



## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

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**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday – April 5, 2010**  
**7:00 p.m.**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Asay called the regularly-scheduled meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL**

Council Members present were Heddlesten, Morton, Ott, Perry, Sanderson, Taylor, and Whalen.

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Police Chief Rhoads, Public Works Director Neal, Fire Chief Thorson, Fire Chief Jaques, Finance Director Pierce, and Deputy City Clerk Stevenson-Ness were present.

### **ADDITIONS / DELETIONS**

New employee introductions

Director Neal introduced Sue Timm, Administrative Assistant, Public Works Administration.

Mayor Asay stated she attended the reserve police officer academy graduation. Also attending the reserve officer academy graduation were Councilmember Sanderson and City Administrator Mukerjee.

Chief Rhoads provided an introduction of the new reserve officers, Rob Cantu, Bruce Scott, and Glenn Pak, and stated each of the reserve officers was recognized by the academy for their achievements.

### **PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Asay proclaimed April 2010 as Records and Information Management Month.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### A. AB10-031: Levy Lid Lift for Fire Services

Fire Chief Thorson and Fire Chief Jaques provided a presentation regarding the services and level of care of the Milton Fire Department and why the department should annex to East Pierce Fire & Rescue (EPFR).

Chief Thorson stated the cost to the average Milton household based on assessed valuation at \$1.21 per \$1,000 assessed value would be approximately \$333 per year.

Mr. Mukerjee provided information regarding the funding strategy for interim fire services. The proposal would ask the voters for a Levy Lid Lift of \$1.21/\$1,000 assessed valuation for a period of five years. If approved, it will allow the City of Milton to contract with the East Pierce Fire and Rescue for full fire services including Advanced Life Support with the intent of annexing into the fire district.

Mayor Asay opened the public hearing at 8:14 p.m.

Speaking before the Council:

<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Address</b>
Maggie Drotz	2500 Alder St.-Heather Hills
Milton Loflin	1810 11 <sup>th</sup> Avenue
Troy Sterrenburg	Employee representing Police/Fire Guild
Robert MacDonald	1508 15 <sup>th</sup> Avenue
Ed Weinbrecht	1308 (?) Hemlock Street
Bret Knutsen	1505 15 <sup>th</sup> Avenue
Dale Mitchell	EPFR commissioner
Sally Wassman	1804 13 <sup>th</sup> Avenue

Mayor Asay recessed the public hearing at 8:30 p.m. to April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.

Mayor Asay recessed the meeting at 8:30 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of:

- Minutes from March 8, 2010, study session and March 15, 2010, regular meeting;

- March 20, 2010, payroll direct deposits, checks, and benefits in the amount of \$150,129.45;
- Checks/Vouchers, numbers 19299-19398, in the amount of \$393,439.22.

Councilmember Sanderson asked to remove the Wellness Resolution from the Consent Agenda. Mayor Asay added the resolution to the regular agenda as Item 8C.

**COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED** to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor.

The motion was voted on and carried 7-0.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### A. AB10-033: Fire Department Staffing

Mr. Mukerjee provided information regarding budget cuts to the Fire Department budget to make up the difference between the approved cuts from March 15, 2010, and the balance of funding needed. Recommended cuts were discussed and the following cuts were agreed upon:

1.	Eliminate Seasonal Workers <u>Impact:</u> Summertime trimming in city parks will not be done. (Postponed by furlough obligations)	\$7,000
2.	Reduce New Tools for Fleet from \$12,150 to \$4,250 <u>Impact:</u> If replacements of new tools are required beyond the budgeted amount, Council may have to fund the additional tools mid-year from Reserve Funds.	\$7,900
3.	Eliminate Facilitator for Council Retreat <u>Impact:</u> Facilitation will be done by City Administrator.	\$1,500
4.	Reduce Code update to one-time in 2010 <u>Impact:</u> Ordinances passed by the City will be codified only once instead of twice a year.	\$4,000
5.	No Annual Increase in Animal Control contract <u>Impact:</u> None.	<u>\$1,600</u>
	<b>Total Cuts</b>	<b>\$22,000</b>

**COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED** to approve the recommended additional departmental cuts totaling \$22,000 to fund the .75 FTE for a total of 2.75 FTEs in the Fire Department and directing staff to amend the budget to incorporate the changes in a budget amendment ordinance. Seconded by Councilmember Ott.

After discussion of the proposed cuts, the motion was voted on and carried 6-1 (Heddlesten).

B. AB10-034: Official Ballot for Board of Commissioners for Pierce Transit

After discussion, **COUNCILMEMBER PERRY MOVED** to approve the selection of Daryl Eidinger, City of Edgewood, to serve as a member of the Board of Commissioners for Pierce Transit for a three-year term, representing the fourteen small cities and towns within Pierce Transit's boundary. Seconded by Councilmember Ott.

The motion was voted on and carried 7-0.

C. AB10-032: 10-1780 Resolution of support for City Employee Wellness Program

Councilmember Sanderson recognized the hard work of the committee and expressed his support for the program.

**COUNCILMEMBER HEDDLESTEN MOVED** to approve Resolution 1780 supporting the City of Milton Employee Wellness Program and amending the 2010 budget to include \$1,000 for the operation of the Wellness Committee. Seconded by Councilmember Sanderson.

The motion was voted on and carried 7-0.

### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Mr. Mukerjee provided an update on the Milton Way project. He stated the project is on schedule and traffic control is the biggest issue with the project. He also advised that on March 26<sup>th</sup>, state contractor hit a water main while working on the HOV project on I-5. The state will reimburse the City all costs for the repair. The auto-read meters for the utilities have been budgeted for and will be ordered as planned. The new pump for well #5 is being installed to meet demand. The online payment option for court payments is being researched and will be implemented.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilmember Sanderson reported on:

- Provided a written report of activities.

Councilmember Ott reported on:

- Attended CPR and First Aid Training by the Fire Department, Karen Whitney did a great job teaching
- Mutual Aid agreement with City of Federal Way to process fingerprinting for the City of Milton
- Inquired when the fireworks issue will be brought back to council

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor reported on:

- Thanks to everyone for assistance while he was gone.

Councilmember Heddlesten reported on:

- Stated that all elected officials need to take FEMA training that can be done online
- Requested that the flags at the Veterans Memorial be at half mast when the city flags are.

Councilmember Perry reported on:

- Thanked Mr. Mukerjee for covering for the City of Milton at the PCRC meeting.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Asay reminded Council that Public Disclosure Commission updates are due on April 15, 2010.

Mayor Asay recessed the meeting at 9:31 p.m. and stated Council would convene into an executive session at 9:32 p.m. to discuss union negotiations per RCW 42.30.110(1) for 30 minutes.

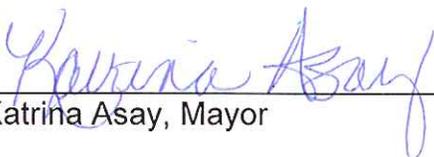
### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Asay convened the meeting into executive session at 9:32 p.m. and reconvened the regular meeting at 9:54 p.m.

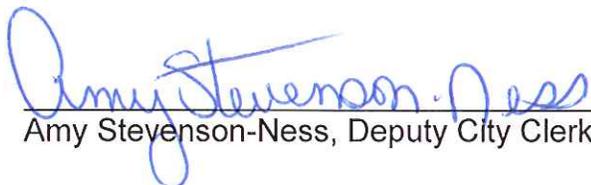
### **ADJOURNMENT**

**COUNCILMEMBER HEDDLESTEN MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Taylor seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on and carried 7-0.

  
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Katrina Asay, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Amy Stevenson-Ness, Deputy City Clerk