



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Monday –February 10, 2014
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Perry called the regularly-scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Perry, Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, Councilmembers Jones, Whalen, Manley, Ott, Morton and Zaroudny

STAFF PRESENT

City Administrator Mukerjee, Public Works Director Neal, Finance Director Tylor, Interim Police Chief Langford, and Associate Planner Larson

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS

None.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Speaker	Address	Comments
Jacquelyn Whalen	1605 13 th Ave	As a member of the audience during Council's retreat, it gave her tremendous hope to see such camaraderie and focus.
Richard Cosner	507 7 th Ave	Announced his resignation from the Events Committee due to acceptance of an overseas job. Thanked Council for their great support.
Katrina Asay	President of Milton Police Foundation	Police awards banquet this Wed, Feb. 12. All are invited and encouraged to attend or donate. Tickets are \$25; funds allow for the purchase of small pieces of equipment. Main objective of banquet is to thank officers and show community support.

PIERCE COUNTY COUNCILMEMBER PRESENTATION

Mayor Perry welcomed Pierce County Councilmember Joyce McDonald to the podium, who reported on some County issues and answered Councilmember questions.

- In 492 days, the US Open will be at Chambers Bay – volunteers pay to volunteer but get some nice perks.
- She has been the Chair of the Pierce County Council the last 2 years, but didn't run this year – Dan Roach is Chair this year. She is now serving as the Chair of the South Sound 911 board, which services 38 agencies.
 - There are no funding opportunities available at this time to help Milton comply with regulations.
- There is an agricultural initiative to support family farms. Pierce County farmers generate \$100 million in sales each year. This initiative designed to help farmers deal with regulations, and there's a new mobile app coming to direct the public to local farms.
- Received a phone call from a Milton resident regarding the increase in sewer rates. The main reason for the increase is treatment plant upgrades, which the County sold bonds to finance.
- The County Council voted to prohibit marijuana land uses in unincorporated Pierce County, believing that federal law preempts state law. They are pleased with the state attorney general's opinion.
- This is the 2nd year of the Flood Control District. The District collects \$6.9 million annually (\$.10/\$1,000 in property value), and has committed \$6 million total (\$1mil/year for 6 years) for the Tacoma wastewater treatment plant flood wall, and \$7 million for the setback levy upriver of Orting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of:

- A. Minutes of January 21 and February 3, 2014
- B. Checks/vouchers for \$1,073,487.14, and Payroll for \$135,675.26
- C. Acceptance of Alder Ridge Trail Easement
- D. Surplus Property

MAYOR PRO TEM TAYLOR MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Passed 7/0.**

REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Annexation Petition – Clear Water Development and Sun Ridge Apartments

City Administrator Mukerjee and Planner Larson reviewed the status and next steps if approved of this item.

COUNCILMEMBER OTT MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to authorize the circulation of annexation petitions, under the direct petition method, for the proposed Clear Firs/Sunridge annexation, to simultaneously adopt the Residential Multi Family (RM) zoning designation consistent with the City of Milton Comprehensive Plan and zoning code, and requiring assumption of existing City indebtedness.

Councilmembers are pleased with the SOAP and SODA laws and the apartment security measures, and are happy to welcome these future residents.

Speaker	Address	Comments
Jacquelyn Whalen	1605 13 th Ave	Property taxes will be received beginning January 1, 2015; when will services begin? City Administrator Mukerjee answered that services will begin once the annexation is approved by ordinance.

Planner Larson said that the process typically takes 90-120 days once the petition is received.

The motion was voted on and passed 7/0.

B. Release of Easement for old Stepping Stones Project

Planner Larson handed out a revised easement document with edits by the city attorney. City Administrator Mukerjee explained that this is a requested release of easements for the 2006 Stepping Stone townhouse project that expired; the owner wants to sell the property.

MAYOR PRO TEM TAYLOR MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to approve the attached Resolution 14-1843 declaring certain property as surplus and authorize disposal of such property.

Speaker	Address	Comments
Jacquelyn Whalen	1605 13 th Ave	Just to clarify, the name noted in the document is no relation, to her knowledge.

The motion was voted on and passed 7/0.

C. City Clerk/HR Generalist Position

City Administrator Mukerjee explained the Mayor has requested this position.

COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Morton, to approve the attached ordinance creating a City Clerk/Human Resources Generalist position, authorizing an annual salary range of \$67,000-\$75,000 for the position, and adjusting the duties of the Finance Director position.

Councilmember Whalen asked for clarification of when this would take effect. Some discussion ensued regarding this clarification, and City Attorney Park recommended an amendment to add verbiage to Section 4 of the Ordinance to read, "... or after the created position is filled, whichever comes latter."

COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Morton, to amend the motion to add verbiage to Section 4 of the Ordinance to read, "... or after the created position is filled, whichever comes latter." **Passed 7/0.**

Councilmembers expressed support for the position, citing increasing job duties, importance of a Human Resources position, and timeliness.

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor cited an inconsistency regarding the duties included in the Finance Director's job description regarding supervision over the City Clerk's position.

MAYOR PRO TEM TAYLOR MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to amend the Finance Director's job description, deleting the verbiage from paragraph 2 under General Purpose "and overseeing the services and activities of the city clerk's office." **Passed 7/0.**

Some discussion ensued regarding funding for the position, with Councilmember Jones wishing to see this brought back to a study session first.

Speaker	Address	Comments
Leonard Sanderson	1201 24 th Ave Ct	Since it is unclear where the funding is coming from, he cautions against creating a position that might need to be cut in a year or two.

Mayor Perry called for a vote of the amended main motion, which is:

To approve the attached ordinance creating a City Clerk/Human Resources Generalist position, authorizing an annual salary range of \$67,000-\$75,000 for the position, and adjusting the duties of the Finance Director position; to add the verbiage, "...or after the created position is filled, whichever comes latter," at the end of Section 4 of the Ordinance; and to delete the verbiage, "and overseeing the services and activities of the city clerk's office," from paragraph 2 of the Finance Director's job description.

The amended motion was voted on and passed 6/1 (Jones).

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- On Sunday it snowed, and city crews were out sanding down the streets – this is an automatic response for which crews are trained and ready to go.
- Next meeting is Tuesday, February 18, due to the President's Day holiday.

COUNCIL REPORTS

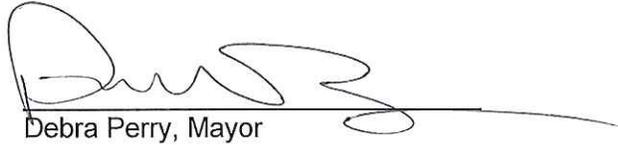
- Councilmember Zaroudny
 - Retreat was informative and fun; appreciates Mrs. Whalen's comment about the Council's cohesiveness and focus; thinks there should be one or two more retreats each year
- Councilmember Manley
 - Would also like to see another retreat half-way through the year; it was more and more informative as the day went on
 - Kudos to the city crews responding to the snow
- Councilmember Morton
 - Noticed the plowing; very nice
 - Retreat was good
 - Car wash is looking great
 - Sad to see Hometown Hardware closed
- Councilmember Ott
 - Glad to see County Councilmember Joyce McDonald here this evening
 - Emphasized invitation to police award banquet
 - Appreciates Mrs. Whalen's comments about retreat; it was outstanding; looking forward to working toward goals
 - Received a citizen comment about how great to have the streets sanded Friday morning; thanks too for Sunday sanding
- Councilmember Whalen
 - Very good retreat; thanks to Alder Ridge
 - 15th Ave street parking, especially on Monday nights has become a problem; the safety striping needs to be redone; requested information on the capacity for the community building
 - Nice to hear the kids playing in the snow
 - Brought a large zoning map and discussed the possible annexation area
- Councilmember Jones
 - Good job to Public Works crew for clear roads, and Police for helping motorists who ran into trouble
- Mayor Pro Tem Taylor
 - WSDOT-installed street lighting through Edgewood/Milton will be nice, as will be the traffic light at Taylor/Meridian
 - Street light out across from Bud's

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Retreat was very good
- February 15 launch of the Pierce Transit circulator route – encouragement to get the word out to make the service successful
- PCCTA meeting was a well attended and looks forward to a lot of regional cooperativeness

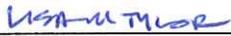
ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.



Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Tylor, City Clerk