



Study Session
Monday – September 8, 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 Whalen, Jones, Ott, Morton, Manley, and Zaroudny

Absent: None

STAFF PRESENT

Interim City Administrator Langford, Public Works Director Neal, Finance Director Tylor, City Clerk Bolam

ACTION ITEMS

A. Street Standards

Director Neal explained this study item.

Councilmember Whalen explained that his primary focus is local access.

Discussion included:

- taking fees in lieu of improvements and the desire of developers who don't want the improvements, preferring the character of the unimproved street
- encouraging the definition of neighborhood or local streets, as opposed to a thoroughfare
- the code requirement for 3" of roadway on low-traveled streets
- how long it may take to change the standards
- how to designate which streets to improve
- parking of commercial vehicles in residential areas and in front of homes
- use of speed bumps
- possibility of placing triggers for improvement requirements

Mayor Perry asked council what steps they'd like taken on this subject:

- Councilmember Manley – have Planning Commission work on it in 2015 – work more with chart to define incentive for certain streets
- Councilmember Zaroudny – have Planning Commission work on it in 2015 – no rush – leaning toward differentiating between streets
- Councilmember Morton – definitely look at it further to make changes – sending to the Planning Commission is fine if that's best
- Councilmember Ott – definitely look at further
- Mayor Pro Tem Taylor – have Planning Commission work on it in 2015 – no rush
- Councilmember Jones – likes the in-lieu option – need to review further for changes
- Councilmember Whalen – have Planning Commission work on it in 2015 – work toward changes
- Mayor – perhaps look more into identifiable neighborhoods, as Milton once was

B. Fire Services

Interim City Administrator Langford introduced this item and welcomed Chief Thorson. He is looking for ways to get the most out of the current agreement, and pointed to the possibility of opening the agreement for modifications.

Chief Thorson emphasized his commitment to be more attentive to this agreement. He responded to the specific items on the agenda bill:

- Very willing to sit down and look at any modifications to the agreement.
- Hydrants – rest of the district is on a 3-year rotation – Milton is on a one-year rotation, which started earlier this year in response to council concerns.
- Inspections – they are meeting contract language. Staffing in prevention is too low for annual inspections, which is not in the contract, and there are no plans for more personnel. The city and district can talk about ways to improve with existing staff levels.

Council pointed out that Milton enjoyed the fire marshal annual inspections before contracting with EPFD, and were surprised that under the contract that went away.

Discussion ensued regarding the allowance of court workers for hydrant maintenance while volunteer fire-fighters are not allowed. The method of testing a hydrant was explained, and the reasoning for allowing this task to be completed by non-union means.

Councilmember Ott stated his high concern about the lack of routine inspection services, at least semi-annually.

Chief Thorson handed out the latest run-statistics report and briefed the council on how to read and understand it.

Mayor Perry expressed appreciation for EPFD's participation in Milton Days.

Councilmember Whalen thanked the EPFD staff for their concerned response and care to Milton's citizens.

Mayor Perry asked about a timeline for staffing the station. Chief Thorson said that alarms will drive that timing, and it will eventually happen. The opening of Stoneridge will be a challenge and necessitate a thorough staffing review.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:


Katie Bolam, City Clerk