



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Monday, September 19, 2011
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Perry called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Members present were Heddlesten, Morton, Ott, Sanderson, Taylor, Whalen, and Zaroundy.

STAFF PRESENT

City Administrator Mukerjee, Police Chief Rhoads, Public Works Director Neal, Finance Director Tylor, and Deputy City Clerk Stevenson-Ness were present.

Also in attendance was East Pierce Fire and Rescue Chief Thorson.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Speaking before Council:

Speaker	Address	Topic
Ken Luce		Invited Council and the Mayor to attend a tour of Joint Base Lewis McChord. on September 27 and to have a teleconference with the Colonel station in Afghanistan. Also introduced 2 nd Battalion, Ranger Brigade Captain. Miletich and Sergeant. Castillo; Thanked the City for signing a community covenant to adopt the 2 nd Ranger Battalion.

Councilmember Ott stated he would donate \$250 to the Battalion on behalf of the City Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of:

- Minutes of September 6, 2011, regular meeting;
- The September 5, 2011, payroll direct deposits, checks, and benefits, in the amount of \$201,147.90;
- Approval of the checks/vouchers numbers 51610-51668 in the amount of \$439,936.30; and
- AB11-101: Resolution 11-1810 ADA Compliant Temporary Structures in City Parks

Councilmember Whalen requested that the checks and vouchers be removed from the Consent Agenda.

COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED to approve the amended Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Heddlesten.

The motion was voted on and carried 7-0.

Check/Voucher Approval

Councilmember Whalen noted that the right-of-way mower that the city purchased is now completely paid for.

Councilmember Ott had questions regarding charges for entertainment, tent rentals, and porta-potties for Milton Days.

Mayor Perry explained that all expenses for Milton Days were offset by revenues received from donations but the checks to pay for the items had to come from the City.

Councilmember Ott also requested that the City investigate less expensive options for uniform rental.

COUNCILMEMBER HEDDLESTEN MOVED to approve the checks and vouchers. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor.

The motion was voted on and carried 7/0.

PUBLIC HEARING

AB11-102 – 2012 Revenue Sources

Mayor Perry opened the public hearing at 7:25 p.m.

Speaking before Council:

Speaker	Address	Topic
Jacquelyn Whalen	1605 13 th Ave	Requested clarification regarding language concerning the Pierce County portion of the EMS levy

Mayor Perry closed the public hearing at 7:27 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

A. AB11-103: Resolution and Ordinance regarding Police Department Vehicle Lease

Chief Rhoads provided information to Council regarding the fleet replacement program to keep police fleet costs down while ensuring adequate and safe equipment for officers. He stated the cost for a new lease to replace the existing cars has been budgeted and has not changed from previous years.

COUNCILMEMBER HEDDLESTEN MOVED to approve Resolution 11-1811, Ordinance 1779-11 and a financing contract with the State Treasurer's Office to finance three police patrol cars under the Local Optional Capital Asset Lending (LOCAL) Program, and authorize the mayor to execute the contract and all necessary documents. Seconded by Councilmember Whalen.

The motion was voted on and carried 7-0.

B. AB11-104: Ordinance Creating a Youth Council

Mayor Perry stated she desired to create a Youth Council to advise the Council on youth-related matters and to serve as a sounding board for various youth interests.

After extensive discussion, **MAYOR PRO TEM TAYLOR MOVED** to bring the item back as a resolution with changes made regarding age to 19 and making the resolution non-school specific. Seconded by Councilmember Whalen.

COUNCILMEMBER HEDDLESTEN MOVED to amend motion so that a 19 year old would be acceptable only if currently enrolled in a high school program. Motion died from lack of a second.

MAYOR PRO TEM TAYLOR MOVED to amend the original motion to drop the age limit for the advisor and have the student advisor appointed by the mayor. Seconded by Councilmember Whalen.

After further discussion, **MAYOR PRO TEM TAYLOR MOVED** to bring the item back as a resolution with changes made to drop the age limit for the advisor and have the student advisor appointed by the mayor and making the resolution non-school specific. Seconded by Councilmember Whalen.

The motion was voted on and carried 7-0.

Mayor Perry will review the resolutions and either bring back a resolution for approval or to advise council as to what is happening.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Mukerjee reported on

- Taylor Street. construction beginning this week

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Zaroudny

- Provided a report on the latest Park Board meeting and stated a lot of work has been accomplished. A full report will be provided at the October 3rd meeting.

Councilmember Sanderson reported on:

- Provided an update on the activities of the Rainer Communication Commission;
- Announced a Levy class on to help understand tax implications/restrictions that is being run by the Assessor-Treasurer's office.

Councilmember Ott reported on:

- Thanked Chief Rhoads for accepting the free traffic camera trial; Chief Rhoads stated the trial went fine but he's not really confident in the services of the company;
- Will attend the SCA Dinner on 09/21 where the Governor will be speaking;
- Thanks to staff for fixing problem on utility bills consumption history charts;
- Would like to receive an update on water/electric utility health and proposed increases; stay on top to try and prevent drastic increases;
- Lights in Triangle Park; gave full support to CM Whalen
- Would like to see something brought to council re: supporting the troops in direct support of soldiers coming back from overseas
- Veterans Day service will be held on 11/11/11 at 11:00 for the planting of the oak tree; services at 10:30

Councilmember Heddlesten

- Supports the troops 100% but frowns on things narrowed down to a single service and thinks we should look into other programs

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor

- Thanks to Councilmember Zaroudny for the Park Board update;
- Agrees with Councilmember Ott and Whalen regarding park lighting.

Councilmember Whalen reported on:

- Requested the City provide bags along sidewalks for dogs
- Glad that animal control licensing is being brought back in-house
- Committee working with EPFR; letter of commitment set for next meeting
- Would like to see park lighting
- Statistics from East Pierce Fire

Councilmember Morton

- Reported there has been an increase in car prowls in Sterling Heights

- Requested an update on signs for Kelsey Parrett; Chief Rhoads reported they are ordered and should be here any time

MAYOR'S REPORT

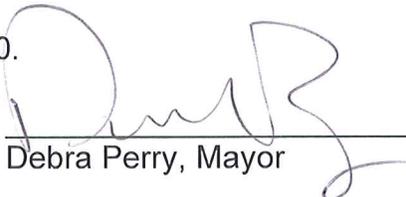
Mayor Perry reported that:

- Sept 7th, SCA Luncheon; spoke about being proactive on revenues and city planning and including schools and TIF
- Joint meeting at PSRC with growth mgmt and transportation and vision 2040 to come up with a way to measure and rate projects; alarmed at what is on the agenda
- Mayor's Exchange on 09/14
- Port of Tacoma Customer appreciation was on 09-15
- Mill Ridge Customer appreciation was on 09-16
- Attended Statewide Small Business Conference
- Ribbon cutting on sidewalk 09-19
- Working with Court to implement Work crews in lieu of jail time; judges discretion
- Animal Licenses – will be receiving animal license fees
- Concerned about utility bills; rearranged employees to provide better customer service
- All Boards and Commissions minutes were distributed to Council.

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMEMBER HEDDLESTON MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m.
Councilmember Whalen seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on and carried 7-0.



Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amy Stevenson-Ness, Deputy City Clerk