



Study Session
Tuesday – September 13, 2013
7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Perry called the regularly scheduled study session to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Perry indicated that this was a study session and therefore public testimony would not be taken.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Perry informed the Council that Councilmember Jones had called her earlier to say that he would not be at the meeting because of childcare obligations, and Councilmember Manley had called her to say that he was sick.

Present: Zaroudny, Morton, Ott, Whalen, and Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor

Absent: Manley and Jones

STAFF PRESENT

City Administrator Mukerjee, Public Works Director Neal and Police Chief Rhoads

3. STUDY ITEMS

A. New NPDES Permit Requirements – Presentation

Councilmembers introduced themselves to Valarie Monsey, Stormwater Compliance Inspector, who gave a slide presentation on the new NPDES requirements from the State. The permit is for 6 years, 2013-18, and has requirements for low impact development, inspections, and a regional monitoring program. City codes would need to be updated by 2016, and a pay-in option for the regional monitoring program is the best option for Milton. Councilmember asked questions on specific requirements of the NPDES permit, how they might impact businesses, landscaping, and how low impact development regulations might overlap with the comprehensive plan amendment process.

B. Discussion on Drug Loitering; Stay Out of Drug Areas (SODA); and Stay Out of Areas of Prostitution (SOAP) orders.

Police Chief Rhoads went over some ordinances enacted by neighboring cities which enabled their municipal judges to issue orders to stay out of SOAP and SODA areas to people arrested for drug or prostitution related offences. Council questions centered around whether these kinds of arrest would add to the jail costs, was there a time limit for

such orders (answer: yes), would this give the city a tool to go after the property owners for public nuisance, could the city impose some additional tax to properties that were the cause of these activities, etc. City Administrator Mukerjee gave a brief overview of the Hotel/Motel tax requirements. Council would like to have further discussions on this tax. Councilmembers were in agreement that they are willing to consider similar ordinances if they were crafted to effectively deal with the problems. Staff will return at a later date with draft ordinances for Council's consideration.

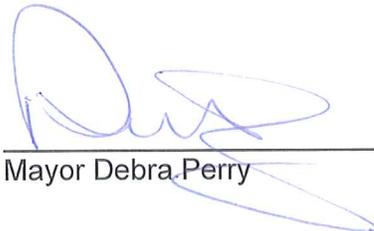
C. COMMENTS

City Administrator checked with the Councilmembers on their availability at 6:30 p.m. next Monday, September 9th for an Executive Session. Councilmembers confirmed their availability.

Councilmember Whalen expressed some concerns related to the Jovita realignment project, namely, (i) the traffic speed on 28th had increased, and there are no stop signs on the private street between the Shell Station and McDonalds, (ii) there is dirt and weeds between the sidewalk and streets, (iii) whether we have billed the city of Edgewood for the additional time the city's Public Works Director had to spend on the project.

D. ADJOURNMENT

The Study Session adjourned at 8:18 p.m.



Mayor Debra Perry

ATTEST:



Lisa Tylor, City Clerk