



## CITY COUNCIL

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**Regular Meeting**  
**October 1, 2007**  
**Monday, 7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Pro Tem Beaudry called the regular scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:** Present were Councilmember's Borek, Drotz, Heddlesten, Neal, Sirack and Whalen.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Fire Chief Jaques and Deputy City Clerk Marcelia.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:**

Councilmember Heddlesten requested a discussion on changing the form of government to a City Manager form of government. Mayor Pro Tem Beaudry suggested that this issue be brought to the next study session. Mayor Pro Tem Beaudry asked the rest of the council if they wanted to discuss this issue during this meeting. Council agreed to add a brief discussion at the end of the main agenda.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

*Milton Loflin, 1810 11<sup>th</sup> Ave.,* spoke on possible future changes in the City's parks. He stated that there are 2 ways to fund parks: out of the general fund or through a park district like Metro Parks in Tacoma. He suggested the City look into funding through a park district. It is run by park commissioners. Upgrades are voted on by the citizens. If council considers this option, they need to make sure that the issue on the ballot is a "no tax increase" issue. It will put the park funding in the hands of the public.

*Diane Tomaso, 1709 Milton Way,* asked the council to include the following items on near future agendas: a new sound system, consider being televised, issues with the City's website. She's obtained job descriptions for all the directors, all of which state that the directors are supposed to attend all of the council meetings. Mayor Pro Tem Beaudry responded in regards to the sound system by saying that the bid process has been started.

*Steve Tomaso, 1709 Milton Way,* asked why the planning commission term limits were not more thoroughly and openly discussed. He also asked what the cost was to have the ordinance drafted. He doesn't feel that the council didn't appear to be listening to the citizens on this issue and shared frustrations about the Mayor's comment, "(my) planning commission", at a past meeting.

*Robert MacDonald, 1308 15<sup>th</sup> Ave.*, asked why citizens don't get answers on the questions they ask during the citizen participation time. Mayor Pro Tem Beaudry stated that most of the questions are asked of the directors – directors are to get back to the citizens.

*Leonard Sanderson, 1201 24<sup>th</sup> Ave. Ct.*, commented on the process of becoming a City Manager form of government.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- (A) Minutes: September 10, 2007 Study Session  
September 17, 2007 Regular Meeting
- (B) September 20<sup>th</sup> Payroll: direct deposits, checks and benefits in the amount of \$146,594.62.
- (C) Checks/Vouchers: numbers 13810 – 13944, in the amount of \$238,416.10.

Councilmember Sirack pulled the September 17, 2007 minutes.

Councilmember Whalen pulled the September 10, 2007 minutes, payroll, and the checks and vouchers.

**(A) Minutes:**

Councilmember Sirack pointed out a spelling correction that needed to be made on the second page of the September 17<sup>th</sup> minutes. Councilmember Whalen also added that he would like the minutes to reflect a request he made regarding the information that is supposed to be provided to Mr. Holmquist.

Councilmember Whalen asked that the September 10<sup>th</sup> minutes reflect a comment made by Director Terrell: (page 1) Director Terrell will provide information on a similar, like-type city from which this firm assisted in design standards. He was wondering if the information would be forth coming.

Both sets of minutes, with changes made, will be passed and approved at the October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**(B) Payroll:**

Councilmember Whalen doesn't feel comfortable passing payroll and protested the missing supporting documents.

Councilmember Drotz moved to approve the payroll. Councilmember Sirack seconded. Motion carried 5-2. (Opposed: Whalen and Sirack)

**(C) Checks/Vouchers:**

Councilmember Whalen expressed his concern about the utility billing refunds. Mayor Pro Tem Beaudry called on the Deputy City Clerk to respond; Cathi Short is working with Springbrook to take care of the issue.

Councilmember Sirack asked about the craft bazaar refunds. Councilmember Drotz answered that the checks are cut and put in the vault until after the craft bazaar. Each participant of the bazaar had to pay a refundable deposit; once the event is over, the checks are removed from the vault and given to the participants.

Councilmember Whalen moved to approve the checks and vouchers. Councilmember Drotz seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

#### **MAIN AGENDA:**

#### **AB07-112 Sole Source Purchase of Apparatus Mounted Diesel Exhaust Removal System, Resolution 07-1727:**

Chief Jaques shared the current apparatus exhaust situation. The Fire Department was awarded a grant from FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant to purchase and install diesel exhaust systems. The Fire Department requested to purchase an apparatus mounted diesel exhaust removal system from Ward Diesel Filter. No other brand or manufacturer uses this patented type of vehicle mounted diesel exhaust filtration system.

Councilmember Heddlesten commented on the exhaust situation and the amount of the total cost. Chief Jaques commented on the grant and the equipment that would be mounted at the facility to extract the smoke. 95% of the funds will be grant monies.

Mayor Pro Tem Beaudry asked for clarification on what happens to the particulates when the apparatus leave the station. Chief Jaques stated that they are released into the atmosphere once the apparatus is out of the station. Chief Jaques commented on the filtration system.

Councilmember Borek moved to adopt Resolution 07-1727, waiving the competitive bidding requirements and authorizing the purchase of 4 "No Smoke" diesel exhaust removal systems from Ward Diesel Filters including installation at a total cost, including sales tax, of \$39,054.85. Councilmember Whalen seconded.

Councilmember Sirack asked if this was a budgeted item. Chief Jaques answered that the \$1980 is a budgeted amount.

Councilmember Whalen shared his support and asked if future trucks will have this equipment installed. Chief Jaques stated that if the retro fit will work, then they'll use that. If not, the price will be included in the purchase price of any new apparatus.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Beaudry called for the vote. Motion carried 7-0.

Chief Jaques reported on striping the fire lanes at the schools.

Councilmember Whalen appreciated the information and advised that the City look for the original conditional use permit, granting the school use. Chief Jaques responded by saying that he'll research it.

**Discussion on Changing the Form of Government:**

Councilmember Heddlesten commented on the City's form of government and the form of government in neighboring cities and shared his concerns. If the citizens decide to go with a council/mayor form of government, the City will have to stay with that form of government for at least 6 years. It would make sense to have a City Manager manage the staff, Fife and Edgewood do it. He asked that citizens be able to comment on this issue.

Councilmember Drotz shared that the councilmembers and citizens need to be educated on this issue before testimony from the citizens is taken. She also stated that Fife and Edgewood were incorporated with the City Manager form of government.

Councilmember Sirack stated that she thinks that the citizens should get a chance to share their interests on this issue.

Councilmember Borek shared that it is a waste of time if citizens and council don't have the proper information needed.

Mayor Pro Tem Beaudry opened the floor for comments from the citizens.

*Diane Tomaso, 1709 Milton Way*, thinks this should be a study session item and then a public hearing item. Citizens want to be involved.

*Robert MacDonald, 1308 15<sup>th</sup> Ave.*, citizens would appreciate more information on the forms of government.

*Leonard Sanderson, 1201 24<sup>th</sup> Ave. Ct.*, mentioned that, under the State law, council is restricted from talking to staff and directors when a City has a City Manager.

Councilmember Drotz stated that, under a City Manager form of government, the Manager reports to the council. Under a City Administrator/strong mayor form of government, the City Administrator reports to the mayor.

*Gerry Miller, 1105 25<sup>th</sup> Ave. Ct.*, asked what the process would be. Mayor Pro Tem Beaudry stated that he's not sure what the process is – it's going to take a lot of research. Mr. Sanderson stated that the process relates to a bond issue.

Councilmember Whalen commented that he welcomes the item to come back to the next study session.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Councilmember Drotz: shared a reminder that there is a lahar alarm test at 10:00 A.M. tomorrow. The 45 MPH speed sign on SR99 is up. She attended the Mayor's meeting for Mayor Asay last Friday in Fife – the Pierce County budget was passed out and she

will be giving that to the Mayor. She shared that Ron Sims has rejected the transportation issue that will be on the ballot.

Councilmember Whalen: attended the PCRC on September 20<sup>th</sup> – received a letter drafted by Director Terrell regarding affordable housing; he would appreciate copies of the letter distributed to all councilmembers.

Councilmember Sirack: asked about council reports – when can council bring up questions. Mayor Pro Tem Beaudry advised Councilmember Sirack to talk to the Mayor about it. She wanted to make sure every councilmember has a copy of the Policies and Procedures, adopted in 2005.

Councilmember Drotz suggested that time be provided for council delegate reports and time for council comments; maybe the council's Policies and Procedures need to be revised.

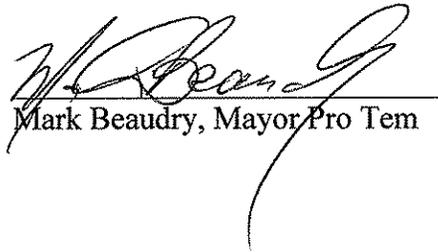
Councilmember Heddlesten: commented that these meetings are council meetings, not the Mayor's meeting. He also asked when is the reader board would be put up. Mr. MacDonald shared that Director Neal stated, at the last Park Board meeting, two weeks.

Councilmember Whalen asked if Mayor Pro Tem Beaudry knew what was on the Study Session agenda for October 8<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Pro Tem Beaudry responded by saying no. Councilmember Whalen mentioned that there are several outstanding questions that haven't been answered. He would appreciate seeing a response for all open, unanswered questions. Councilmembers agreed that the request of Mr. Holmquist needs to be resolved.

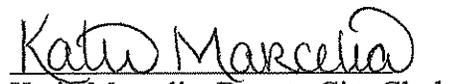
**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Drotz moved to adjourn. Councilmember Sirack seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

  
Mark Beaudry, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

  
Katie Marcelia, Deputy City Clerk