



## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

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**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday – February 1, 2010**  
**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**

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

### **STAFF PRESENT**

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

### **ADDITIONS / DELETIONS**

Mayor Asay deleted the executive session.

Councilmember Whalen requested a discussion of the 2010 budget and it was added as Item 7C.

Councilmember Sanderson requested reconsideration of Resolution 10-1776, Exempt Employee Compensation Policy and a discussion regarding the Wellness Program. The reconsideration of Resolution 10-1776 was added as Item 7D and the discussion regarding the Wellness Program was added as Item 7E.

## **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Speaking before the Council:

<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Paula Gherke	2500 Alder St	Spoke in support of Milton Activity Center
Cliff Schneider	1706 Taylor	Senior Center closing; City Administrator salary; Keep police, cut administrator
Robert MacDonald	1305 15 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	Spoke in favor of keeping police officers; dog issues in parks; would like more patrolling by animal control
Ken Fiebig	95 26 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	Spoke in support of Anna Ballard and senior center
Milton Loflin	1810 11 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	Spoke in favor of keeping police officers
Jacquelyn Whalen	1605 13 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	Suggested small changes to make a difference in budget

## **PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Asay proclaimed January 25 through April 3, 2010 as Pierce County READS and presented a proclamation to Linda Case, Pierce County Library. Ms. Case announced the name of the book, Garlic and Sapphires by Ruth Reichl, and invited the public to attend the events surrounding the Pierce County READS program.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of:

- Minutes from January 4 and January 19, 2010, regular meetings; and January 25, 2010, special meeting;
- January 20, 2010, payroll direct deposits, checks, and benefits in the amount of \$179,895.74;
- Approval of the checks/vouchers for 2009, check numbers 19042; 1944-19045 in the amount of \$124,462.98; void check numbers 17951, 18785 & 17107;
- Approval of the checks/vouchers for 2010, check numbers 18975-18979, 19043, 19046 in the amount of \$55,935.57; void check number 18817; and
- AB10-016: Milton Way Improvements Construction Staking & Support – Supplement #6 to Gray & Osborne Agreement.

Councilmember Whalen requested that the vouchers and Gray & Osborne supplement be pulled from the Consent Agenda. Mayor Asay placed the items on the regular agenda as Item 7E, Vouchers, and 7Aa, Gray & Osborne Supplement.

**COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED** to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilmember Whalen .

The motion was voted on and carried 7-0.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **7Aa. AB10-016 Milton Way Improvements Construction Staking & Support – Supplement #6 to Gray & Osborne Agreement**

Public Works Director Neal stated that Gray & Osborne did the original survey and design of the project and that utilizing their survey crews is a cost effective choice for the city. Their services will also be necessary as support during construction to answer questions regarding the original design, supply back-up documentation as needed, and to any redesign that may become necessary.

**COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED** to authorize the Mayor to sign a supplemental agreement with Gray & Osborne, Inc. for construction staking and support services on the Milton Way Improvement Project for a cost not to exceed \$97,400. Seconded by Councilmember Morton.

The motion was voted on and carried 7-0.

### **7A. AB10-017: Density Ordinance Discussion**

Planner Chris Larson stated the proposed Municipal Code revisions will clearly define what net and gross density are and will clearly state that density calculations shall be net; will replace the base and maximum net density of 5.45 dwelling units per acre; and will replace part of the code with a section that states the intent of the 8,000 square foot lot size minimum, without reference to maximum density requirements.

After discussion, the following changes were requested in the proposed ordinance:

- Accessory dwelling unit should have a 25 foot rear yard setback rather than the currently listed 7.5 foot setback; and
- Clarification of the recurring section outlining substandard lots.

The Council requested that the ordinance be brought back for consideration at the meeting on February 16, 2010.

### **7B. AB10-018: Homeless Encampments Discussion**

Mr. Larson said the proposed regulations regarding homeless encampments will create a process for the location of a homeless encampment. The process will require

public notice prior to locating a homeless encampment within the city; only allow homeless encampments on property owned by a religious or philanthropic organization; require that the impacts of said encampments are mitigated and addressed; limit the number and duration; require a security plan; require adequate essential facilities; and create a system for coordination with local law enforcement.

After discussion, the following changes were requested in the proposed ordinance before being brought back to Council:

- Requirement that the encampment have professional security personnel;
- A "No Smoking" clause added;
- Revocation of a permit should be hand delivered
- Parking by the underlying use should not be reduced below minimum by the parking for the encampment or the location of the encampment in a parking lot;
- Occupants should have some form of verifiable ID for a certain degree of security;
- The required screening is too much of a burden on the applicant for the homeless occupation;
- The City of Milton should require a Hold harmless agreement; and
- The host or sponsoring agency should have some sort of bond or insurance.

Mayor Asay recessed the meeting at 8:42 p.m. and reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

#### 7C. Discussion of 2010 Budget

Councilmember Whalen proposed a temporary hiring freeze and spending freeze in the General Fund.

After discussion, **COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED** to freeze all hiring in the General Fund until further. Seconded by Councilmember Heddlesten.

Yes: Heddlesten, Morton, Sanderson, Whalen

No: Ott, Perry, Taylor

The motion passed 4 to 3.

**COUNCILMEMBER PERRY MOVED** to add a discussion and possible action on the hiring freeze to the special meeting agenda for February 4, 2010. Seconded by Councilmember Taylor.

The motion passed 7-0.

**COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED** to freeze all spending. There was no second to the motion.

Councilmember Whalen withdrew his motion.

**7D:** Reconsideration of Resolution 10-1776, Exempt Employee Compensation Policies

**COUNCILMEMBER SANDERSON MOVED** to reconsider Resolution 10-1776 to obtain further clarification of life insurance costs for exempt employees. Seconded by Councilmember Whalen.

The motion passed 7-0.

Councilmember Sanderson asked for clarification regarding the cost to provide \$100,000 of life insurance coverage for exempt employees.

Mayor Asay stated the total increase in cost to bring the level of insurance coverage to \$100,000 for all exempt employees would be approximately \$1100 per year.

**COUNCILMEMBER SANDERSON MOVED** to adopt Resolution 10-1776, Compensation Policy for Exempt Employees. Seconded by Councilmember Morton.

The motion passed 6-1.

**7E:** Discussion Regarding the City of Milton Wellness Program

Councilmember Sanderson provided information about the Association of Washington Cities Wellness Program insurance reduction. He requested the Wellness program be discussed at a future study session.

**7F:** Vouchers

Councilmember Whalen stated his questions regarding the vouchers had been answered.

**COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED** to approve the vouchers. Seconded by Councilmember Sanderson.

The motion passed 7-0.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilmember Sanderson provided a written report to Council.

Councilmember Ott reported on:

- new businesses in the city: Morely Machine Tool Alignment and Russian Piroshky

- Congratulations to Public Works Director Letticia Neal who was voted the best city employee in the Milton-Edgewood Signal; Mayor Asay was voted as best council member

Councilmember Taylor reported on:

- Attendance at the Milton Police award ceremony
- Attendance at the CLAC Conference in Olympia
- Praised Officer Hume for talking down a suicidal citizen

Councilmember Heddlesten reported on:

- Officer Hume saved a suicidal citizen;
- Proposed a recognition program for outstanding service by city employee;

Councilmember Perry reported on:

- Attendance at the Police Task Force meeting in Edgewood;

Councilmember Whalen reported on:

- Asked that the city look into Homebound Services monitoring system in lieu of high jail costs;

Councilmember Morton reported on:

- Sentiments from citizens regarding fireworks and the city administrator position

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

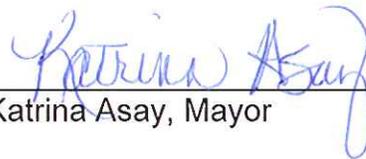
- January 29 is Chief Rhoads third anniversary with the City of Milton
- Steering Committee for House Bills 2160 and 2163; over 4 years, handed out \$11 million to produce units for low income housing and leveraged \$400 million of other monies for further low income housing;
- Thanked Mayor Pro Tem Taylor for covering the sewer ground-breaking ceremony in Edgewood;
- Attended the Suburban Cities Association dinner with other councilmembers;
- Attended the Police Services Task Force meeting with Edgewood;
- Councilmember Perry was appointed to PSRC Growth Management Coordinating Committee Representative from Pierce County;
- Reappointed as Transportation Board delegate to the PSRC
- Attended the SCA Board of Directors Meeting;
- Spent three days in Olympia at the AWC Board of Directors meeting and CLAC meeting;
- Thanked all who attended the City Administrator interviews;
- Had a meeting with Pierce County Assessor Dale Washam regarding the fire levy issue and if there is any way his office can assist;
- D&M Disposal fee increase will happen March 1, 2010;

- Reminded councilmembers that when sending emails to other councilmembers, please include either the Finance Director or the Deputy City Clerk for recordkeeping purposes;
- Thanked Dave's of Milton and the Milton Police Association for a nice police banquet.

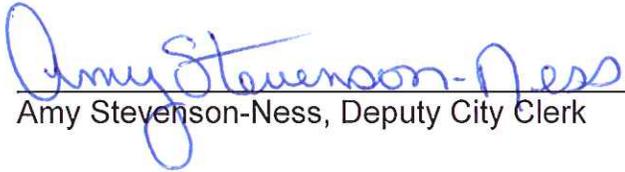
**ADJOURNMENT**

**COUNCILMEMBER TAYLOR MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 p.m.  
Councilmember Whalen seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on and carried 7-0.

  
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Katrina Asay, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Amy Stevenson-Ness, Deputy City Clerk