in order to construct the Emerald Street bio-retention and water quality improvement project. **Passed 7/0.**

Mayor Perry called recess from 8:40-8:45pm.

III. Decant facility design and construction grant

Director Nix explained a Decant Facility, saying that the reports on this project, and the fact that we have our own vactor truck, indicate clearly that the cost for this project will more than even out. It is a much better method of controlled clean-up of contaminated and potentially-contaminated materials.

Director Nix and Surface Water Inspector Carter answered Council's questions.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Morton, to allow the Mayor to accept these grant funds and utilize storm water utility funds to meet the match requirements in constructing this decant facility. **Passed 7/0.**

Councilmember Johnson said she supports anything that supports adequate decontamination in accord with Ecology.

Mayor Perry commended staff for the thorough and transparent information that has been presented.

B. Six-year TIP (Transportation Improvement Program) – Discussion only

Discussion postponed to the January 11 Study Session.

C. Updates to Purchasing and Travel Policies – 1st Reading

Director Garrison introduced these updates, adding that the auditor agreed with the need to update them. She gave a brief overview of the proposed changes, much of which amounts to “housekeeping”.

D. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore for 2016

Mayor Perry explained the nomination process and opened the floor for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem for 2016.

Councilmember Johnson nominated Councilmember Zaroudny. Councilmember Zaroudny accepted.

Councilmember Bennest nominated Councilmember Whalen. Councilmember Whalen said he appreciates the nomination but declines to accept.

Mayor Perry closed nominations.

The nomination to appoint Councilmember Zaroudny to the Mayor Pro Tem position for 2016 was voted on; Passed 7/0.

DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

Director Garrison

- Handed out audit reports and explained the clean audit.

Director Nix

- Discussed 28th/Milton Way on the Pierce County slate – timing up to the County
- We have the flashing pedestrian lights, but are in coordination with the weather to get them installed.
- Café Elite using porous asphalt – this is an LID (low impact development) project.
- Track hoe at Veterans Park – the parking lot work is beginning this week.
 - Discussions continued regarding ideas for the lower ball park improvement

Chief Hernandez

- Held up the front page of the Signal featuring Milton Police showing their trading cards.
- Drone issue – possible legislative action in the future.
- Stolen vehicles recovered with arrests.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Zaroudny

- Commended staff on information in packet
- Referred to a recent homeless issue with police involvement; there aren't many resources available, considering options.
- Appreciates the communications now receiving from city staff.

Councilmember Whalen

- Project exists for signalization up Milton Way.
- Would like to see the WSDOT fence near L.A. Tan fixed.

Councilmember Manley

- Encouraged other Council involvement with regional meetings, as he will have less time available to attend them this year.

Councilmember Ott

- Shout out to the Milton Police Department, seeing smiles on kids' faces.

Councilmember Morton

- Congratulations to newly elected councilmembers.
- Welcome to new city staff members.

Councilmember Johnson

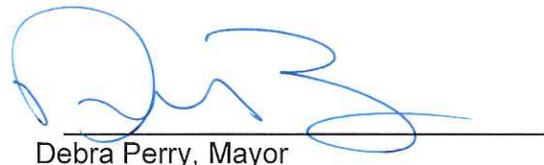
- NextDoor has a report on drones – told to contact the police
- Attended audit exit interview; listening to the confidence of the auditor in our Finance Director was great.
- Referred to Initiative 732 (carbon tax) – encourages all to become knowledgeable, especially with its impact to utilities.
- Attending a January 19 workshop in Seattle – SCA for newly elected

MAYOR'S REPORT

- 9/11 Memorial is an emotional subject. There is no need to be upset – the normal process will happen.
- The city's Public Work crews did a great job getting out to survey the streets during the recent inclement weather.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 10:15 p.m.



Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:



Katie Bolam, City Clerk