



CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
October 15, 2007
Monday, 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Asay called the regular scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Present were Councilmembers Beaudry, Borek, Drotz, Heddlesten, Sirack and Whalen. Councilmember Neal was excused at the October 8th meeting.

STAFF PRESENT: Public Works Director Neal, Finance Director/City Clerk Pierce, Fire Chief Jaques, Police Chief Rhoads and Deputy City Clerk Marcellia.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:
None.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Jesse Lake, 1115 Porter Way, shared his concerns with the Interurban Trail. He mentioned the "secret beach" that is located on the trail behind the City's Public Works Shops and passed out pictures. He stated that a 6-foot fence won't be adequate to keep neighboring properties safe. Mr. Lake, along with his neighbors, has requested an 8-foot wood fence be put up. Director Neal advised Mr. Lake to come and talk to council about his request. Mr. Lake stated that he and his neighbors will set up a neighborhood watch. Chief Rhoads shared that the concerns have been heard and will be addressed with the available manpower to the best of the Police Department's ability. He proposed the wood fence and a dawn-to-dusk action. Mayor Asay stated that the attorney is looking into his request and she, along with the City Council, is willing to do their part to help out in this situation. She would like to bring this issue to a study session. Councilmember Whalen stated that he'd like to see the process of this request accelerated.

Alvin Kraus, 715 Kent St., had 2 cars broken into last night. There is crime already happening in the area.

Gary Rowan, 1108 Porter Way, stated that security is one of the biggest issues in regards to the Interurban Trail and shared his support of dawn-to-dusk.

Leonard Sanderson, 1201 24th Ave. Ct., cautioned the Council when using the word “curfew”. The City already has established hours for the parks, which he thinks would include the Interurban Trail: dawn-to-dusk.

Deborah Perry, 1205 Hemlock St., what does “business friendly” mean? She shared her ideas on what business friendly means to her as a business owner in the City. Signs are important to the businesses and the sign code needs to be looked at and changed. She wasn’t satisfied with Thursday night’s debate; she was looking for deeper questions.

Milton Loflin, 1810 11th Ave., shared his ideas on long range service improvements to the City in seven areas: Police, Fire, Parks, Storm, Electric, Water, and Administration. Tonight’s ideas were for the Fire Department. The Fire District 8 has 24/7 coverage, yet Milton’s Fire Department is struggling to provide the services the City needs. He suggested putting the annexation with Fire District 8 on the ballot.

Kevin Ringus, 1802 19th Ave. Ct., appeared before Council as a citizen, a coach and a parent, wanting to say “thank you”. He stated that the citizens, schools, and children of Milton are valuable assets. He shared that the field up at Surprise Lake Middle School has been released by the City for use during daylight hours. He appreciates the efforts of City Staff in working with the school district in regards to the use of the field. Councilmember Whalen stated that if we work together, all of the issues that have been identified will be rectified quickly.

CONSENT AGENDA:

(A) Minutes:

May 7, 2007 Regular Meeting, September 10, 2007 Study Session,
September 17, 2007 Regular Meeting, October 1, 2007 Regular Meeting

(B) Payroll: October 5th Payroll direct deposits, checks and benefits in the amount of \$222,840.71.

(C) Checks/Vouchers: numbers 13945 – 14040, in the amount of \$232,589.38.

(D) Set Public Hearings:

November 5, 2007 – discuss the 2008 revenue sources including property tax revenue

November 19, 2007 – to solicit public input and comment from interested individuals or groups on the proposed 2008 Budget

December 3, 2007 – final public hearing on the proposed 2008 Budget

Councilmember Whalen pulled the payroll from the Consent Agenda.

Councilmember Beaudry moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

Councilmember Borek seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

(B) Payroll

Councilmember Whalen shared that the documentation for the payroll is lacking.

Councilmember Drotz moved to approve the payroll. Councilmember Beaudry seconded. Motion carried 5-1. (Opposed: Whalen)

MAIN AGENDA:

AB07-006B Triangle Park Study Results:

Director Neal shared that the Park Board has completed their study of Triangle Park. Per Council's request back in January 2007, the Park Board performed a new study to Triangle Park for the purpose of establishing the best use of said park. Jack Chandler, Park Board chairman, was present to walk Council through the recommendations of the Park Board. In summary, the top three items that people identified for improvement were additional sidewalks and trails (with ADA access), additional parking, and improved restroom facilities. Director Neal passed out a concept drawing of the park, showing areas of the proposed recommendations of the Park Board.

Councilmember Heddlesten commented that he didn't know that the restroom wasn't functional; he agreed that the restroom needs to be fixed as well as possibly adding an additional restroom. Mr. Chandler stated that they'd like to build one in the parking lot by the tennis courts. Commented on widening Oak Street and the parking that is proposed on Oak Street.

Councilmember Whalen appreciated the results of the survey. He asked a clarifying question regarding the ballfields and the proposed parking. Director Neal stated that the proposals preserve the current use areas.

Councilmember Drotz commended the Park Board for their hard work and for completing the study.

Mayor Asay reminded Council and citizens that the map, provided by Director Neal, is conceptual.

Jacquelyn Whalen, 1605 13th Ave., thanked the Park Board members for conducting the survey. Commented on the proposed parking on Oak Street – suggested back-in angled parking.

Dave Chapman, 1200 26th Ave. Ct., would like to see a bandstand in the park.

The Park Board is looking for the Council's permission to look into funding the recommendations.

Councilmember Drotz moved to authorize the Park Board to pursue the cost estimates for the items that were presented to Council and on the addition of a bandstand. Councilmember Sirack seconded.

Robert MacDonald, 1308 15th Ave., commented on adding a bandstand.

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

Jack Chandler invited interested citizens to the next Park Board meeting, October 18th at 6:00 PM.

AB07-115A Policies & Procedures: Fixed Assets and Small & Attractive Items, Resolution 07-1728 and Resolution 07-1729: 7:55

Director Pierce presented the resolutions to council and briefly shared the differences between fixed assets and small & attractive items.

Councilmember Beaudry moved to approve Resolution 07-1728, establishing Fixed Assets Policies and Procedures. Councilmember Heddlesten seconded.

Councilmember Whalen shared that he's glad to see these policies established.

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

Councilmember Heddlesten moved to approve Resolution 07-1729, establishing Small & Attractive Items Policies and Procedures. Councilmember Borek seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

AB07-118 ForeverGreen Council Request:

Mayor Asay shared some information about the ForeverGreen Council. Mayor Asay stated that ForeverGreen is a good organization, however, she recommended that no donation be given at this time.

Councilmembers shared their comments and concerns. Council agreed with the Mayor that the City should use the City's money on the City's parks, buildings, etc. at this time.

Councilmember Drotz moved to take no action on the letter from the Pierce County ForeverGreen Council. Councilmember Whalen seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Whalen: shared that the PCRC will be meeting this week in the Pierce County annex; the presentation will be given by PMC Group, a consultant group, on affordable housing. He asked about directors getting back to the individuals who share comments during the citizen participation time. Whalen asked specifically about Mr. Holmquist's request. Mayor Asay stated that his request was addressed and she spoke with him today. When information is in writing, it will be made available to Council – the attorney is addressing the issue and will be drafting a letter.

Councilmember Sirack: asked when the reader board will be up. Director Neal reported that the contract has been signed, the sign has been delivered to their shop, pieces need to be fabricated to hold it in the frame, and the frame needs to be painted. Weather permitting, the reader board will be installed next week.

Councilmember Heddlesten: commented on the dawn-to-dusk rules for the Interurban Trail. He commented on the budget preparation and process. He requested a copy of the

City's computer use policy. He reminded citizens to vote for the candidate of their choice.

Councilmember Beaudry: thanked the Park Board on their outstanding presentation.

Councilmember Borek: asked about Councilmember Heddlesten's comment on changing the form of government – Mayor Asay stated that it can be brought to a study session.

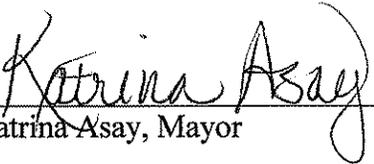
MAYOR'S REPORT:

Staff has been in contact with Fire District 8. She would like to start an ad-hoc committee of councilmembers: Heddlesten, Whalen, Drotz, and Sirack.

ADJOURNMENT:

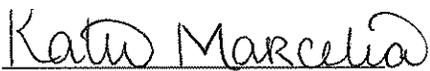
Councilmember Beaudry moved to adjourn. Councilmember Borek seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 P.M.



Katrina Asay, Mayor

ATTEST:



Katie Marcelia, Deputy City Clerk