CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Monday – June 16, 2014
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 Perry, Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, Councilmembers Whalen, Jones, Ott, Manley and Zaroudny

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

STAFF PRESENT

City Administrator Langford, City Attorney Park, Public Works Director Neal, Finance Director Tylor, Associate Planner Larson, and City Clerk Bolam

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS

Mayor Perry announced the addition of item 8C, sent out via email and posted at 2:30 pm today.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Speaker	Address	Comments
Penny Tesh	Sterling Hts	Handed out map. Present to address the proposed road closure. Crime occurs throughout the neighborhood; the closure of Birch St will add traffic to Diamond and push crime to the north end of the neighborhood. The only people who would benefit are those who live on Birch Ct. Asking for Council to vote against the road closure of Birch Ct. Turned in 19 signed petitions by residents opposed to the road closure.

Cynthia Baker	Sterling Hts	Speaking to the proposed Birch St closure. One reason cited is to cut down on burglaries and car prowls, etc. But crimes are committed by criminals on foot. She is an original owner in the neighborhood – if closing Birch, go back to original plan and close Diamond where it meets the old development. Reports that she sees a lot of traffic blow through the stop sign. Mayor Perry said this is not a council-initiated item, and the item is not scheduled to come to council for a vote. She expressed appreciation to citizens for clarifying their position. Councilmember Whalen spoke to the street width and allowed on-street parking.
Jerry Thorson	EPFD Chief	A. Requests study session. B. Explained the presence of a large generator behind the fire station – plan to install it along with an exhaust ventilator with 2015 budget money. C. Brought four copies of annual report. Councilmember Whalen reminded that the old equipment that is removed should be returned to the City. Councilmember Ott asked if the costs would be passed on to the voters; Chief Thorson said no.
Jacquelyn Whalen	1605 13th Ave	Several months ago, she requested that it be made easy to access past council packets on the city's website and noticed that the city took care of that, and she expressed appreciation.

PLANNING COMMISSION REAPPOINTMENT

- Rose Reeves

Mayor Perry invited Planning Commission Chair Whalen to speak on behalf of Rose Reeves' position on the Commission. Chair Whalen said Ms. Reeves brings a contemporary perspective, innovative ideas, and a caring and participatory nature.

MAYOR PRO TEM TAYLOR MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to reappoint Rose Reeves to the Planning Commission for the term expiring 2020. **Passed 6/0.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of:

A. Minutes

a. June 2, 2014 Regular Meeting
b. June 9, 2014 Special Meeting/Study Session

B. Voucher and Payroll Approval

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

PUBLIC HEARING

A. Six-year Transportation Improvement Plan

Director Neal explained the background of the Six-Year TIP. Inclusion of an item on this report allows the city to apply for grants.

Mayor Perry opened the public hearing at 7:29 p.m.

Speaker	Address	Comments
Jacquelyn Whalen	1605 13th Ave	Expressed appreciation to staff for their forward-thinking on this plan – many big-ticket items require such a good look at the future. This will dovetail in to the comprehensive plan. She posed some questions regarding storm water requirements and low-impact development options.

Mayor Perry closed the public hearing at 7:31 p.m.

Director Neal addressed Ms. Whalen's concerns regarding storm water requirements, explaining that there is flexibility to address low-impact development options.

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Six-year Transportation Improvement Plan

Director Neal answered Council's questions regarding specific items on the Plan.

COUNCILMEMBER JONES MOVED, seconded by Councilmember WHALEN, to approve Resolution 14-1848 which adopts the 2015-2020 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program, and authorize the Public Works Department to pursue funding for the projects included in the Six-Year TIP.

Council expressed appreciation for the time this takes to maintain the TIP, and for the public input.

City Attorney Park clarified that Exhibit A is the Six-year Transportation Improvement Plan.

The motion was voted on and passed 6/0.

B. Amending Access Tract Code

Director Neal explained that staff needs more time to address this item and requests that Council postpone it one more time.

Mayor Perry explained the need to postpone to a date certain.

MAYOR PRO TEM TAYLOR MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to postpone this item until the meeting of Tuesday, September 2, 2014. **Passed 6/0.**

C. Contract Approval with City of Auburn for IT Services

Mayor Perry explained the necessity of bringing this to council even though materials were added late today.

City Administrator Langford gave an overview of the packet materials and explained why staff supports the proposed agreement.

Councilmember Ott pleasantly surprised at the estimated cost for the remainder of this year.

COUNCILMEMBER OTT MOVED, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, to authorize the Mayor to enter into the attached ILA with the City of Auburn for IT Services, at the proposed cost as detailed in Exhibit B of the agreement.

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor said he has IT background and concurs this is a good deal. It is imperative to get this going as soon as possible.

Mayor Perry expressed appreciation for the team approach available from Auburn and the understanding of government needs.

City Administrator Langford explained how staff worked through the various options and that this is the most efficient and cost effective for the City of Milton.

Director Tylor explained the estimated amount for the remainder of 2014 will be evaluated for the 2015 budget.

Mayor explained that the physical wiring of cables is not covered by the union contract, but Auburn staff can recommend a service provider for this work.

Council acknowledged the need to build-in IT funding for the 2015 budget to address a 2nd server and the necessary wiring. Council said there's value in Auburn's familiarity with Milton's IT infrastructure.

The motion was voted on and passed 6/0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

- Director Neal

    - Addressing the grant funds for the Activity Center roof project, she explained the length of time between when the City first learned of the funding award and the estimated project completion of this fall.
- Director Tylor
    - Interviews for the Utility Billing Specialist position taking place the week of June 23, with a new employee likely starting in early July.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- Provided an update on the police chief recruitment process.
- Lisa and Russ are applying for a COPS grant for a school resource officer in the three Milton schools.
- Work is proceeding on the new executive office remodel.
- He will be attending the AWC Conference in Spokane.

COUNCIL REPORTS

- Mayor Pro Tem Taylor
    - Would like to see the City Clerk attend AWC conferences when possible, as the position works so closely with Council matters.
    - Congratulated Councilmember Ott for being voted "Best Of", and appreciates his teamwork comments in the paper.
- Councilmember Jones
    - No report.
- Councilmember Whalen
    - Will be out of town for the month of July.
    - Expressed concerns with the EPFD – monthly reports are due by the 7th; a hydrant report is overdue (3-year cycle); fire marshal services reports are required.
    - The City's phone system is time-consuming and wasteful – it is not providing good citizen service.
    - Requests information on the new trees on Milton Way – several seem to be dying – replacement is necessary soon before they are too expensive.
    - Reports an issue printing a packet item from the City's website.
    - Requests attention to the tractor-trailers proceeding up 5th and parking on 10th as this is not allowed.

        Mayor Perry
        - She has already requested staff to work out the phone system so that a person answers whenever possible.
        - Glen Baker is researching the problem with the trees on Milton Way – he has discovered there's a fungus responsible, and the parks department is taking measures to save the trees.

- Councilmember Zaroundny
    - Concerned about wear-and-tear on kitchen equipment related to a recurring Sunday rental.
- Councilmember Manley
    - EPFD is responsible for and needs to address hidden fire hydrants due to waist-high grass.

- Councilmember Ott
    - Noticing lots of homes selling and new families moving to Milton.
    - Lighting along meandering sidewalks in park – conduit is present, but no funds have been allocated – like to see it brought to study session.
    - Requests IT costs for new wiring brought to study session.
    - Will be attending the AWC convention.
    - Requests information on the SS911 frequency change – when is it mandatory and how much will it cost?
    - Appreciates City Administrator Langford's presence at Flag Day celebration.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- This Saturday is Relay for Life – will speak at the beginning.
- Presented plaque for "Best of" to Councilmember Ott.
- Will be attending the AWC convention.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:

Katie Bolam, City Clerk