



CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
November 6, 2006
Monday, 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 Present were Councilmember's Beaudry, Borek, Drotz, Heddlesten, Sirack and Whalen. Councilmember Drotz moved to excuse Councilmember Neal from tonight's meeting. Councilmember Beaudry seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

STAFF PRESENT: Interim City Administrator Carter, Public Works Director Neal, Finance Director Pierce, Public Safety Director Jaques and Deputy City Clerk Daker. Electric Supervisor, Richard Bronson, also was present.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:

Mayor Asay pulled Item H: *Lockbox/Banking Service* – the Attorney is still working on the revisions to the contract. Also, she moved Item J: *Sole Source Purchase of Wiring* to the first item on the agenda.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Leonard Sanderson, 1201 24th Ave. Ct., commented on building up our business community in the City. Shared that curbs, gutters and sidewalks affect our local businesses; they should be required where its useful, forget it where its not.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- (A) Minutes: March 25, 2006; October 2, 2006; October 3, 2006; October 9, 2006; October 16, 2006
- (B) Payroll
- (C) Checks/Vouchers
- (D) Purchase Order Approval – P.O. 00054992: Hughes Supply, Inc. for the purchase of water meters

Councilmember Beaudry moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Borek seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

MAIN AGENDA:

AB06-106 Sole Source Purchase of 15kv Okonite underground primary distribution cable, Resolution 06-1702:

Director Neal and Electric Supervisor Bronson shared their request to purchase 15kv Okonite underground primary distribution cable from Wesco Distributors Inc. No other brand or manufacturer uses this patented type of primary cable insulation. Okonite cable is used by both Tacoma Power and Peninsula Light exclusively, and is considered the best in the industry. Dick Bronson brought in samples of the wiring.

Councilmember Borek moved to adopt Resolution 06-1702, waiving the competitive bidding requirements and authorizing the purchase of 3 reels of 4/0 Okonite at \$3.13 per foot (2500 feet per reel) from Wesco Distributors Inc. at a total cost, including sales tax, of \$25,540.00. Councilmember Beaudry seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

AB06-101 Public Hearing: 2007 Revenue Sources:

Mayor Asay opened the Public Hearing at 7:18 P.M.

Leonard Sanderson, 1201 24th Ave. Ct., addressed the 1% issue. He asked clarifying questions regarding several items listed.

Hearing no further comments from the citizens, Mayor Asay closed the Public Hearing at 7:23 P.M.

Director Pierce answered the questions of Mr. Sanderson and councilmembers.

AB06-102 Property Tax Ordinances: 7:35

Director Pierce shared the information about the 1% increase and the proposed EMS Tax Levy. She expressed that there would be no action taken tonight on this item.

On November 20th, Council will be asked to approve the ordinances included in the agenda packet. By adopting the ordinances, the City will receive an additional \$10,597.27 in regular property tax revenue, new construction revenue (currently still be determined by the counties) and will receive \$289,465 for the EMS Tax Levy in 2007.

AB06-103 Contract with the City of Fife for Dispatch Services:

Chief Jaques informed council that the agreement presented was similar to the previous agreement, except for the 3.5% increase for 2007.

Councilmember Whalen asked about the 3.5% increase. Chief Jaques clarified.

Councilmember Beaudry moved to approve the 2006 Interlocal Agreement for Dispatch Services between the City of Fife and the City of Milton. Councilmember Heddlesten seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

AB06-104 Duty Chief Services:

Chief Jaques expressed that this agreement basically puts in writing something that we're already doing. Pierce County Fire District 8 and the City of Milton Fire Department are both in need of an on-call duty officer to respond to significant calls.

Councilmember Borek moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Fire District 8. Councilmember Beaudry seconded. Mayor Asay called for further discussion.

Councilmember Heddlesten addressed the issue of another chief getting injured in our jurisdiction. Chief informed him it would be an L&I claim. Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Asay called for the vote. Motion carried 6-0.

AB06-031B Project Acceptance – Mt. View-Edgewood Water Co. Emergency Intertie:

The Mt. View-Edgewood Water Emergency Intertie Project is complete and is ready for Council's acceptance.

Councilmember Beaudry asked if the Intertie would be checked for problems more regularly. Director Neal informed him that it would.

Councilmember Whalen asked for a definition of the word "emergency". Director Neal stated that the Department of Health doesn't offer a clear definition, so she's using research materials and calling on other water providers. A definition and procedures are being created and will be brought to council sometime in December.

Councilmember Borek moved to accept the Mt. View-Edgewood Intertie Project as complete, subject to requirements of appropriate Federal and State agencies, if any, and ultimately the release of retainage to the contractor. Councilmember Heddlesten seconded. Mayor Asay called for further discussion.

Leonard Sanderson, 1201 24th Ave. Ct., asked if there would be something to end mandatory water restrictions. Director Neal informed council and citizens that water restrictions will be ended on November 8, 2006.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Asay called for the vote. Motion carried 6-0.

AB06-109 Police Chief Background – Contracted Service:

Councilmember Heddlesten moved that an Agreement with Public Safety Testing to conduct required testing for the City's police chief candidate and conduct a background check on that candidate be approved. Councilmember Drotz seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

AB06-107 Award of Porter Way Storm Drainage Improvement Project to S&W Utility Contractors:

Director Neal expressed that the existing ditches aren't able to support the rainwater we've received. She informed citizens and council that she spent the day driving around, observing the flooding and street damage.

On October 30, 2006, the City received three bids for the construction of the Porter Way Storm Drainage Improvement Project. The low bidder was S&W Utility Contractors.

This project is not identified in the stormwater comprehensive plan, however, the need was identified and subsequently the design of this project was started early this year by Gray and Osborne. Due to the inadequate sizing of the existing culvert which has previously resulted in washouts of the embankment along Porter Way and flooding of the area around Well #3, the project is a high priority for the City. Director Neal expressed that the City currently uses manpower to keep a watch on this area, and the potential for contamination of wellhead #3 resulting from the washouts is a high concern.

Director Neal shared that, by completing this project now, we can eliminate a problem that has necessitated costly repairs (in materials and manpower) in the past and could potentially harm one of the City's primary sources of water.

Councilmember Whalen requested that the contract be available to council. Director Neal assured council that she would provide the contract by the next study session.

Councilmember Beaudry moved to authorize the Mayor to award the Porter Way Storm Drainage Improvement Project to, and execute an agreement with, S&W Utility Contractors in the amount of \$85,386.23 plus applicable Washington State Sales Tax. Councilmember Drotz seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

AB06-105 Purchase of Replacement Vehicle for Electric Department:

The City's mechanic has recommended that the 1993 Chevrolet truck, currently used by the Electric Department, be replaced.

Councilmember Borek recommended that the council authorize the Mayor to approve and sign a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$27,200 plus tax for the purchase of a new truck for the Electric Department. Councilmember Drotz seconded. Mayor Asay asked for further discussion.

Councilmember Whalen asked that a purchase order be presented. Director Neal said she would provide the contract by next week's meeting.

Councilmembers discussed this item briefly, asking clarifying questions of Director Neal.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Asay called for the vote. Motion carried 6-0.

AB06-108 SR 99 Speed Limit Reduction:

Mayor Asay presented this agenda bill; the proposed ordinance would reduce the speed limit on SR 99, with the City limits, from 50 MPH to 45 MPH.

The Economic Development Board has been meeting with various businesses in an attempt to find out those issues that the City might be able to help them with. One issue for businesses along SR 99 is the 50 MPH speed limit. They believe that reducing the speed limit would potentially help them. City Staff contacted WSDOT and asked them to conduct a traffic investigation to determine if a speed limit reduction was justified. That

study was done and WSDOT is recommending reducing the speed limit to 45 MPH, and then forward it to them for their concurrence.

Councilmember Heddlesten commented that he doesn't see any reason to lower the speed limit.

Councilmember Whalen agreed that slowing the traffic might potentially help the businesses, but wasn't sure it was the best choice.

Councilmember Beaudry would like to see, from WSDOT, consistency in the speed limit.

Council continued to discussed this item and Mayor Asay informed council that it would come back at a later date.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Sirack: requested the Lloyd's exhibit from the September 18th meeting; went on the Port of Tacoma tour; requested that the parking ordinance be brought back at the next meeting, with the attorney present; shared confusion about acquiring property along Surprise Lake; commented on zero lot line ordinance and code for mobile home parks and asked that it be clarified what they voted on.

Councilmember Whalen: attended PCRC: asked if information on changes along SR 99 have gotten back to the City; commented that in order to save expense and time – change code all at one time; asked for Jarrod Lee, City Mechanic, to get the vehicle information requested.

Councilmember Drotz: attended the AWC meeting; commented on ballot issues; attended the Economic Development Board meeting.

Councilmember Drotz moved that the City Attorney prepare an ordinance, creating the position of City Administrator. Councilmember Beaudry seconded.

Councilmember Whalen asked if this should've been on the main agenda or new business item. He expressed that he'd like to see something come to study session first.

Councilmember Drotz called for the question. Mayor Asay called for the vote to limit the debate for the evening. Motion failed 3-4, discussion continued.

Mayor Asay called for the vote to the initial motion, to have the City Attorney prepare an ordinance, creating the position of City Administrator. Motion carried 4-3.

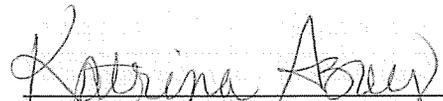
MAYOR'S REPORT:

- reminded everyone to vote on Tuesday, November 7th
- stated that the City offered William Rhoads, of Cumberland County, Maine, a conditional offer for the Police Chief position
- Mentioned groundbreaking for VFW Memorial has taken place

ADJOURNMENT:

**Councilmember Beaudry moved to adjourn. Councilmember Heddlesten seconded.
Motion carried 6-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 P.M.


Katrina Asay, Mayor

ATTEST:


Katie Daker, Deputy City Clerk