



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Monday, April 6, 2015
6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Zaroudny called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Whalen, Jones, Ott, Morton, Manley, and Johnson

Absent: Mayor Perry

STAFF PRESENT

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Zaroudny recessed to Executive Session for approximately 30 minutes at 6:32 p.m.

CALL BACK TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Zaroudny called the meeting back to order at 7:13 p.m. and led the flag salute.

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS

None.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Speaker	Address	Comments
Jacquelyn Whalen	1605 13 th Ave	Reported on her attendance at the East Pierce Fire District meeting, where she heard the chief explain that the letter from the city is wrong and there is no

		<p>breach of contract, that the station was staffed 28% in February, and that he looks forward to changes in the volunteer program.</p> <p>Mrs. Whalen says the truth is that one person at the station is not “staffed” and this is a landlord/tenant issue, urging council to stand up for the agreement as it is not an appropriate use of tax funds. She encourages the city to take the building back and/or charge appropriate rent.</p>
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SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Chief Hernandez presented three employees for the Oath of Office – Sergeant Takiguchi, Officer Griffin, and Police Clerk Deyo.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of:

- A. Minutes
 - a. March 16, 2015 Regular Meeting
- B. Voucher and Payroll Approval
 - a. Checks/vouchers 56498, 56502-56503, and 56505-56580 in the amount of \$917,016.41.
 - b. Payroll of 3/20/2015 and related check numbers 56499-56501 in the amount of \$139,287.19.
- C. Surplus Police Cars – Resolution
- D. Pierce Transit Board Member Approval
- E. Revised Position Title – Planning & Community Development Director

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to approve the Consent Agenda. **Passed 7/0.**

REGULAR AGENDA

- International Building Code Update – Ordinance

Director Mecham introduced this item.

Brief discussion ensued. Council expressed pleasure at keeping up with necessary codes like this.

COUNCILMEMBER JONES MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Morton, to adopt the attached Ordinance updating the Milton Municipal Code Chapter 15.05 to remain consistent with the 2012 editions of the state adopted building codes.

Building Official Heron explained the cycle of adoption and the state and federal structure, with the assurance that development in the city has been up-to-date since first mandated by the state. This action updates the Milton code to match.

The matter was voted on a passed 7/0.

- Code Enforcement Update – Ordinance

Director Mecham introduced this item by way of printed presentation, explaining that Mayor Perry requested this update over a year ago, and there has been a committee of staff and attorney putting this together. He briefly went over the proposed updates.

Council asked clarifying questions and some discussion ensued.

COUNCILMEMBER MANLEY MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to approve the attached Ordinance, which amends code enforcement language in the Milton Municipal Code.

Councilmembers pointed out that the purpose of council has always been to incentivize voluntary compliance, and this proposed update upholds that purpose while also providing for further actions when necessary.

Speaker	Address	Comments
Robert MacDonald		Expressed concern for citizens wishing to report anonymously
Jacquelyn Whalen	1605 13 th Ave	Thanked staff for strengthening the code to abate nuisance properties. Requested clarification regarding what is a civil infraction. Requested language added related to access corridors if needed. As a past victim of retaliation, requests that the code allow for a quick process and a meaningful penalty that motivates people to comply.

The matter was voted on and passed 7/0.

- Position Approval – Permit Technician

Director Mecham explained that this position has been requested in the past, and in his short time here, he has come to agree with the need for this position.

Councilmember Whalen pointed out that the city is coming back to the development status where the city again needs this position.

COUNCILMEMBER JONES MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, to approve the proposed changes to the Permit Technician job description and for the budget to be amended to fund the position of Permit Technician, and authorize the Mayor to fill the position.

Council spoke in favor of this position allowing for more effective customer service and for current employees to better accomplish their jobs.

Director Garrison answered fiscal impact questions.

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Robert MacDonald		Requested clarification regarding the fiscal impact to the general fund and the level of qualifications needed at the counter.

The motion was voted on and passed 7/0.

- Sole Source – Electric Wire

Director Mecham explained the need for the purchase of a specific wire and the lack of suppliers for this wire.

Councilmembers expressed a lack of surprise that the substation held surprises and expressed that they don't consider the amount to be excessive.

COUNCILMEMBER OTT MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to adopt the attached resolution waiving the competitive bidding requirements and authorizing the sole source construction of capacitive trip circuit upgrade in the substation directly from Western Electric Services Inc in the amount of approximately \$10,000. **Passed 7/0.**

COUNCILMEMBER JONES MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to approve to a budget amendment to the Electric Utility Fund in the amount of \$10,000 to cover the additional construction costs in the substation. **Passed 7/0.**

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Johnson

- Excited and enjoying sitting on Council

Councilmember Manley

- Expressed gratitude to Jacquelyn Whalen for time and attention to the EPFD issues.
- Regarding resident comment from last meeting regarding noisy animals – city needs ordinance in place to address that
- Reported on attendance at PCRC, Port of Tacoma annual breakfast, Fife School District meeting, City of Edgewood meeting, and Planning Commission meeting
- Expressed concern over the level of service standards of intersections that will be affected by new neighborhood and warehouses developing in Edgewood and Fife

Councilmember Morton

- Requested the timeline for the street light LED upgrades

Councilmember Ott

- Congratulations to police department – three sergeants is a big achievement!
- Compliments to Jacquelyn Whalen on her work with EPFD
- Happy to see the buildings down around McDonald's – looking ready for development
- Cannot be present at the April 20 meeting – **MOTION (Whalen/Morton) to excuse – Passed 7/0**

Mayor Pro Tem Zaroudny

- Interesting experience regarding code enforcement – took no time at all to correct what had become a mammoth home occupation problem – gratifying to see how code enforcement improved our community
- Approached by two citizens regarding 28th/Milton Way intersection – hoping it would improve with people getting used to it – not happening – it's time for the city to fix this

Councilmember Jones

- Announced that tomorrow is his last day as a resident and councilmember of Milton

Councilmember Whalen

- Thanked Councilmember Jones for his service
- Regarding letter received regarding an improved fire rating – city should work to get this word out to citizens
- Letter from representatives Kochmar and Gregory
- Milton Way/28th – significant change with opening of traffic circle on Jovita – something needs to be done
- Interurban Trail – like to see a memorial for past Mayor Pro Tem Taylor
- Regarding traffic along several specific routes in town – request that PW look at the commitment made by Lloyd's master plan – traffic plan Freeman to Fife Way to Porter to ... - need to consider LOS in comp plan
- Swearing-in of police personnel tonight was a welcome ceremony and made him feel proud

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Chief Hernandez

- Update on the city's IT department actions so far and potential timeline of 60 days for launch of business model

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 9:05 p.m.


Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:



Katie Bolam, City Clerk