



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Monday – September 15, 2008
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

Councilmembers present were Beaudry, Borek, Drotz, Heddlesten, Sanderson, and Whalen. Councilmember Neal was excused.

STAFF PRESENT

City Administrator Wilson, Finance Director Pierce, Public Works Director Neal, Police Chief Rhoads, Fire Chief Jaques, and Deputy City Clerk Fortier were present.

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS

Mayor Asay deleted the Executive Session from the agenda.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Jacquelyn Whalen, 1605 13th Avenue, and Jack Chandler, 79 23rd Avenue, made comments regarding issues relating to the City.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from the August 18, 2008 regular meeting and September 8, 2008 special meeting/study session, September 5, 2008 payroll direct deposits, checks and benefits in the amount of \$223,289.12, and September 15, 2008 checks/vouchers, numbers 15190, 15191, 16133 – 16183 and 16185-16190, in the amount of \$289,249.10. Check No. 16184 was voided.

Councilmember Sanderson requested the vouchers be pulled to allow for further discussion.

COUNCILMEMBER HEDDLESTEN MOVED to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Councilmember Borek seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and carried 6-0.

Councilmember Sanderson requested clarification on several of the vouchers.

Finance Director Pierce addressed Councilmember Sanderson's questions.

COUNCILMEMBER SANDERSON MOVED to approve the vouchers. Councilmember Whalen seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and carried 6-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

AB08-087: Appointment to Planning Commission: Mayor Asay presented the recommendation to appoint Sharon Cooper to the Planning Commission for a term expiring May 31, 2011.

COUNCILMEMBER DROTZ MOVED to approve the Mayor's appointment of Sharon Cooper to the Planning Commission for a term expiring May 31, 2011. Councilmember Sanderson seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and carried 6-0.

Mayor Asay extended an apology to Steve Tomaso, one of the Planning Commission applicants, for the delay in getting a letter sent out to him informing him that another applicant had been selected.

AB08-082: Resolution No. 08-1751 – Voucher Certification and Approval: Finance Director Pierce presented the resolution which would authorize the issuance of checks or EFT/ACH in payments of claims in accordance with RCW 42.24.180 prior to the legislative body approving such claims.

COUNCILMEMBER BOREK MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 08-1751 authorizing the Finance Department to process the accounts payable and issue payments prior to Council's authorization under the authority given by RCW 42.24.180. Councilmember Sanderson seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and carried 5-1 with Councilmember Heddlesten voting no.

AGENDA ITEM 6-B: Discussion – Consultant Contract – Milton Way Sidewalks from 11th Avenue to 15th Avenue: Public Works Director Neal presented a draft of the scope of work and fee worksheets relating to the consultant contract with Skillings Connolly, Inc.

Councilmembers Heddlesten, Sanderson, Beaudry, and Whalen made comments relating to the proposed project.

Milton Loflin, 1810 11th Avenue, Jacquelyn Whalen, 1605 13th Avenue, and Jack Chandler, 79 23rd Avenue, made comments relating to the proposed project.

AB08-083: City Hall Remodel Project: City Administrator Wilson presented the proposal to perform limited remodeling work to the north half of the main city hall facility to accommodate administrative and finance staff.

COUNCILMEMBER DROTZ MOVED to authorize the City Administrator to contract with a licensed general contractor to perform work to remodel City Hall at a cost not to exceed \$10,000. Councilmember Sanderson seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and carried 5-1 with Councilmember Beaudry voting no.

AB08-084: Ordinance No. 1723-08 – Adopting New Purchasing Policies: City Administrator Wilson presented the ordinance which will establish new purchasing policies. The policies that were previously adopted by the Council were never approved as to form by the City Attorney. This new ordinance incorporates the City Attorney's suggested changes.

COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1723-08 establishing new purchasing policies with the noted changes. Councilmember Borek seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and carried 5-1 with Councilmember Heddlesten voting no.

AB08-085: Resolution No. 08-1752 – Council Rules and Operating Principles and Standards of Conduct: City Administrator Wilson presented the resolution which would establish a procedure for the conduct of Council meetings, proceedings, and business.

COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 08-1752 repealing Resolution No. 05-1372, adopted April 18, 2005, and establishing new procedures for the conduct of Council meetings, proceedings, and business. Councilmember Sanderson seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and carried 6-0.

COUNCILMEMBER DROTZ MOVED to adopt the Operating Principles and Standards of Conduct. Councilmember Borek seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and carried 6-0.

AB08-086: Ordinance No. 1729-08 – Amendment to Chapter 2.04 of the Milton Municipal Code – City Council Meetings: City Administrator Wilson presented the ordinance which would amend the Milton Municipal Code changing the regular study session time to 5:30 p.m.

Jacquelyn Whalen, 1605 13th Avenue, made comments relating to the proposed ordinance.

COUNCILMEMBER DROTZ MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1729-08, amending Chapter 2.04, Section 2.04.010 (B) of the Milton Municipal Code, changing the time of the regular Council study session to 5:30 p.m. Councilmember Sanderson seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and carried 4-2 with Councilmembers Heddlesten and Whalen voting no.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

City Administrator Wilson reported/commented on: 1) that the preparation of the 2009 budget was under way, 2) that personnel policies and procedures have been developed for future Council discussion and approval, 3) department director employment agreements, 4) IBEW labor negotiations, 4) animal control services, and 5) monthly budget status reports.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Sanderson reported/commented on: 1) attendance at a Pierce County Tobacco Advisory Board meeting wherein smoking awareness issues were discussed, and 2) a demonstration event at Mary Bridge Children's Hospital, Jackson Hall, on September 30, 2008 from 1:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on not smoking in cars when children are present that is being sponsored by the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department MultiCare and TAB.

Councilmember Borek commented that with everything that is happening with the hurricanes in the South the City needs to be prepared for any natural disaster that may occur in this area.

Mayor Asay commented that now would be a good time for the City to look at their emergency services policies and procedures.

Councilmember Whalen reported/commented on: 1) upcoming PCRC meeting where the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies and Affordable Housing will be on the agenda for discussion, 2) major changes that have occurred at 5th Avenue and Milton Way, 3) grafetti problem in the City, 4) water pressure change after lightening storm, and 5) the need for Planning Commission and Park Board minutes being provided to Council.

Councilmember Beaudry thanked Council for excusing him from the September 8, 2008 meeting.

Mayor Asay explained that the Council had not made a motion officially excusing him from the meeting as indicated in the minutes and called for a motion.

COUNCILMEMBER DROTZ MOVED to excuse Councilmember Beaudry from the September 8, 2008 Special Meeting/Study Session. Councilmember Borek seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and carried 6-0.

Councilmember Drotz reported/commented on: 1) attendance at a Chamber of Commerce luncheon with Police Chief Rhoads, 2) that she was not able to attend a skateboard meeting, and 3) attendance at the Pierce County Cities and Towns meeting representing Mayor Asay.

MAYOR REPORT

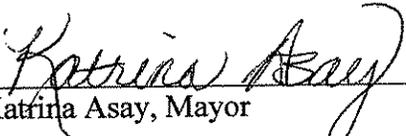
Mayor Asay reported/commented on: 1) appreciation for support of study session time change to 5:30 p.m.

City Administrator Wilson commented on the need for Council Committees for Finance/Staff and Public Works/Community Development/Public Safety. The committees would consist of three Councilmembers per committee with the Mayor ProTem being an alternate. Councilmembers Whalen, Heddlesten, and Beaudry requested to be on the Public Works/Community Development/Public Safety Committee, and Councilmembers Sanderson, Borek, and Neal requested to be on the Finance/Staff Committee. Appointments would be good until December 31, 2010.

COUNCILMEMBER HEDDLESTEN MOVED to appoint Councilmembers Whalen, Heddlesten, and Beaudry to the Public Works/Community Development/Public Safety Committee, and Councilmembers Sanderson, Borek, and Neal to the Finance/Staff Committee. Councilmember Whalen seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and carried 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMEMBER BEAUDRY MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Councilmember Heddlesten seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and carried 6-0



Katrina Asay, Mayor

ATTEST:



Barbara J. Fortier, Deputy City Clerk