



CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
March 3, 2008
Monday, 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Asay called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL Present were Councilmembers Beaudry, Borek, Heddlesten, Neal, Sanderson, and Whalen. Councilmember Drotz asked to be excused. Councilmember Beaudry moved to excuse Councilmember Drotz. Councilmember Borek seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

STAFF PRESENT: Fire Chief Jaques, Public Works Director Neal and Deputy City Clerk Marcelia.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:

None.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Milton Loflin, 1810 11th Ave., stated that March 8th is the VOCS walk here in Milton.

Bryan Ott, 102 17th Ave. Ct., commented on the occurrences at Bud's Tavern on Friday nights.

CONSENT AGENDA:

(A) Payroll: February 20th Payroll direct deposits, checks and benefits in the amount of \$170,208.03.

(B) Checks/Vouchers: numbers 14865 – 14949, in the amount of \$427,734.44.

(C) MOU & 2008 Wage Scale Approval

Councilmember Whalen pulled the Payroll (A), Checks/Vouchers (B), and the MOU & 2008 Wage Scale (C).

(A) Payroll

Councilmember Whalen stated there was a \$25 difference on the payroll approval form and shared that he would be talking to Finance Director Pierce.

Councilmember Whalen moved to approve the Payroll. Councilmember Beaudry seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

(B) Checks/Vouchers

Councilmember Whalen asked about Check/Voucher #14890 and asked for clarification as to what the \$1300 charge is for. Mayor Asay and Director Neal guessed that the charge was for the maps that were made for Councilmembers.

Councilmember Whalen clarified that, if that charge was for the maps, he had requested a smaller scale map.

Councilmember Whalen moved to approve the Checks/Vouchers. Councilmember Beaudry seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

(C) MOU & 2008 Wage Scale Approval

Councilmember Whalen stated that the meeting held on February 25th was against the open meetings act. He requested that this item be open for discussion.

Mayor Asay asked if anyone wanted to discuss it. She shared that the meeting was legal and stated that, due to there only being 4 councilmembers at the meeting on February 25th, she wanted to bring the information back so that the entire council could participate in a discussion.

Councilmember Sanderson asked about the process followed when changing the rate of an employee. He'd like a discussion at a future meeting. Mayor Asay stated that this is a parody study and briefly explained the process.

Robert MacDonald, 1308 15th Ave., asked about the City Administrator position. Mayor Asay answered.

Councilmember Whalen asked if the increases are currently budgeted for. He was informed that budget adjustments would have to be made for some of the positions.

Councilmember Beaudry moved to approve the MOU & 2008 Wage Scale. Councilmember Borek seconded.

Councilmember Whalen clarified that a motion was needed.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Asay called for the vote. Motion carried 6-0.

MAIN AGENDA:

AB08-029 Pierce County Department of Emergency Management Presentation – Mitigation Plan:

Chief Jaques introduced this item to Council and introduced Richard Schroedel from Pierce County, who passed out additional information in regards to the mitigation plan. Mr. Schroedel shared information about the local mitigation planning requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions of Mr. Schroedel, trying to figure out what the benefits of mitigation would be.

Robert MacDonald 1308 15th Ave., asked if Lewis County has a similar plan.

Council continued discussion on this item.

Mayor Asay stated that Council could review the information this week and discuss it at the study session.

AB08-030 Construction Management Contract Supplement for Interurban Trail Project:

Director Neal presented this item and stated that the Interurban Trail Project is back up and running. The trail will be paved on Wednesday and Thursday. The extreme cases of weather and vandalism of equipment have contributed to the delays. The supplement will cover approximately 4 weeks of remaining work to be done on the trail.

Councilmember Borek asked when the project was started. Director Neal stated that the project began after Labor Day.

Councilmember Sanderson shared concerned about the cost of the project.

Councilmember Borek moved to authorize the Mayor to sign an amendment to Jacobs Engineering Group's construction management contract for the Interurban Trail Project, and to authorize a budget adjustment from the Municipal Capital Fund to cover the additional \$56,863 cost. Councilmember Beaudry seconded.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions and shared comments and concerns regarding the supplement.

Robert MacDonald, 1308 15th Ave., asked clarifying questions regarding the contract. Director Neal addressed his questions.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Asay called for the vote. Motion carried 6-0.

AB08-031 Corridor Wells Easement:

Director Neal shared that the existing easement for the Corridor Well site did not meet current Department of Health requirements for protection of a municipal water supply source. Base Capital has agreed to settle the Milton condemnation action against it for

\$10,000. The City Attorney recommends approval of this amount and the agreement that implements it.

Councilmember Beaudry moved to approve setting the Base Capital LLC condemnation action for the \$10,000 recommended by the City Attorney, and authorize the attached agreements and subsequent expenditure of funds. Councilmember Borek seconded.

Robert MacDonald, 1308 15th Ave., asked what the original asking price was. Mayor Asay stated that Base Capital refused to talk to the City so the City had to go through the condemnation process.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Asay called for the vote. Motion carried 6-0.

AB08-032 Water Comprehensive Plan Update:

Director Neal stated that the City's Water System Comprehensive Plan needs to be updated.

Councilmember Whalen asked how many projects had been finished. Director Neal stated that several were completed and the list will be updated. Whalen asked clarifying questions regarding specific projects.

Councilmember Heddlesten asked why it wasn't included in the 2008 budget. Director Neal addressed his question.

Councilmember Borek moved to authorize the Mayor to execute a consultant agreement with Gray & Osborne to update the City's Water System Comprehensive Plan, and authorize a budget adjustment for \$68,600 from the 2008 ending fund balance of the Water Fund. Councilmember Heddlesten seconded.

Pat Hersee, 1708 15th Ave., if it's due in 2008, why are we submitting in 2009. She also asked if the amount of \$68,000 would be the final adjustment to the fund. Director Neal addressed her questions.

Jacquelyn Whalen, 1605 13th Ave., shared appreciation to Council and Director Neal for answering questions.

Robert MacDonald, 1308 15th Ave., thanked Director Neal for the cost breakdown.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Asay called for the vote. Motion carried 6-0.

AB08-033 Economic Development Board Appointment:

Councilmember Borek moved that the appointment of Richard Garchow to the Economic Development Board be approved. Councilmember Heddlesten seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilmember Heddlesten moved to elect Councilmembers Sanderson, Borek, and Neal as representatives on the Economic Development Board. Councilmember Beaudry seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Whalen: PCRC has copies of the work plan. There won't be a PCRC meeting this month. On March 18th at 6:30 P.M., at Sumner City Hall, there will be a buildable lands discussion. He presented an award for perfect attendance at PCRC. He brought up a few items that need to be discussed at a Study Session: zoning maps, council committees, disbanding the Planning Commission, Council receiving information, appearance of fairness, televised council meetings, economic development.

Councilmember Neal: commented on televising the meetings.

Councilmember Sanderson: in favor of televising the meetings – Fife is effective; update reader board; calendars on the website – eliminate City calendar. Mayor Asay stated that the City will work on keeping it updated

Councilmember Heddlesten: police cars in Seattle have exempt license plates – tax exempt – wondering if there are facilities to get gas tax exempt. Mayor Asay answered. Tractor trailers are too big for Milton's roads – wants to explore options. Mayor Asay stated that there are designated truck routes on Milton Way. Director Neal will look into it. We need to look at a length limitation as well as weight – Mayor will put it on a study session.

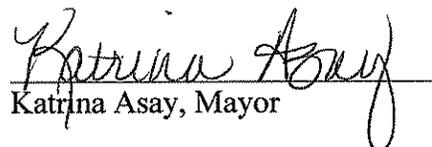
Councilmember Beaudry asked to be excused for the March 17th meeting. Councilmember Borek moved to excuse Councilmember Beaudry from the March 17th meeting. Councilmember Whalen seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Stated that Zoning Map changes were needed from the Council
- Reminded Council that the VFW is in Washington DC accepting an award for the memorial

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Beaudry moved to adjourn. Councilmember Borek seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 P.M.


Katrina Asay, Mayor

ATTEST:


Katie Marcelia, Deputy City Clerk