



Regular Meeting
Monday – October 14, 2013
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor called the regularly-scheduled meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Whalen, Jones, Ott, Morton, Manley, and Zaroudny

Absent Mayor Perry

STAFF PRESENT

City Administrator Mukerjee, Public Works Director Neal, and Finance Director Tylor

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS

City Administrator Mukerjee announced that Item 7B would be deleted.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Speaker	Address	Comments
Wally Felice	President, Fife Lions Club	He gave a brief history of the club and said that there are 16 active members, and they are hoping to grow their numbers. He invited councilmembers to join, saying they meet on the 1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays in Dacca Barn in Fife.
Leonard Sanderson	1201 24 th Ave Ct	He would like to see the issue of utilizing a specific property for commercial parking brought to Council sooner than it is currently scheduled for.
Jerry Thorson	Fire Chief	There is a measure on the November 5 ballot to increase the size of the board of fife commissioners

		from 5 members to 7.
Beverly Webber	1701 Utah Ct	She expressed disappointment that the T-Ball benches item was deleted from the agenda – it's very important to the Park Board. (Councilmember Whalen later addressed this, explaining the need to postpone this item.) Shared recent Park Board activities – new secretary, fund raiser, Parks Appreciation Day, 2014 Work Plan. And there are no board member terms expiring this year.
Rob MacDonald	1308 15 th Ave	The covers on the tennis court lights have been tipped down and that's been very helpful. 911 Memorial Committee – reminder that City Council decides on the location.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of:

- A. Minutes from the meetings of 9/16/2013 and 10/7/2013.
- B. Checks/voucher numbers 54284-54449 in the amount of \$794,030.76
- C. Payroll disbursement for 9/5/2013 and 9/20/2013 in the amount of \$349,805.28.

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

PUBLIC HEARING – 2014 Budget Revenue Estimates

Director Tyler explained the two primary changes that have been made since the September 19 version.

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor opened the Public Hearing at 7:23 pm, and called for citizen comment.

Speaker	Address	Comments
Leonard Sanderson	1201 24 th Ave Ct	Compared a few of the revenue figures to the 2013 budget, advising that care be taken to compare apples to apples.

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor closed the Public Hearing at 7:26 pm

There was no council comment.

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Adoption of Tax Levy

City Administrator Mukerjee and Director Tylor explained the purpose of this annual ordinance. Director Tylor confirmed that, while we are still waiting for Pierce County's final valuation numbers, new construction has been factored in.

COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to adopt an ordinance of the City of Milton, Pierce and King Counties, Washington, establishing the Regular Tax Levy for properties located in Pierce County and King County for the year 2014.

Councilmember Whalen said that, while every year this remains an awkward document that is difficult to understand, he has great trust in the Pierce County contact and in Finance Director Tylor.

Councilmember Jones said this gets a little easier each year to understand and he supports it.

Speaker	Address	Comments
Leonard Sanderson	1201 24 th Ave Ct	Provided an explanation of the levy and the concept of the banked funds.

The matter was voted on and passed 7/0.

B. Park Board Recommendation for T-Ball Field Player Benches

Item deleted.

C. AWC Self-Insurance Resolution

City Administrator Mukerjee explained that AWC, through which the City provides health insurance benefits, is switching to a self-insured policy, so a new agreement is needed. It will have no change to the coverage provided. He confirmed that there will be no cost increase for 2014.

COUNCILMEMBER JONES MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Morton, to approve Resolution 13-1839 and authorize the Mayor to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) authorizing the City of Milton to participate in AWC's self-insured model for the provision of medical, dental and vision benefit plans beginning January 1, 2014.

Councilmember Jones said with no changes for employees or the City, it is a housekeeping item.

The matter was voted on and passed 7/0.

D. General Fund Budget Review

Director Tylor said there are very few changes from the current year, and went through the document fund by fund explaining differences and answering questions.

Some notables:

- Director Tylor will report back why the large difference in election costs, but much is probably due to redistricting.
- Some new funds created as recommended by the auditor – money therefore moved out of one fund and into another.
- Parks fund – Director Tylor will report back on a possible discrepancy between projected and actual.

Speaker	Address	Comments
Leonard Sanderson	1201 24 th Ave Ct	Suggested that the utility costs in the Activity Center may change due to the new Police Department

Councilmember Whalen said he likes the format, and he commented on the similarity to last year's budget as a reflection of an inability to do much.

Councilmember Zaroudny echoed her appreciation for the way budget is presented.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- Joint Base Lewis McChord held a law enforcement shooting competition, and the Milton Police Department took first place, earning the Top Dog Award.

COUNCIL REPORTS

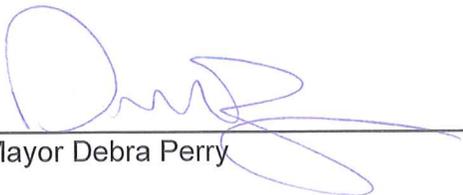
All Councilmembers expressed pride and admiration for the work done on the new Police Department space.

- Councilmember Whalen
 - Attended the candidate forum and found it informative. He said the Mayor did an outstanding job representing the city.
- Councilmember Jones
 - He has noticed that Milton Way is being kept up nicely.
- Councilmember Ott
 - He has heard complaints from additional citizens about Alder St/28th area construction worker parking, leaving only 1.5 lanes open. City Administrator Mukerjee said he did drive there and, while he needed to navigate the flagger, found it reasonable for a construction area.
 - Thanked the members of the audience for staying and paying attention to the budget.
- Councilmember Morton
 - Noticed the 28th Ave hydroseeding and weeding, saying it looks much better.

- Councilmember Manley
 - Provided a real estate report.
- Councilmember Zaroudny
 - Suggested the City formally recognize the police officers for the work on the Department space.
 - Attended the candidate forums and encouraged voting.
- Mayor Pro Tem Taylor
 - He has heard continued complaints about the 28th Ave/Milton Way traffic signal.
 - Wondered about the For Sale sign on the post office property – citizen Susan Johnson explained the lease.
 - Happy to hear that restaurant Puerto Vallarta will be opening in the old Melaque space.

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Ott, to adjourn –
Adjourned at 9:17 p.m.



Mayor Debra Perry

ATTEST:



Lisa Tylor, City Clerk