



## CITY COUNCIL

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**Mayor's Roundtable**  
**April 9, 2007**  
**Monday, 6:30 P.M.**

**Study Session**  
**April 9, 2007**  
**Monday, 7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Asay called the study session to order at 7:02 P.M.

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Interim City Administrator Carter, Planning and Community Development Director Terrell, Director of Finance/City Clerk Pierce, Fire Chief Jaques, Police Chief Rhoads, and Director of Public Works Neal.

### **STUDY ITEMS:**

#### **AB07-050 Computer Purchase Report:**

Per Councils request, Brian Ferrell, the City's IT contractor presented information regarding the typical costs of a City computer. Mayor Asay stated that the City has been trying to standardize the computers and operating systems to help minimize the maintenance costs. It was requested that council be provided with a copy of the invoice for the next computer purchased. Council was able to get questions answered by Mr. Ferrell.

#### **AB07-053 Additional Journeyman Lineman Position:**

Director of Public Works Neal introduced this agenda item and the history of the budgeted journeyman lineman positions. She explained that in the past year there was one (1) lineman supervisor, two (2) journey lineman, and one (1) equipment operator, a total of 4 FTE's budgeted for. She also explained that the Department of Labor and Industries has a specific standard that requires two (2) journeyman lineman required to be present when working with energized lines carrying the amount of voltage that the City has in its distribution system. She explained that there are safety issues involved.

One of the two journeyman linemen on staff is Dick Bronson, who is actually the Electric Division Supervisor. The loss of the third journeyman has meant that a much greater portion of Dick's time is spent in the field as part of the crew doing maintenance and improvements on the City's electric system, rather than his supervisory duties.

Councilmember discussed filling an additional journeyman lineman position.

Adding another FTE to the Electric Division would require a budget adjustment, but the fund is in good shape and could easily support the additional employee's wages and benefits. This item will be brought back to Council to approve a budget adjustment and additional FTE which would bring the electric crew up to speed.

**AB07-052 Purchase of Right-of-Way Mower:**

Director of Public Works Neal informed council that the City's right-of-way mower is a 1984 Ford Tractor with a mower attachment that was purchased in 1985 for \$24,000. She presented the council with a book which listed the repairs done on the mower; the mower has had extensive repairs. The mower has had a long history of high unreliability followed by high costs in maintenance. The total costs for repairs and maintenance to date have exceeded 160% of the original purchase price. Director Neal explained to Council that a new mower would be leased and charged out of several different departments.

**AB07-028A Parade and Picnic Report:**

Mayor Asay introduced Jana King and asked her to share the preliminary costs of the Centennial Celebration. Jana King shared the planned details regarding the block party on the night of August 17<sup>th</sup>, including a free concert by the Great Pretenders. She also touched on the events that will take place during the centennial parade and picnic on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

**AB07-051 Municipal Water System Discussion:**

Director of Public Works Neal led the discussion concerning municipal water supply. Councilmembers discussed the different businesses in the City and how they could conserve water. Councilmembers shared concerns and comments regarding an agreement to purchase water outright from Mt. View-Edgewood Water Supply. Director Neal stated that voluntary water conservation notices would be included in the next utility bills. She shared some examples of utility rates from the City of Auburn and the City of Tukwila and shared that the City of Milton is the only utility provider in the area that doesn't have escalating rates.

Councilmember shared their concerns regarding the water conservation.

**AB07-012A Comprehensive Plan Amendments – Guidelines and Work Plan:**

Mayor Asay introduced this agenda bill and asked Director Terrell to discuss the recommended work plan. Council shared their concerns regarding the reason for the comprehensive plan amendments and the time frame. Mayor Asay stressed that the City needed to be proactive in attracting business to the City of Milton. She stated that the plan is aggressive but a doable work program.

Councilmembers shared their concerns, frustrations and comments in regards to the work plan and amendments to the comprehensive plan.

Director Terrell stated that the first step is to get the comprehensive plan amendments which set the broad framework which then allows for design standards to be addressed.

Councilmembers continued the discussion.

Mayor Asay tabled the discussion.

**AB07-054 Police Department Vehicle Lease Program:**

Chief Rhoads led the discussion concerning a vehicle lease program for the Police Department. His plan and goal would be to remove most of the 2000 Chevrolet Impalas from the patrol fleet. The impalas have exceeded their cost effectiveness and are in need of repairs.

Chief Rhoads noted that Ford Motors has committed to continue making the Crown Victorias only until 2010. Dodge has no plans of discontinuing its production of the police package. He shared his recommendation as well as information on a leasing program and the benefits of leasing instead of buying new vehicles.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions and Chief Rhoads provided answers. Mayor Asay informed council that this item would be brought back for approval at the next regular council meeting.

The following study items were not discussed and Mayor Asay adjourned the meeting until Monday at 5:00 P.M.:

**AB07-055 Cable TV Franchise Ordinance Amendment**

**AB07-056 DUI Cost Recovery Ordinance**

**AB07-057 School Impact Fees Agreement**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 P.M.

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Katrina Asay, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Maria Pierce, City Clerk