



Regular Meeting
Monday, February 1, 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: Councilmembers Whalen, Bennest, Manley, Ott, Morton, and Johnson

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Zaroudny – **MOTION** to excuse (Johnson/Morton) –
Passed 6/0

STAFF PRESENT

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

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS

None.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Speaker	Comments
Michelle Stubbins, Auburn, WA	Referred to daughter's death on Pacific Hwy and participation remarks from last month, requesting an update
Tom Boyle	Appreciate the sound system upgrade in chambers Would like to see city council meetings broadcast on local TV as convenience to citizens Requests an update on pedestrian crosswalks
Director Garrison	Read citizen letter received regarding utility billing issue

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of:

A. Minutes

- i. January 19, 2016 Regular Meeting

B. Voucher and Payroll Approval

- i. Approval of 2016 checks/vouchers numbered 58481-58493, 58495-58619, 58620-58662, in the amount of \$230,806.66.
- ii. Approval of the payroll disbursement of 1/20/2016 and related checks numbered 3935-3952, 58470-58480, and 58494, in the amount of \$178,836.58.

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to approve the Consent Agenda. **Passed 6/0.**

REGULAR MEETING

A. Ordinance – Personnel Policies

Director Garrison explained that this is final form of what Council saw and discussed at the January 4, 2016 meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Bennest, to adopt the attached ordinance, updating the MMC personnel policies Sections 2.74.030, 2.74.050, 2.74.070, and Chapter 2.82, and repealing Section 2.74.080, as presented.

Councilmembers appreciates the easily-read track changes ordinance.

The motion was voted on and passed 6/0.

B. Ordinance – Purchasing Policies

Director Garrison explained that this is the final form of what Council saw and discussed at the January 4, 2016 meeting, and answered Council questions.

COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Morton, to adopt the attached ordinance, repealing or updating MMC Chapters 3.12, 3.22 and 3.24 related to purchasing and city funds as presented, and to render ineffective all Administrative Policies and Procedures prior to this date while acknowledging the establishment of updated Administrative Policies and Procedures beginning this date. **Passed 6/0.**

C. Approval – Ethics Policy.

Councilmember Whalen referred to page 55 of the packet, Item 3 under "Guidelines," asking for the reference to "City Manager" to be changed to "Mayor or his/her designee".

Councilmember Ott referred to page 57 and asked about the inclusion of union-related paraphernalia under prohibited activities.

Clerk note – page 11, under Penalties, item #1, fill in the blank.

COUNCILMEMBER BENNEST MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to approve the attached updated Ethics Policy as amended.

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, to postpone this item to the meeting of February 16, 2016. **Passed 6/0.**

D. Acceptance – Department of Ecology Storm Capacity Grant

Director Nix explained that these annual grant funds have been awarded to the city for several years now.

Councilmember Whalen noted that, years ago, this was a mandated participation, and now it is a voluntary participation item. It's been a good evolution.

Director Nix confirmed that there are no required matching funds, and there will be a budget amendment to show this action, if approved.

COUNCILMEMBER OTT MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Bennest, to allow the Mayor to enter into a grant agreement with the Department of Ecology in accepting \$50,000 that was awarded to us by the Department, and utilize these resources in permit compliance.

Mr. Carter and Mr. Howlett briefly expounded on the provision and use of these funds.

The motion was voted on and passed 6/0.

E. Approval – Attorney Job Description

Mayor Perry explained that, while this is completely worth discussing, the city has made a switch in attorneys in the meantime.

Designated City Administrator Hernandez introduced the job description, reminding council of their discussion on this at the January 11, 2016 study session, and answered Council's questions.

COUNCILMEMBER BENNEST MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to approve the attached job description for City Attorney.

Council expressed further support for keeping alternatives open while meeting needs.

The motion was voted on and passed 6/0.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mayor Perry invited Chief Backer from the audience to speak.

Speaker	Comments
EPFD Chief Bud Backer	Referred to handouts of monthly statistics and report and answered Council's questions Saturday, March 12, 9 am-noon – open house in Milton station

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Johnson

- Light at Milton Way/28th St is great
- New business "Anytime Gym" coming to Milton
- Friends of the Library event last Saturday was wonderful – local businesses supported in various ways
- Thanks to Public Works for the quick power fix
- Request list of upcoming items to Council

Councilmember Morton

- Light at Milton Way/28th St – watched from parking lot – everybody was very cautious at first, but getting better – traffic still getting backed up from Safeway lot
- Reminder to fellow elected officials that the F-1 statement is due soon

Councilmember Ott

- Happy with police security compound
- Interested in information regarding Pierce County's ban on marijuana
- Unavailable for February 8 meeting
- Noticing traffic coming into Milton – using side streets to avoid sections of Meridian

Councilmember Manley

- Learned that Albertson's return is scheduled for mid-late summer

Councilmember Bennest

- Expressed appreciation for fellow councilmember's passion and involvement
- Thanked staff for communication and response to the recent power outage

Councilmember Whalen

- Plans to continue to be hard on East Pierce Fire
- Requests the city write to the Milton Post Office regarding cleaning their post boxes throughout the city – the mold and dirt is appalling
- Signal at Milton Way/28th St – no news from usual citizen reporters seems to indicate it's working well
- Wondering about the reimbursement of costs from those who caused the power outage

- While the electric department got prominent notice for doing such a good job – pointed out that all departments and city staff also go above and beyond to satisfy the citizens of Milton
- Regarding retail marijuana, Pierce County is fighting businesses opening up without a license – that would require attention by us if it was to happen in Milton, but it's not the case right now
- Regarding pedestrian crosswalk lights – tells people who ask that it'll happen weather-permitting – just wants to report how excited people are about them
- Police security compound is a good thing and has been well received

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Chief Hernandez

- Traffic has become much denser – frustration with Meridian has led to people circumventing it through Milton side streets – encourages council to consider traffic-calming possibilities
- Regarding mail theft – it is on an uptick – the penalties are very lenient, making it an attractive crime
- Work release program being audited – working with our judge for something more stringent than just letting people go for menial crimes, such as mail theft
- Nothing but positive feedback on the officer trading cards
- Cub Scouts toured the police station recently

Director Nix

- Pedestrian crosswalk upgrades – beginning engineering design work next week on the 11th/Milton Way crosswalk – other two locations are scheduled for February 22
- Park bench installation beginning next Monday

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Meeting with the new owners of the Safeway complex this week
- Last week at the legislature – top conversation is public disclosure requests
- Police security fence is well received
- SCA networking dinner is Wednesday, February 17 – all council invited to attend
- Last week attended PCRC with Director Nix
- Passed out police fleet status spreadsheet for baseline information – commends Sergeant Hume and Director Garrison for work on this – next will be a Public Works fleet status report
- Provided another media interview on the 911 memorial

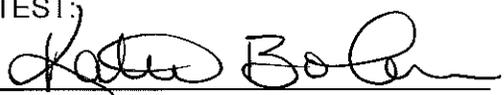
ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 9:08 p.m.



 Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:



 Katie Bolam, City Clerk