



## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, March 7, 2016**  
**7:00 p.m.**

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Zaroudny called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., and led the flag salute.

### ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Whalen, Bennest, Manley, Ott, Morton, and Johnson

Absent: Mayor Perry

### STAFF PRESENT

Police Chief Hernandez, Finance Director Garrison, Public Works & Community Development Director Nix, City Engineer Mark Howlett, Electric Crew Foreman Richard Bronson, and City Clerk Bolam

### ADDITIONS / DELETIONS

Mayor Pro Tem Zaroudny moved Item 7D to the top of the Regular Agenda; she postponed Item 7G to the 3/14 Study Session; and added Item 7K, Zoo Trek Recommendation.

### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Noel Fitzgerald	Invitation to the East Pierce Fire Open House this Saturday
Jack Chandler	Representing the 9-11 Memorial Committee – spoke at length on the history of this project and the status as of this date, announcing 9/11/2016 as the target date for a dedication ceremony.
Rob MacDonald	Spoke in continual favor of the work of the 9-11 Memorial Committee, emphasizing his opinion that the final installation be educational and reflective.
Tom Boyle	Attended the Planning Commission retreat, saying it was an amazing experience.
Heather Popp	Stated her understanding of a large group of citizens who are opposed to the 9-11 Memorial plans as they now stand. While attending the

	Committee meetings, she has been witness to several suggestions for different designs and locations, which were all met with resistance.
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## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of:

A. Minutes

- i. February 16, 2016 Regular Meeting

B. Voucher and Payroll Approval

- i. Approval of the checks/vouchers numbered 58790-58918 in the amount of \$ 610,776.34.
- ii. Approval of the payroll disbursement of 2/19/2016 and related checks numbered 3962-3964 and 58780-58789, in the amount of \$171,996.00

Director Garrison answered some questions posed by Councilmembers.

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

## **REGULAR MEETING**

D. Ordinance – Electric Code Update

Director Nix welcomed Electric Crew Foreman Dick Bronson to Council, who spoke to the method of permitting under Tacoma Power's jurisdiction. Much discussion ensued with no resulting Council action.

A. Ordinance 1<sup>st</sup> Read – Interfund Loan for Purchase of Two Police Cars

Director Garrison explained the need for this loan.

**COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Ott, to approve the attached ordinance authorizing a loan from the General Fund Asset Replacement Fund to the Criminal Justice Fund for an amount not exceed \$76,000 for a period of three years at the current LGIP interest rate for the purpose of purchasing two new 2015 Dodge Chargers.

Councilmembers said this is an example of why the flexibility of in-house borrowing was put in place.

B. Ordinance 1<sup>st</sup> Read – CPI Water Rates

Director Garrison explained the need for this annual increase in water rates to be presented in ordinance format for council's approval, and the proposal to change the code for the increase to take effect on the June billing rather than the January billing.

Some discussion ensued.

C. Ordinance 1<sup>st</sup> Read – CPI Electric Rates

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Some discussion ensued.

E. Contract Approval – Water Comprehensive Plan

Director Nix referred to Council discussion during the budget season and the resulting decision to not include the funds for these studies until more accurate information came available. City Engineer Mark Howlett filled in the details and answered Council questions.

**COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Ott, to authorize the Mayor to execute a consultant services agreement with Gray & Osborne, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$73,345 to update the City's Water System Plan, and authorize a budget adjustment for \$150,000 from the 2016 ending fund balance of the Water Fund.

Some discussion ensued.

**MAYOR PRO TEM ZAROUNDY MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Manley, to amend the motion, changing the verbiage of the last phrase to read, "...and authorize a budget amendment not to exceed \$150,000 from the 2016 ending fund balance of the Water Fund, to include the additional funds needed for the Wellhead Protection Plan and the Operations and Maintenance Protocols." **Passed 7/0.**

**The amended main motion was voted on and passed 6/1.** (Johnson)

F. Final Project Acceptance – City Hall Complex Roof/Siding Improvements

Director Nix provided details on the completion of this project.

**COUNCILMEMBER MANLEY MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Bennest, to approve the final acceptance of the City Hall Complex re-roofing and siding project, identified as project #105.

Councilmembers commented that it turned out great, the grounds have never looked better, and they are happy to see the landscaping improvements.

**The motion was voted on and passed 7/0.**

G. Resolution Approval – All Hazards Mitigation Plan

Postponed to the 3/14 Study Session.

H. Contract Approval – Yakima County Jail Interlocal Agreement

Chief Hernandez explained the benefits for this agreement.

**COUNCILMEMBER OTT MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Bennest, to authorize the Mayor to sign the attached Interlocal Agreement with Yakima County Jail for the purpose of establishing the terms and conditions pursuant to which the City will transfer custody of certain inmates to Yakima County Jail to be housed at Yakima County correctional facility. **Passed 7/0.**

I. Surplus Approval – Police Vehicles

Chief Hernandez explained the condition and need to surplus these vehicles.

**COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to approve the attached Resolution authorizing the surplus of the identified Police Department vehicles. **Passed 7/0.**

J. Approval – Ethics Policy Update

City Clerk Bolam updated council on the legal advice regarding political activities. She reminded council that there is a postponed motion from the February 1 meeting up for vote:

On February 1, 2016, **COUNCILMEMBER BENNEST MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to approve the attached updated Ethics Policy as amended.

**That motion was voted on and passed 7/0.**

K. Recommendation – Zoo Trek Board

City Clerk Bolam updated Council on the status of this recommendation process. Councilmember Whalen recommended Fife Councilwoman Kim Roscoe for the seat; other councilmembers expressed support for that recommendation, and the vote passed 7/0.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilmember Whalen

- Reported on the poor condition of the clothing donation box behind the old Albertson's store
- Reported on the poor visibility while turning right out of the Surprise Lake shopping center to go south on Meridian
- Reported that the stop line is too short for good visibility turning out from the Surprise Lake Apartments
- Happy to head of a health club coming to town

Councilmember Bennest

- Police Awards night was excellent
- Expressed appreciation at the blooming trees on Milton Way
- Appreciates the new signal process at 28<sup>th</sup>/Milton Way – much better

Councilmember Manley

- Emphasized the Town Meeting happening on Tuesday, March 15
- An Albertson's representative reported the opening will likely be later than July
- Appreciates the council tablet – happy to be able to annotate packets, and the battery life is very good

Mayor Pro Tem Zaroudny

- Enjoyed the Police Awards events
- Referred to the removal of trees in her area and subsequent erosion and power outages – suggested addressing this sort of thing in the hazard mitigation plan

Councilmember Ott

- Enjoyed the Police Award event – expressed congratulations to the Police Department
- Appreciates the new signal process at 28<sup>th</sup>/Milton Way – much better
- Appreciated the information received on ST3 project at the SCA meeting
- Requested South Sound Military member city information

Councilmember Morton

- Requested information regarding livestock in the city
- Appreciates the new flashing crosswalk signals and the 28<sup>th</sup>/Milton Way signal process
- Expressed congratulations to the Police Department

Councilmember Johnson

- Enjoyed the Police Awards event
- Enjoyed the PCRC General Assembly event
- Heard from a new resident of Milton that they moved here for the positive reports on our Police Department
- Reported that Freeman Road is scheduled to be closed for one year
- Reported on recent work from SCA

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

Director Nix

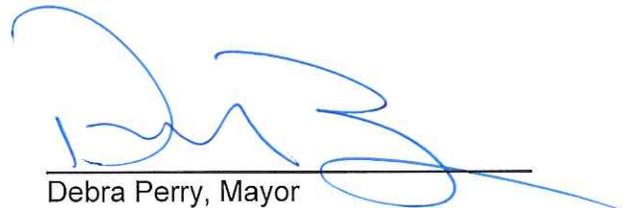
- Reported PSE is installing a gas line on Yuma Street next week
- The Milton Way pedestrian improvement project is moving along, with a bid opening scheduled for March 22
- Presented information to the annual Chamber breakfast

Chief Hernandez

- The police department has completed crisis intervention training
- Referred to the clothing donation box behind Albertson's, saying it has been targeted for clean-up and possible relocation

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 10:00 p.m.



Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:



Katie Bolam, City Clerk