



**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting  
Monday, July 18, 2016  
7:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Zaroudny and Councilmember Morton – **MOTION TO EXCUSE (Manley/Ott) – Passed 5/0.**

**STAFF PRESENT**

Police Chief Hernandez, Finance Director Garrison, Interim Public Works Director Howlett, and City Clerk Bolam

**ADDITIONS / DELETIONS**

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Rod Ash	He is offended by the lack of respect shown to the Park and the Memorial – understands there’s a small group objecting to the 9-11 Memorial, saying it’s ugly and twisted – yes, it is, like the perpetrators of 9-11 – it’s a shame a sign is necessary to tell people to be respectful around a memorial
Rob MacDonald	Heard there were complaints about a handmade sign at the VFW Memorial – humbly apologize to City and neighbors – just trying to keep kids from using it as a jungle gym – requests the city to place more than one sign in a place where it might be read – also wonders how inappropriate it is that some of our schools don’t say the pledge of allegiance, even if they remove the word “God” – how inappropriate is it to not remove a hat at the appearance of the flag in parades and such – provided a list of some local veterans’ names  About the park being closed at dusk – we have two officers patrolling – I see vehicles parking at all hours of the day/night right under the No

	<p>Parking sign, and pedestrians and those with strollers having to pull around the parked cars – continual; even after officers come to send one group away, five minutes later there’s another group</p> <p>Bottom line – requests signs at the park about park closing at dusk and to keep off the memorial</p>
Jacquelyn Whalen	<p>Understand why that sign went up – saw truck with tailgate up against the Arlington Oak protection grate</p> <p>Love to see speed limit reduced on Milton Way and Porter Way to 25 mph</p> <p>Hope there will be discussion on the attorney contract tonight – wonders about a conflict with Fife</p> <p>Participated in the clean up on Pacific Hwy – great turn out; even with bright T-shirts and reflective vests provided, still needed police protection – thanks to Sergeant Luckman!</p>
Jack Chandler	<p>Not here to defend the hand-made sign, but agrees it is necessary to remind the public that the memorial is a place of respect</p> <p>Also would like to see additional signage that is easily visible reminding the public that the park is closed at dusk</p> <p>Requests the city to contact Nintendo and have the Memorial removed from the Pokemon game – people sitting on the wall and the fountain at 9:10 pm – officer suggests this Nintendo contact – gamers are forming teams and applying graffiti as a means of game identification to other teams</p>
Heather Popp	<p>Pokemon Go game is a community-building game – everyone she has spoken to have been very respectful – there are people looking at the memorial who would have never stopped to look at it</p> <p>The 911 memorial – my concern is that, to me, it glorifies the destruction that it represents – our park is going to be used by kids – if the memorial doesn’t wish to attract kids, another location might be best considered</p>
Tom Boyle	<p>Was unable to participate in the clean-up – saw the results and it is amazing what a small group of people can do in such a small period of time – thanks to all volunteers, police, and city staff – encourage participation in future events – guarantee I will be there</p> <p>Kudos for the message sign for motorists on Milton Way, as well as crosswalk signals</p> <p>Volunteering for Milton Days again – look forward to seeing everyone</p> <p>Thanks to entire Milton PD – we all know what’s going on around the country – disheartening to see – expects to see additional training costs to support the safety of our officers</p>
Rob MacDonald	<p>Just to clarify, no problem with the Pokemon Go game – would like to see the rest of the park used instead of just the memorial</p>
Heather Popp	<p>The graffiti tagging that was mentioned is virtual tagging – as a player, I have yet to see physical graffiti</p>

**The motion was voted on and passed 4/1 (Manley).**

C. Grant Acceptance – School Zone LIDAR and Radar Units

Chief Hernandez explained this repeat grant opportunity and award.

**COUNCILMEMBER BENNEST MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, to accept the Washington Traffic Safety Commission grant in an amount of up \$2,625.00 for the purchase of (1) LIDAR unit and (1) Moving Radar to support school zone enforcement.

Council expressed appreciation for the staff's grant-writing successes like this one.

**The motion was voted on and passed 5/0.**

D. Position Approval – Police Officer

Chief Hernandez handed out a draft document detailing staffing needs, and discussion ensued, including the financial impact and budget planning. Chief Hernandez expressed support for the many varied needs of the city as a whole, and this proposal is an attempt to cover just one of those needs, that of public and officer safety.

**COUNCILMEMBER BENNEST MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to approve an additional Police Officer position for the Milton Police Department, authorize the appropriate budget amendment, and authorize the Mayor to fill the position. **Passed 5/0.**

Lower Ballfield Renaming Discussion

Mayor Perry asked Council for direction regarding this issue presented during citizen participation last week.

Council discussion ensued, and Council expressed the following points:

- Renaming a city park is not right for the city at this time
- Little League is encouraged to consider a memorial bench or other such item at the park
- Very difficult thing to contemplate – there are other ways to bring recognition

Mayor Perry added:

- That ball field is sinking every year – nothing is going to remove the natural destruction of the ball field
- Fife-Milton-Edgewood naming of many places that Milton is supporting – the petition signatures from the City of Milton are the only names that can be considered
- Supports the T-ball program whole-heartedly
- Very supportive of another form of honor for Carson

**STAFF REPORTS**

Director Howlett

- Progress report on Milton Way pedestrian improvement project – all underground so far, but curb and sidewalk coming soon
- Thanks to all who helped with the clean-up day

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of:

- A. Minutes
  - i. June 11, 2016 Special Meeting
- B. Voucher and Payroll Approval
  - i. Approval of the checks/vouchers numbered 59655-59692 in the amount of \$409,782.67.

**COUNCILMEMBER MANLEY MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to approve the Consent Agenda. **Passed 5/0.**

## **REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Perry reordered the agenda, to allow for Attorney Olbrechts to leave the meeting.

- A. Contract Approval – Land Use Attorney Services – Olbrechts & Associates, PLLC

Director Howlett introduced Phil Olbrechts, providing his city and regional background and credentials; Mr. Olbrechts added to this information. Explained his involvement as the Hearings Examiner for Fife, which is not a conflict of interest issue, just an appearance of fairness issue, which is easily handled by a subcontractor.

Council asked some clarifying questions:

- Milton's Hearings Examiner is Steven Causseaux, Jr.
- Once contracted, Mr. Olbrechts doesn't change his rate.

**COUNCILMEMBER MANLEY MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Ott, to approve the attached contract for Land Use Attorney services with Oblrechts and Assocaites, PLLC.

Councilmembers expressed support for the land-use specialty work within the legal field.

**The motion was voted on and passed 5/0.**

- B. Ordinance – Inattentive Driving

Chief Hernandez explained this proposed action and the need for it.

Council expressed support, and some discussion ensued.

**COUNCILMEMBER OTT MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to approve the addition of Section 10.18.010 "Inattentive Driving" to the Milton Municipal Code.

<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Tom Boyle	Citizen participation is an important part of items being considered by Council.

what happens in that area – possibly pursuing grants from the “historical highway” program

- Heather Hills barbecue was a wonderful time – they have a breakfast once a month – they love to see council attend
- There’s nothing for the tweens and teens here – the Pokemon phenom is a good thing, even if the message of respect does need to get out
- 9-11 Memorial needs to be an education piece – if it isn’t a teaching monument, there’ll be no connection and the respect will be harder to garner
- Brent is doing a great job taking care of the flowers at the top of the park
- Attended Relay for Life event – the city helped bring the event to life and does have a team with collecting happening – no one from neighboring cities, even while called the FME Relay
- Shared an email received today from Mayor Pro Tem Zaroudny, resigning her position – she, and we, are brokenhearted
- Next meeting we will discuss filling the vacant council position

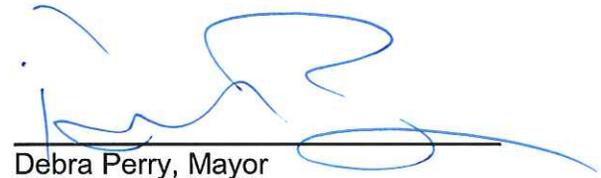
Canceling the August 15 Council Meeting

Mayor Perry announced that she will be out of town on this date, and there is not currently a Mayor Pro Tem.

**COUNCILMEMBER BENNEST MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Manley, to cancel the August 15 Council meeting. **Passed 5/0.**

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:



Katie Bolam, City Clerk

- Planning Commission meeting next week, looking at low-impact development, sign code, nuisance code, and street standards

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

### Councilmember Johnson

- Participated in the clean-up day – great event
- Adopt-a-street/Adopt-a-site ordinance – encourage to bring that alive
- Attended Fife music event
- Drone rules needed to protect our city
- Swales/ditches – how does the city inform a property owner of their responsibility (ie. two trees growing on Yuma and 8<sup>th</sup>)
- City website – saw ILAs on website and didn't see Normandy Park/IT contract
- Interested in banners added to the budget to line Milton Way
- Would like to get the school area crosswalks artistically painted
- Would like council meeting audio on the website

### Councilmember Ott

- Would like to see matching light fixtures up Milton Way (confirmed by Director Howlett)

### Councilmember Manley

- Participated in the clean-up day – great event – huge difference
- Disturbed by the mess on tribal property left for volunteers to clean up
- Attended Heather Hills barbecue – council attendance appreciated
- Looking at the purchase of a drone
- It's a good thing that people are coming to our park and seeing the memorial

### Councilmember Bennest

- Attended Edgewood picnic – huge success – different layout
- Light at Safeway/ 28<sup>th</sup> – 5-minute wait – would like to see that fixed
- Pokemon Go – whole new generation – encourages everyone to adjust

### Councilmember Whalen

- Thanks to Tom Boyle for returning to Milton Days
- Everyone looks at Pokemon differently – not everyone sees it as a benefit
- Kemper Play Field – watched a dog on a leash defecating on play equipment – proposes dogs are not allowed there
- Enjoyed providing historical knowledge on past city actions
- WSDOT wants to work with one permitting agency – would like to see that be Milton

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Reminder that for an item to be added to a future agenda, at least two councilmembers need to request it
- Event Committee working very hard – very organized – things are ahead of schedule – another car wash this Saturday at Les Schwab – need hard-working bodies to help
- Happy to attend the clean-up effort – amazing the difference – then to go to the other side of Porter and see clearly where it stopped – so important for us to dictate