



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Monday, February 2, 2015
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Perry called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, Councilmembers Whalen (arrived 6:40), Ott, Morton, Manley, and Zaroudny

Absent: Councilmember Jones

STAFF PRESENT

Finance Director Garrison, Police Chief Hernandez, Interim Public Works Director Perteet, Attorney Park, and City Clerk Bolam

Mayor Perry recessed to Executive Session at 6:37 until 7:15.
The executive session was extended until 7:30.

The meeting was called back to regular session at 7:35.

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS

None.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Speaker	Address	Comments
Katrina Asay	Police Foundation Chair	Thanks to those who have purchased tickets to the Police Foundation Dinner. Tickets available at City Hall.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of:

A. Minutes

a. January 20, 2015 Regular Meeting

B. Voucher and Payroll Approval

- a. Checks/vouchers 56195-56204 from 2014 in the amount of \$ 78,821.09.
- b. Checks/vouchers 56205-56291 from 2015 in the amount of \$ 1,350,907.95.
- c. Payroll of 1/20/2015 in the amount of \$ 15,062.09.

Councilmember Ott asked questions regarding the "Sensus metering" and "Unemployment" items from the vouchers. Director Garrison clarified these items.

COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, to approve the Consent Agenda. **Passed 6/0.**

PROCLAMATIONS

- Honoring our Men and Women in Blue

The proclamation was read into the record and presented to Chief Hernandez.

REGULAR AGENDA

- Appointment to the Event Committee

Mayor Perry referred to the applications included in the packet.

Susan Johnson spoke of the two applicants favorably.

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Ott, to approve the Mayor's appointments of Christy Dean and Ty Hanson to the Event Committee for terms to expire May 31, 2018.

Council expressed appreciation for the new volunteers.

The motion was voted on and passed 6/0.

- Lodging Tax Revenue

Mayor Perry introduced this item for discussion and action if council sees fit.

Attorney Park spoke of the two ordinances included in the packet for council's consideration, and gave details regarding the possible tax.

He answered clarifying questions, including what the funds can be used for, the creation of a board to review/manage the use of the funds, and that RV parks would qualify.

Councilmember Ott shared the statistic that approximately 50% of Washington cities have levied the 2%, and approximately 33% have levied the 4%.

COUNCILMEMBER OTT MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Zaroudny, to adopt the Ordinance amending Title 3 of the Milton Municipal Code by adding a new Chapter 3.17; levying a Lodging Excise Tax of 4 percent.”

Council expressed that this is an appropriate and beneficial move for Milton at this time, without a downside.

Councilmember Whalen expressed a disappointment in a single-reading of an ordinance in principle.

Attorney Park explained the steps needed for this to be put into effect once passed, which would take several weeks. He said that once each year the funds would be reviewed and earmarked for use.

The motion was voted on and passed 6/0.

- Public Works Uniform Contract Amendment

Interim Director Perteet introduced this item and the savings for the city. Council expressed pleasure at this coming forward.

COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Morton, to authorize the City to enter into a no-cost membership agreement with the National Joint Power Alliance Program (NJPA) and to utilize that membership to allow the City to revise its contract with our current uniform supplier, UniFirst, for a substantial savings.”
Passed 6/0.

- Fee Schedule

Director Garrison reviewed the updates proposed on the fee schedule.

Discussion and clarifying questions ensued.

COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Morton, to approve the attached Fee Schedule Resolution.

Council expressed pleasure with these housekeeping catches.

The motion was voted on and passed 6/0.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Whalen

- Concern expressed regarding tractor-trailers and dropped trailers in the south end of the Safeway parking lot.

Councilmember Zaroudny

- Audits are a check-and-balance good thing. Looking back and assigning blame is a complete waste of time. Just glad things have been caught to be corrected.

Councilmember Manley

- Attended an MBA seminar regarding the economic outlook, where the thinking is that this area is in a good position and better than most.

Councilmember Morton

- Requested information on police cars – Chief Hernandez explained status.
- Fencing by L.A.Tan looks bad.
- Director Perteet answered that a replacement sign for Hilltower Park has been ordered.

Councilmember Ott

- Director Perteet answered that the new retirement community is finalizing the storm water requirements and should be open in a couple weeks.
- Requested information on city cell phones.
- Contacted sporting goods stores to try to bring interest in the Harland Clark building.
- Mayor Perry provided information related to the Haggen ownership of Albertson's and Safeway.

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor

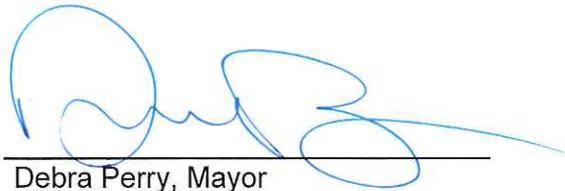
- No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Shared the recent passing of Mill Ridge citizen Jane Longey.
- Referred to the comprehensive plan, calling it impressive.
- Betty Garrison is now our official Finance Director – she deserves it, and has the full respect of her department.
 - Director Garrison explained a new utility billing issue for this period, at the fault of our service provider. A corrected version with a letter of explanation will be mailed.
- Event Committee has begun meeting for Milton Days – there's room for more people!
- The senior center does not have enough volunteers. We're looking for ideas to help the seniors out.
- Attended a meeting for Pierce Transit in Edgewood, explaining the changes in service to come.
- Copper Creek Apartments have had some recent problems related to billing issues and an electrical malfunction.
- Mayor handed out a staff spreadsheet regarding rental statistics.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 9:05 p.m.



Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:



Katie Bolam, City Clerk