



Regular Meeting
 Monday, July 20, 2015
 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Perry called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Zaroudny, Councilmembers Whalen, Bennest, Ott, Morton, Johnson

Absent: Councilmember Manley (**MOTION TO EXCUSE** – Morton/Bennest – **passed 6/0**)

STAFF PRESENT

Finance Director Garrison, Police Chief Hernandez, Public Works Director Mecham, Community Development Director Nix, and City Clerk Bolam

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Speaker	Address	Comments
Tom Boyle	1109 9 th Ave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Things are looking good around town, all spruced up – big maple trees will need professional pruning within next 2 years or so • Attended Edgewood Picnic – about 40 vendors, Elvis impersonator – looking forward to Milton Days with its gourmet food offerings • Glad to see water quality report • Watched Tacoma Council citizen comment regarding the minimum wage proposal

PRESENTATIONS

- A. Fife Towing Milton Days Sponsorship Presentation

Events Committee Chair April Balsley introduced Phil Waldner from Fife Towing and Recovery, who presented a \$2,000 sponsorship check to the City for the 2015 Milton Days.

Mayor Perry thanked Mr. Waldner, saying that his was the first business to step up and support Milton Days. Mr. Waldner spoke on the honor to be part of the community and of Milton Days. He shared about the status and danger of the nature of the towing business.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of:

- A. Minutes
 - a. July 13, 2015 Regular Meeting
- B. Voucher and Payroll Approval
 - a. Checks/vouchers 57157-57254 in the amount of \$405,137.73.
- C. 24th Street Water Main Acceptance

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to approve the Consent Agenda. **Passed 6/0.**

REGULAR AGENDA

- Authorization for additional funds for purchase of Digger Derrick

Director Mecham explained the status of the existing equipment and the need for a new one, and answered council's questions.

COUNCILMEMBER OTT MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Bennest, to approve the purchase of a digger derrick for the Public Works Department, authorize the additional \$19,000.00 allocation for equipment purchase in the Electric Fund, and add it to the 2015 Budget.

Council expressed support and appreciation for the electric company's response to emergencies and general maintenance of the utility.

The matter was voted on and passed 6/0.

- Second Quarter Financial Reports – continued discussion

Finance Director Garrison provided a brief summary of the 2nd Quarter report and addressed Council's comments and questions.

Discussion ensued regarding the storm water audit and associated revenues.

- Approval for Part-time Maintenance Worker I – continued discussion

Chief Hernandez explained the purpose for this proposed position, including the challenges of training time and turnover of seasonal workers, and the amount of projects that are needed to continue the improvements to city utilities, facilities, and parks.

Clarifying questions were answered, and discussion ensued.

COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Bennest, to approve the establishment of a part-time Maintenance Worker 1 for the City of Milton, contingent on the completion of collective bargaining process, and add it to the 2015 budget in an approximate amount of \$32,000.

MAYOR PRO TEM ZAROUDNY moved, seconded by Councilmember Morton, to amend the motion to include the provision to reevaluate the position at the end of 2015.

Mayor Pro Tem Zaroudny explained the desire to maintain flexibility with regard to this position. Councilmember Morton concurred, pointing to the language in the job description which says, "This may not be a permanent position."

Councilmember Whalen said that applying such scrutiny to any one position more than all positions is unnecessary – all positions are subject to annual budget scrutiny.

The amendment to the motion was voted on and failed 4/2.

Mayor Perry called for a roll call vote:

Mayor Pro Tem Zaroudny –	yes
Councilmember Johnson –	no
Councilmember Morton –	no
Councilmember Ott –	yes
Councilmember Bennest –	no
Councilmember Whalen –	no

The main motion was voted on and passed 4/2.

Mayor Perry called for a roll call vote:

Mayor Pro Tem Zaroudny –	yes
Councilmember Johnson –	no
Councilmember Morton –	yes
Councilmember Ott –	no
Councilmember Bennest –	yes
Councilmember Whalen –	yes

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Whalen

- Concern over street trees and landscape maintenance standards
- Concern over commercial truck parking in Surprise Lake plaza
- Question regarding flying flags at half staff

MOTION (Whalen/Bennest) directing staff to investigate the appropriateness and authority of Council to honor these victims and find a day for publication.

Discussion ensued. **Motion withdrawn.**

Councilmember Bennest

- Edgewood Picnic very fun and eventful
- Concern over the lack of livelihood along Milton's corridors – we must take steps to bring in business

Councilmember Ott

- Been walking the Interurban Trail – concern over too many dog droppings
- King County fingerprint system and mobile ID – Chief Hernandez confirmed that these programs can be and are utilized to a larger extent
- Concern over the new park ADA bathrooms – by Sunday evening they were not well maintained
- 28th/Milton Way intersection progress – Director Mecham explained status

Councilmember Morton

- Concern over business vacancies

Councilmember Johnson

- Edgewood Picnic was very nice, as was the Heather Hills picnic
- Staffed the Milton Days table at the Garden Symphony – saw many residents enjoying the park
- Also concerned over business vacancies – tax benefits hard to combat

Mayor Pro Tem Zaroudny

- Impressed with how the park looked this weekend – Fuchsia Society said they are grateful for the city's support
- Need more trees in the park, generally speaking
- Survey for marijuana research – reported she was able to take the survey three times, which will skew the results – also need to provide a link on the front page of the website for the survey
- The sooner a budget amendment is presented, the better

MAYOR'S REPORTS

- Quiet-before-the-storm regarding Meridian development
- Need a vacancy tax and some code changes to combat the empty stores – study session item in several months
- Busy weekend attending six events! Garden Symphony Tour was an incredible success. Edgewood Picnic has blossomed into a fun, full event. Heather Hills was fun.
- Expect a lot of housekeeping items to come to council in the fall

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Director Nix

- A lot of interest in Meridian properties and other development proposals happening
- Code enforcement case on Pacific Highway last week, including a stop work order

Director Mecham

- 28th/Milton
- ADA Bathrooms

Director Garrison

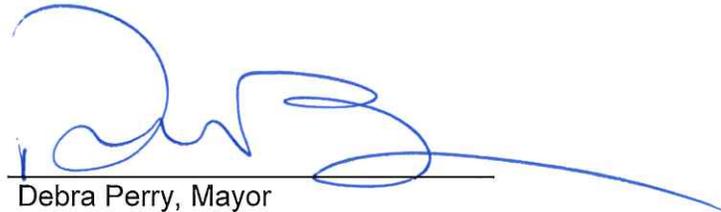
- Budget Amendment process has started

Chief Hernandez

- 620 calls for service over 14-day period
- August 4 is National Night Out – have materials for hand out
- Search warrant issued for quality of life issues on Pacific Highway
- Kudos to employee city staff for coordination of park preparedness
- Outside-of-house fire started from stain-soaked rag – no criminal intent and no habitable damage to home
- Recent email and internet interruption – quick fix while putting long-term solutions in place
- Budget document for 2016 will include narratives and metrics for more useful document
- Graduated first bike officers – one attended Fun Camp at SLMS
- Met with new fire chief – will be looking at renewing the ILA

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:



Katie Bolam, City Clerk