



## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

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**Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 21, 2012**  
**7:00 p.m.**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Perry called the regularly-scheduled meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL**

Council Members present were Jones, Manley, Ott, Taylor, Whalen, and Zaroudny.

Council Member absent was Morton.

**COUNCILMEMBER OTT MOVED** to excuse Councilmember Morton from the meeting. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor.

The motion was voted on and carried 6-0.

### **STAFF PRESENT**

City Administrator Mukerjee, Police Chief Rhoads, Public Works Director Neal, Planner Larson, and Deputy City Clerk Stevenson-Ness were present.

### **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS**

Councilmember Whalen requested a brief discussion regarding the Council Finance Committee. Mayor Perry added the discussion Item F to the Regular Agenda.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of:

- A. Minutes of February 6, 2012, regular meeting and February 13, 2012, study session;
- B. The February 5, 2012, payroll direct deposits, checks, and benefits, in the amount of \$224,613.30;
- C. The checks/vouchers numbers 52227-52290 and ACH payments in the amount of \$300,349.81; and void checks 52228-52229; and
- D. AB12-021: Amendment to Municipal Judge Agreement

**COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED** to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Zaroudny.

The motion was voted on and carried 6-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

City Administrator Mukerjee and Planner Larson provided information regarding the proposed annexation.

Planner Chris Larson, Sgt. Nils Lofgren and Officer Russ Hume were recognized for the work they've done on the annexation.

Mayor Perry opened the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Speaking before Council:

<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Ken Luce	900 Meridian East	Supports the annexation and ask Council to approve; thanked Council for support of AUSA 2/75 <sup>th</sup> Ranger Battalion

Mayor Perry closed the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### **A. AB12-022: Adoption of the Pacific Highway E Annexation Ordinance**

City Administrator Mukerjee and Planner Larson provided a brief history of the annexation and stated this is the final approval step in the annexation process. After the ordinance is adopted, a census will be conducted in the annexation area.

**COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED** to approve Ordinance 1785-12, annexing the portion of real property legally described in Exhibit A, to be assessed and taxed at the same rate and basis as other properties located in the City of Milton, establishing its zoning as Business (B), and establishing the effective date of annexation. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor.

The motion was voted on and carried 6-0.

### **B. AB12-023: Amending the Events Committee Ordinance**

City Administrator Mukerjee stated there has been some interest expressed by area residents who do not reside in Milton to take part in the work of the Events Committee. Additionally, there are individuals who would like to participate in the planning of specific events, but do not want to serve permanently on the committee. The proposed amendment is designed to address these issues by expanding the committee from 7 to 11 members and changing the number of members required for a quorum.

**MAYOR PRO TEM TAYLOR MOVED** to approve Ordinance 1786-12 amending the Events Committee. Seconded by Councilmember Jones.

The motion was voted on and carried 6-0.

### **C. AB12-024: Bid Award – 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue & 1 Million Gallon Booster Stations**

Public Works Director Neal discussed the background for the project. She stated they are part of the Water capital projects that are financed by the sale of bonds in 2010. The project is now designed and ready for construction. Completion of the electrical and telemetry work under this contract and the pump installation by staff is scheduled for the end of August.

**MAYOR PRO TEM TAYLOR MOVED** to authorize the Mayor to award the construction contract for the 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 1 MG Booster Stations Project to Totem Electric of Tacoma, Inc. for a bid amount of \$315,072 including tax, and to sign the related contract documents. Seconded by Councilmember Whalen.

The motion was voted on and carried 6-0.

### **D. AB12-025: Purchase of Meter Reader Replacement Vehicle**

City Administrator Mukerjee and Director Neal outlined the reasons for the acquisition of a new truck for the meter reader. Director Neal explained the purchase process for the vehicle. She also stated the needed repairs are approximately three

times the value of the vehicle and repairing the vehicle wouldn't be prudent. She then outlined the options available for the purchase of the truck.

**COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED** to approve the purchase of a replacement meter reader vehicle for an estimated cost of \$24,000 plus taxes, fees and licensing to be equally funded from the water and electric utility funds, and authorize the Mayor to sign any necessary documents related thereto. Seconded by Councilmember Manley.

The motion was voted on and carried 4-2. (Jones, Ott)

**E. AB12-026: Appointment of Mayor Perry to Pierce Transit's Public Transportation Improvement Conference (PTIC).**

City Administrator Mukerjee outlined the reasons for appointing a representative to the PTIC. The Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners has created and convened a Pierce Transportation Improvement Conference (PTIC) for the purposes of delineating Pierce Transit's service area to evaluate the need for a public transportation improvement area. For Pierce Transit, this process will allow it to evaluate revisions to its service area following the failure of a voted sales tax measure to fund transit services.

In order to participate in this process, each city must officially appoint a representative to this conference.

**MAYOR PRO TEM TAYLOR MOVED** to approve Resolution 12-1815 to appoint Mayor Perry to Pierce Transit's Public Transportation Improvement Conference. Seconded by Councilmember Jones.

The motion was voted on and carried 6-0.

**F. Discussion of Finance Committee**

Councilmember Whalen stated in light of current events and changes occurring in the state and instability of the budget, he feels the need to retract his statement that a Finance Committee is not needed. He is concerned about waiting until after the Council retreat. There are too many things going on and a Finance Committee can help.

City Administrator Mukerjee stated the committee was created and appointed by Council who sets the agenda and meeting time and frequency. Authority is given to the committee by Council. Committees of the Council are given charge to delve into topics and the chair presents report to council. Appointments are made for three councilmembers, meetings are open to public and cannot take action on behalf of council.

On the direction of Council, the item will be brought back to the Council as an agenda item on the next agenda without going to study session.

## CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Mukerjee reported on:

- Reminded Council of the Planning Short Course to be held on February 22 from 6:30-9:30; sponsored by Department of Commerce

## COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Zaroudny reported on:

- Attended the PCRC General Assembly; felt it was a good meeting and said it is important to be mindful that we're part of the entire region and to keep in mind our future development; Also feels it is important to have more interaction with the Planning Commission; Requested a discussion about working together at the Council retreat;

Councilmember Manley reported on:

- Appreciative of opportunity to attend PCRC General Assembly; felt there was a good speaker who really made you think;
- Spoke with Damian Jenkins, Director of Transportation for Fife Schools; regarding Porter Way resurfacing for next spring 2013

Councilmember Ott reported on:

- Apologize if he offended anyone in the discussion regarding water tank maintenance
- Attended PCRC General Assembly; felt it was a good meeting;
- Looking forward to attending the Short Course on February 22;
- Discussed his brother who is quadriplegic and depends on Shuttle and public transportation to get to work and how the PTIC could affect him;

Councilmember Whalen reported on:

- Not attending East Pierce Fire and Rescue meeting but will get information on that meeting from Mrs. Whalen;
- Talked to a very enthusiastic work crew cleaning the park; thanked them for their work; crews know they have an alternative and are excited to participate
- Inquired about the Puget Sound Energy gas line going up Yuma; 400 feet up hill, connection needed for development of facility on 20<sup>th</sup> and Freeman
- Nice celebration of John Knorr's life; first paid firefighter in Milton, career spanned 25+ years; very entertaining man; proud to have known him

Councilmember Jones reported on:

- Drove down Juniper Street, no speed limit signs between 15<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> ;
- Brown water problem is back and has received calls from citizens;

Director Neal addressed the brown water issue. She stated it is associated with the fact that the 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue tank is empty for painting and the water is rerouted. The system is delicate and when the pressure changes dramatically, sediment is stirred up. The tank is completed and curing now and it will be partially filled and testing samples will be taken in the following week.

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor reported on:

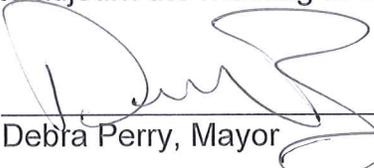
- House/Senate bill re: alternatives to cities for raising funds for street preventative maintenance (watching process, has a lot of implications for cities)
- Attended Boy Scout ceremony and game night; spoke with new executive director and regional director; would like to have a relationship with the City of Milton; would like to set up meeting.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

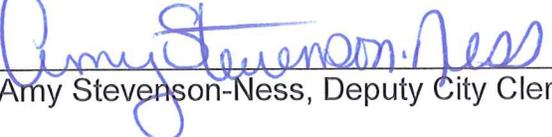
- Attended the Ranger Ball on February 16, 2012. Said that prior to the ball she wasn't in complete understanding about the AUSA purpose: Rangers want to be recognized and want to know that we care; There were 1,200 Rangers in attendance; It was a celebration and opportunity to get together. Thanked Milton for adopting them.
- Park Appreciation Day, April 21, 2012; rangers will be in attendance; donations will be accepted;
- There will be a meeting hosted by the owners of the facility at Freeman Road and 20<sup>th</sup> Street involving City Manager Zabell and Mayor Perry;
- Attended the memorial service for John Knorr; was our first fire marshal; diagnosed with cancer 14 years ago; very nice man;
- Reminded Council of the sign dedication for Kelsey Parrett on February 26, 2012 at 11:00 at Faith Family Church.

### ADJOURNMENT

**COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m.  
Voice voted was taken and carried 6-0

  
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Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Amy Stevenson-Ness, Deputy City Clerk