



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Monday, September 9, 2013
7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Perry called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 p.m; the flag salute was conducted.

- 2. ROLL CALL:** Council Members present: Jones, Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, Ott, Morton, Manley, and Zaroudny.

MAYOR PRO TEM TAYLOR MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Morton, to excuse Councilmember Whalen. **Passed 6/0.**

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Mukerjee, Police Chief Rhoads, Public Works Director Neal, Finance Director Lisa Tylor, and Senior Administrative Assistant Bolam.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

7:03 p.m. – Mayor Perry recessed the meeting to Executive Session, as per RCW 42.30.110, for approximately 30 minutes to consider a minimum price at which real estate at the 20th Avenue reservoir site will be offered for sale, as well as to discuss potential litigation when public knowledge regarding such considerations would cause a likelihood of decreased price or other financial costs.

7:34 p.m. – Mayor Perry reconvened the Regular Meeting of City Council.

3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

City Administrator Mukerjee corrected the title of Item 7C on the agenda – it should read “King County” instead of “Pierce County.”

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None.

5. PROCLAMATION – National Recovery Month

Mayor Perry read the proclamation into the record. There was no one present for presentation.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Perry reversed the order of the two hearings on the agenda.

A. 2nd Public Hearing & Adoption of PSE Franchise Agreement

Mayor Perry invited Puget Sound Energy representative Gary Nomensen to speak. Mr. Nomensen expressed appreciation for the working relationship with the City of Milton and for this renewal opportunity.

Mayor Perry opened the public hearing at 7:44 p.m. There was no public testimony. Mayor Perry closed the hearing at 7:45 p.m.

COUNCILMEMBER JONES MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Morton, to adopt Ordinance 1825, granting Puget Sound Energy a franchise for its natural gas utility operation within the City of Milton's city limits. **Passed 6/0.**

B. Approval of Solid Waste Contract & Ordinances Amending certain sections of the MMC related to Solid Waste

Mayor Perry invited DM Disposal representative Keith Kovalenko to speak. Mr. Kovalenko expressed his appreciation for the partnership with the City of Milton.

Council discussion included length of contract, implementation date, and container size vs. weight. Councilmember Ott pointed out a scrivener's error on page 5, items 12A and 12B – references to "water right" should read "water tight".

Mayor Perry opened the public hearing at 7:52 p.m. There was no public testimony. Mayor Perry closed the hearing at 7:53 p.m.

COUNCILMEMBER OTT MOVED, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, to approve the attached solid waste contract with DM Disposal and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.

Councilmember Ott said this is a fair contract for the citizens of Milton and for DM Disposal. Mayor Pro Tem Taylor expressed thanks to DM Disposal for past service to the city, and he looks forward to the improvements this will bring.

The matter was voted on and passed 6/0.

COUNCILMEMBER JONES MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Morton, to approve the attached ordinances amending MMC Chapters 13.12 and 13.14.

Councilmember Jones said now is the right time to do this and remove the old recycle bins.

The matter was voted on and passed 6/0.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes – Approval of the minutes of:

- i. July 15, 2013 Regular Meeting
- ii. August 12, 2013 Regular Meeting
- iii. September 3, 2013 Study Session

B. Payroll and Claims Voucher Approval:

- i. Approval of the 8/5/13 and 8/20/13 Payroll Disbursements in the amount of \$369,683.14
- ii. Approval of the Claims Vouchers numbered 54179-54283 in the amount of \$ 542,952.24

C. Street Striping Contract with King County

Councilmember Ott received clarification regarding check #54248.

MAYOR PRO TEM TAYLOR MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to approve the consent agenda as presented. **Passed 6/0.**

8. REGULAR AGENDA

City Administrator Mukerjee said that all three items on the Regular Agenda represent good news for the City, acceptance of grant monies.

A. Acceptance of State Grant for Activity Center

City Administrator Mukerjee explained the primary use of this money is to replace the roof, which has many unknowns. Once that is completed, whatever money is left will be put to other upgrades.

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Zaroudney, to accept the offered grant funding from the Department of Commerce for improvements to the Activity Center, in the amount of \$250,000, and authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary related documents.

Councilmember Zaroudny said she's happy to see this happen; this will be a great boost to the community.

Councilmember Ott said this is a very exciting time for the City and acknowledged the good work done by City Administrator Mukerjee and Mayor Perry to secure these funds.

The matter was voted on and passed 6/0.

Mayor Perry said this was a huge team effort, thanking City Administrator Mukerjee and Mayor Pro Tem Taylor for their help.

B. Acceptance of State Grant for ADA Bathroom in Triangle Park

City Administrator Mukerjee explained that this grant will pay for the demolition of the existing bathrooms and construction of new.

COUNCILMEMBER OTT MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to accept the offered grant funding from the Department of Commerce for a new ADA compliant washroom in Triangle Park, along with associated access improvements, in the amount of \$225,000 and authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary related documents.

Councilmember Ott said this will be a terrific addition to our park, which is becoming a go-to spot.

Councilmember Jones said there's finally a light at the end of this long tunnel and thanked staff and council for the hard work toward this end.

Some questions answered by Director Neal included the general fund budget line item and the timeline.

The matter was voted on and passed 6/0.

Mayor Perry again stated that this was a team effort, and the state representatives really wanted to help Milton on this, and they did.

C. Acceptance of Planning Grant from Washington Department of Commerce

City Administrator Mukerjee explained that the Department of Commerce notified the city of an \$18,000 grant opportunity for actions related to the update of the Comprehensive Plan.

COUNCILMEMBER MANLEY MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Morton, to accept the offered grant funding from the Department of Commerce for updating the City's Comprehensive Plan, in the amount of \$18,000, and authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary related documents.

Councilmember Manley said he's glad to see this to help the City comply with the update mandate.

Councilmember Morton asked if this is something we've known about or if it's new. Director Neal explained it was potentially going to be eliminated from the state budget, but we are happy to see it was maintained.

Councilmember Ott stated his preference for this money to be directed toward a traffic study.

The matter was voted on and passed 6/0.

9. City Administrator Report

- Referred to a photograph that he handed out showing the new bollards that were installed at the Interurban Trailhead at Military Road.
- Gave recognition to the city's electrical crews for a recent job well done; there was potential the city could have lost power for up to a day in order to complete the job, but they did it while maintaining power.

10. Council Reports

Councilmember Jones:

- Milton Days went very well.

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor:

- Milton Way right-of-way mowing looks great.
- Noticed roadway degradation on 27th between Alder and Diamond – Director Neal explained level of responsibility for developer.
- Inquired as to the progression of 28th opening – Director Neal said there is not a scheduled opening day yet; while the utility side is nearly complete, there's still much to be done within the building.

Councilmember Ott:

- Echoed concern over the roadway damage on 27th between Alder and Diamond.
- Clarified that the 28th will be completely repaved, and there will be sidewalks installed along the frontage of the Alder Ridge development.
- Citizens can temporarily suspend a subscription to avoid receiving the Sunday paper ad bundles by emailing customerservice@thenewstribune.com, or calling 1-800-905-0296.
- The upcoming Pancake Breakfast will benefit the Senior Center and the VFW.
- Milton Days was very successful.

Councilmember Morton:

- Reported traffic issues at two lights on Milton Way – Director Neal said they are aware of those issues and are working to resolve them.
- Thanked staff for resolution at trail head.
- Has heard that Alder Ridge planning to accept residents the first of December.

Councilmember Manley:

- Expressed appreciation to staff for finding the Comprehensive Plan Update grant.

Councilmember Zaroudny:

- Expressed that this meeting was a very pleasant one.
- Suggested (seconded by Councilmember Manley) that Director Neal bring updated numbers back to Council regarding the Baker property.

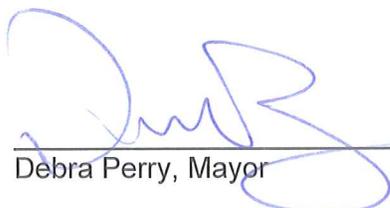
11. Mayor's Report

- Announced the acceptance of a \$1,000 donation by Korum Motors for the 911 Memorial.
- 911 Memorial events for this Wednesday include:
 - 7:03 a.m. – invitation to Council from King County Councilman Peter Von Reichbauer – at East Pierce Station 64 on 320th.
 - 11:30 a.m. – Chamber of Commerce lunch at Emerald Queen Casino will include a presentation by the 911 Memorial Committee
- Pierce Transit meetings are going extremely well – there are no reductions in service scheduled for this year or next. Discussions include separating service for commuters and a local circulator route.
- Working with AWC Legislative Committee directing lobbyist efforts on what's important to Milton; this is mostly about unfunded mandates and continuous cuts to police.
- Pierce County Cities and Towns – Pierce County Assessor Mike Lonergan spoke, saying building numbers are exceeding expectations, with highest percentages in Sumner, and Milton looking good at 4%.
- The Event Committee is working hard on the upcoming Bazaar, which raises funds for the Tree Lighting and as a jump-start to next year's Milton Days.

City Administrator Mukerjee explained the handout from BPA regarding fish health in the Columbia River.

12. Adjournment

COUNCILMEMBER JONES MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Morton, to adjourn at 8:41 p.m. Adjourned.



Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Tylor, City Clerk