



CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
August 20, 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 Councilmember's Beaudry, Borek, Heddlesten, Sirack and Whalen.

Councilmember Neal was previously excused.

Councilmember Beaudry moved to excuse Councilmember Drotz. Councilmember Whalen seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

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

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:

Mayor Asay added a VFW presentation: Item number 3A on the agenda.

Dana McClain, Commander of VFW Post 11401, presented a plaque to the City of Milton in appreciation for the City's support of the VFW Memorial. Mayor Asay graciously accepted the plaque and passed it around for all to see.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Pat Hersee, 1708 15th Ave., requested information on the corridor wells.

Abe Mouracade, Paidion Youth Center, reported the success of the youth dance that was held in Triangle Park on the evening of August 10th. He thanked the City for its support. Councilmember Heddlesten commended Mr. Mouracade on how well he handled the volume of the music.

Deborah Perry, 1205 Hemlock St., requested that the meeting, scheduled for Monday be rescheduled.

Robert MacDonald, 1308 15th Ave., shared comments regarding the volume of the music at the Paidion Youth Dance.

Jacquelyn Whalen, 1605 13th Ave., noticed that, during the youth dance, the decibel level dropped at 10:00 P.M. – it was definitely better than last year. She wanted to thank all citizens and City Staff who volunteered at the parade and picnic. She shared that the Post Office centennial letter cancellation will be available for 30 days.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- (A) August 5th Payroll: direct deposits, checks and benefits in the amount of \$217,147.63.
- (B) Checks/Vouchers: numbers 13547-13618, in the amount of \$451,602.23.
- (C) Planning Commission Work Plan
- (D) Job Descriptions

Councilmember Sirack requested to pull the vouchers. (Agenda Item 5B)

Councilmember Heddlesten requested to pull the Planning Commission Work Plan. (Agenda Item 5C)

Councilmember Whalen requested to pull the payroll. (Agenda Item 5A)

Councilmember Beaudry moved to approve the job descriptions. Councilmember seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Agenda Item 5B: Councilmember Sirack requested additional information regarding check numbers 13549, 13550, 13561, and 13562. Director Pierce and Mayor Asay clarified what the checks were for. Councilmember Sirack moved to approve the checks/vouchers. Councilmember Beaudry seconded. Motion carried 4-1. (Opposed: Sirack)

Agenda Item 5C: Councilmember Heddlesten stated that he is in favor of the Planning Commission Work Plan and would like the entire section to be reviewed.

Councilmember Heddlesten moved to send the entire section of the Milton Municipal Code, dealing with recreational vehicles, travel trailers, sheds and garages, to the Planning Commission to be reviewed in its entirety. Councilmember Sirack seconded.

Councilmember Borek asked if this item has to be sent to the Planning Commission. Mayor Asay stated that it needs to go through the Planning Commission before coming back to a City Council study session.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Asay called for the vote. Motion carried 5-0.

Agenda Item 5A: Councilmember Whalen requested to direct his comments to Director Pierce. He wanted to clarify that he trusts the numbers that she provides council. He shared his concerns regarding the information that is given to council.

Councilmember Beaudry moved to approve the payroll. Councilmember Whalen seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

MAIN AGENDA:

AB07-090A Public Hearing: RTID:

A public hearing was conducted to receive public input concerning the proposed Regional Transportation Investment District (RTID) ballot proposal and to consider the approval of the resolution presented, which expressed support of the ballot proposal.

Mayor Asay opened the public hearing at 7:32 P.M.

PK McClain, Executive Director of the Fife Regional Chamber of Commerce, shared that the Fife Regional Chamber voted to endorse RTID at their June 28th Board Meeting.

Milton Loflin, 1810 11th Ave., shared that RTID is important to the region and he is in support of it.

Leonard Sanderson, 1201 24th Ave. Ct., commented on the current traffic congestion on our highways – he stated that if we don't do it now, it will cost us more later. He shared his support.

Mayor Asay closed the public hearing at 7:36 P.M.

Councilmember Whalen shared some comments regarding RTID. He abstained from voting in protest against WSDOT and disappointment with the City of Milton.

Councilmember Heddlesten commented that his feelings on this issue are the same as Councilmember Whalen's. He stated his concerns and lack of support for the plan.

Councilmember Beaudry shared that the council needs to support RTID. Mayor Asay stated that Milton is in negotiations with WSDOT and they have made a real effort to work with the City. Once negotiations are completed, a Memorandum of Understanding will come to council for approval.

Councilmember Borek moved that Resolution 07-1724, expressing support for the "Roads and Transit Plan", be approved. Councilmember Beaudry seconded.

Robert MacDonald, 1308 15th Ave., shared his concerns regarding the information supplied to citizens.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Asay called for the vote. Motion carried 3-2. (Abstained: Whalen; Opposed: Heddlesten, Sirack)

AB07-099A Include Code Enforcement Provisions for Streets, Stormwater and Clearing/Grading, Ordinance 1706-07:

Director Neal briefly shared that Code Enforcement provisions are vital to the City being able to deal with issues regarding streets, stormwater and clearing/grading.

Councilmember Beaudry moved that Ordinance 1706-07, authorizing the code enforcement provisions of Chapter 17.78 to be applicable to Chapter 12 and 13 of the Milton Municipal Code, be approved. Councilmember Borek seconded.

Councilmember Whalen stated that he supports the ordinance presented to council.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Asay called for the vote. Motion carried 5-0.

AB07-007D Animal Control, Ordinance 1707-07:

Chief Rhoads shared that he's been working diligently with King County, trying to get this issue taken care of.

Councilmember Sirack shared that she's not in favor of King County controlling the City's animal control. She also stated that she doesn't agree with licensing cats.

Councilmember Borek moved that Ordinance 1707-07, adopting King County regulations for animal control, as part of the Milton Municipal Code, be approved. Councilmember Beaudry seconded.

Councilmember Whalen commented on service animals and that King County needs to update and change the description of a service animal, not just to include service dogs for the blind. Chief Rhoads stated that King County is looking into it. Whalen also asked questions regarding "grandfathering". Chief Rhoads said that King County is about education first, reinforcement second. King County will provide education to the City.

Councilmember Heddlesten doesn't support going to King County for animal control. He shared that he thinks the City should use its own staff to take care of animal control. He commented on the loss of revenue.

Robert MacDonald, 1308 15th Ave., agreed with Councilmember Heddlesten.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Asay called for the vote. Motion carried 4-1. (Opposed: Heddlesten)

AB07-007E King County Contract – Animal Control Services:

Councilmember Whalen moved that an Interlocal Agreement with King County, whereby they agree to provide animal control services to the City of Milton, be approved. Councilmember Beaudry seconded. Motion carried 4-1. (Opposed: Heddlesten)

AB07-102 SAFER Grant for Fire Department:

Chief Jaques shared the details of the SAFER Grant.

Interim City Administrator Carter requested that Chief would walk through the numbers for the council, regarding the hiring of firefighters. Chief Jaques explained the details of the costs and amounts listed.

Councilmember Heddlesten asked for clarification regarding the percentage the City will be responsible for. He also asked if the City had money in the budget for two firefighters right now. Chief Jaques responded by saying not at this time.

Mayor Asay clarified that the vote tonight is only to apply for the grant – not to accept it.

Councilmember Borek moved to authorize the submittal of the SAFER Grant.
Councilmember Beaudry seconded.

Councilmember Whalen shared that he's in support of applying for the Grant.

Councilmember Sirack asked how this grant would affect the tie in with Fire District 8. Chief Jaques stated that he wasn't sure, but issues would have to be addressed if something more formal is decided later on. She also asked if fire insurance rates go down? Chief Jaques said that Council and the Mayor would need to put in a request for the City to be re-rated.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Asay called for the vote. Motion carried 4-1.
(Opposed: Heddlesten)

Before Council reports were started, Mayor Asay introduced John Larson of the Signal.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Whalen: requested pump vs. billing information from Director Neal and Director Terrell. He would like a better understanding of the corridor wells. He also commented on the Interurban Trail and asked if progress has been made. Mayor stated that there is a meeting scheduled for tomorrow with the contractors. He stated that Council committees are very helpful; council is in need of standing committees, not rotating committees. He asked for a review of the Third Party Billing Ordinance – he'd like it to be made gender neutral. He asked about the progress of hiring a City Administrator. He'd like an update on the Reader Board. He commented on the City Hall/Council Chambers sound system. He had requested notification of property owners adjacent to the beer garden, but doesn't think it occurred. He commented on the www.ci.milton.wa.us website not working. He asked about a comment, regarding the Planning Commission terms, mentioned in a previous meeting: he would like the City to provide the terms from cities comparable to Milton. He would also like to talk to Councilmember Borek regarding his comment about planning commissioners not working in the best interest of the City.

Councilmember Sirack: asked for clarification regarding the meeting mentioned during the citizen participation time; Mayor Asay stated that it is a meeting with City Staff and property owners down in "old town". She attended the parade and picnic and mentioned that there was no place to sit down and eat. She requested that a "thank you" be sent to the Milton Tavern for providing all of the food and for their overall participation in the centennial celebration. She asked when the water fountain, in the Police Department foyer, would be fixed. Mayor Asay stated that a new one will be budgeted for next year. She asked about the status of the reader board. She shared that the Seattle Mayor's

Office declared the second week of October Senior Appreciation Week; Jean Waldherr from the Milton Senior Center will be honored for all of her hard work at a special reception. She shared a letter from Comcast – Kaitlyn Larson, a student from Milton, was a recipient of a scholarship from Comcast.

Councilmember Heddlesten: he talked about the black and white paint on the rim at the skateboard park and asked when it would be removed. He also noticed kids with bicycles and no helmets at the skateboard park. He asked when the reader board will be completed. Mayor Asay answered that the reader board was received this month and, now that the centennial celebration is over, City Staff will have time to dedicate to getting it up. He commented on the centennial parade and picnic. He shared his concern about parking semi-trucks in vacant lots, MMC 17.48.20. He commented on the agenda on the City's website being difficult to find. He shared his concerns regarding the councilmembers not following the policies and procedures. He asked that the Mayor make sure council wait to be recognized before speaking and take appropriate action for councilmembers who are out of order. He shared an informational pamphlet from the National Crime Prevention Council, regarding electronic security, computers, ATM's, etc.

Councilmember Beaudry: to answer Councilmember Whalen's question on committees – it will be brought to a study session. He attended the Block Party and Parade and Picnic; he thanked staff and volunteers for their participation and planning.

Councilmember Borek: stated that certain items need to be brought up in study sessions – not council reports.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Thanked those who helped out during the centennial celebration; there were approximately 100 volunteers. She shared a special thank you to Brent Thompson and Brent LaGasa and all City staff who volunteered. She thanked numerous people for their involvement, including: Marion McGunagle, for the games, Maria Pierce for the City tent and sale of merchandise, Councilmember Beaudry from the trout farm, Councilmember Borek for the climbing wall, Pat for working in the cook tent, Jacki for helping Jana in the history tent, and Lois for overseeing the chalk art contest. The success of the Block Party, along with the Parade and Picnic, helped restore a community atmosphere.

Councilmember Beaudry asked to be excused for the September 4th meeting. Councilmember Heddlesten moved to excuse him. Councilmember Whalen seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Council and citizens were reminded vote tomorrow, August 21st.

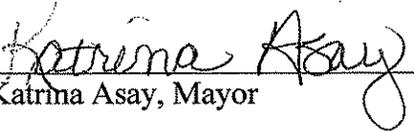
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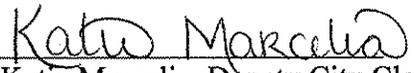
ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Beaudry moved to adjourn. Councilmember Borek seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 P.M.


Katrina Asay, Mayor

ATTEST:


Katie Marcelia, Deputy City Clerk