



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Study Session
Monday – August 11, 2014
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Perry called the special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Perry, Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, Councilmembers Jones, Ott, Morton, Manley, and Zaroudny

Absent: Councilmember Whalen – **MOTION** (Taylor/Jones) to excuse – **Passed 6/0.**

STAFF PRESENT

City Administrator Langford, City Attorney Snyder, Public Works Director Neal, Finance Director Tylor, City Clerk Bolam, Building Official Dana Herron

ACTION ITEMS

A. Meet with Staff – Building Official

Director Neal introduced Dana Herron, Milton's Building Official. Mr. Herron shared information about his background and day-to-day job and responsibilities, and answered Council's questions. Discussion regarding staffing levels ensued.

B. Electrical System Plan Update

Director Neal introduced the president of EES Consulting, Gary Soleba, who presented on the electric system plan update and the three available scenarios for the development of the Cost of Service Analysis.

Mayor Perry asked for the consultant's advice, which is to purchase the substation before BPA rebuilds it, likely to be in the next 3-5 years.

A brief question-and-answer time ensued.

Mayor called for a recess at 8:38; called back to order at 8:48 pm.

C. Marijuana Regulations Discussion

City Attorney Snyder provided a power point presentation on the current status of the marijuana laws and local communities' actions.

Some question-and-answer time ensued.

Mayor Perry asked Council to round-table any questions/comments they have on all of tonight's topics.

Councilmember Zaroudny

- Dana's info was interesting – need to look at help for that department
- Power – buying substation is in the cards – space out the increases
- Marijuana – ultimately supports legalizing in Milton, but best to stay out for now

Councilmember Manley

- Agrees with Councilmember Zaroudny's comments.

Councilmember Morton

- Dana – great to have staff present for better understanding
- Power – best to purchase substation, either now or after BPA repairs – best interest for city to keep the electric utility – formalize tie with Tacoma
- Marijuana – supports presence in the city at some level, but unsure of where/how

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor

- Agrees with previous comments
- Enterprise funds a lifesaver through the recession – should not sell – supports a more immediate purchase

Councilmember Ott

- Power – spot-on presentation – supports purchase of substation sooner than later
- Marijuana – cannot approve legalization in the city – too many federal regulations

Councilmember Jones

- Dana – wants to get staffing help for that department
- Power – supports purchasing and rebuilding substation soon, and formalizing tie with Tacoma
- Marijuana – would support allowing with correct zoning and without draining our power – would also support banning based on federal action

D. Council Report Protocol

Council agreed to postpone this discussion until September.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 10:00 p.m.



Debra Perry, Mayor



ATTEST:

Katie Bolam, City Clerk