



**Special Meeting**  
**Monday, November 4, 2013**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Perry called the special meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

- 2. ROLL CALL:** Council Members present: Whalen, Jones, Ott, Morton, Manley and Zaroudny, and Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor.

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Administrator Mukerjee and Finance Director Lisa Tylor. Police Chief Rhoads and Public Works Director Neal joined the meeting during open session.

**Executive Session:** Mayor Perry recessed the meeting and convened to Executive Session on labor negotiations with the Police Guild, not to last more than 30 minutes.

At 7:00 p.m. the Mayor announced that the Executive Session was being extended by 10 minutes. The Executive Session ended at 7:10 p.m., and the Mayor announced a 10 minute break.

The open meeting resumed at 7:20 p.m. with the flag salute.

- 3. Additions/Deletions:** None.

**4. Citizen Participation:**

<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Steve Russell	2711 35 <sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Auburn	Spoke in favor of installing the park benches behind the T-Ball backstops in Triangle Park. The FMELL had raised \$1,025. He had no issue with people sleeping on the benches, and asked if the benches ended up not being installed, where would the money go.

**5. Regular Agenda**

**A. Park Board Recommendation – T Ball Field Player Benches**

City Administrator Mukerjee and Director Neal described the recommended installation on concrete slabs. The locations behind the backstops would require some cutting into the hillside slope, building small retaining walls, and extension of the current fencing to cover the length of the 15 foot long benches. The installation costs are estimated at approximately \$1,000 per bench.

Council discussions included details of the installation process, bench locations, could the current backstops be moved forward to avoid cutting into the hill slope, and whether the

benches would interfere with the cardboard sliding event during the Milton Days event. Councilmembers also felt that some of the materials could be donated from contractors and suppliers, and that this project was a good example of the community coming together to help improve a city park.

**COUNCILMEMBER OTT MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Manley, to approve the Park Board's recommendation to install T-ball player's benches in Triangle Park, add this project to the budgeted Capital Improvements for 2014 Budget, accept the donations and appropriate the expenditures of the balance from REET funds. **Passed 7-0.**

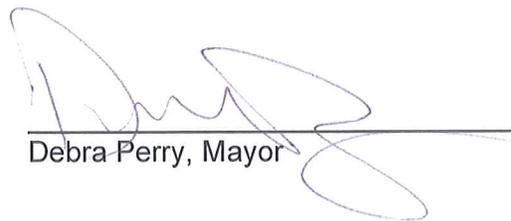
**B. 2014 Budget Study Session**

City Administrator Mukerjee, and Finance Director Tylor opened the continuing discussions on the budget and, along with Director Neal, responded to questions from Councilmembers. Discussions included whether or not to use the projected interest earning from the Strategic Reserve Fund, whether to add positions that were not currently in the proposed budget or any additional projects, including a protected left-turn signal at the intersection on Milton Way and 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and listing projects previously brought up by Councilmembers during retreats. At the end of the discussion, individual councilmember's preferences were as follows:

Whalen: Senior Financial Analyst, Exempt Employee salary adjustments and 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue traffic signal.  
Jones: Hold making any changes now.  
Taylor: Hold making any changes now.  
Ott: 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue traffic signal, Senior Financial Analyst, Exempt Employee salary adjustments.  
Morton: Exempt Employee salary adjustments and 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue traffic signal.  
Manley: Senior Financial Analyst, Exempt Employee salary adjustments, Seasonal Workers, Facility Roofing.  
Zaroudny: Exempt Employee salary adjustments, Senior Financial Analyst.

Council will have further discussions after the 2<sup>nd</sup> public hearing on November 12<sup>th</sup> and give formal directions on any changes for the preparation of the budget ordinance.

The meeting ended at 9:40 p.m.

  
Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:

LISA M TYLOR  
Lisa Tylor, City Clerk