



Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 20, 2015
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Perry called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF PRESENT

Finance Director Garrison, Police Chief Hernandez, Interim Public Works Director Perteet, and City Clerk Bolam

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS

Mayor Perry added the Appointment to the Planning Commission as the first item on the regular agenda.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Speaker	Address	Comments
Susan Johnson	2307 8 th Ave	NW Embroidery has T-shirts for the Seahawks. Crosswalks at 11 th and 15 th – pedestrians take life in hands to cross – a sign or blinking light would help – planning to photograph cars that don't stop and turn in to police.
Jack Chandler	79 23 rd Ave	Passed along information to Director Perteet regarding solar energy, following up on what was provided to past Director Neal. Update on 911 Memorial – received a return call earlier in January – Milton's application was sent in the summer of 2013, and it is likely to be considered later this spring. The bank account is still active.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of:

- A. Minutes
 - a. January 5, 2015 Regular Meeting
 - b. January 12, 2015 Study Session

- B. Voucher and Payroll Approval
 - a. Checks/vouchers 56021, 56050, and 56135-56194 in the amount of \$ 307,502.08.
 - b. Payroll of 1/5/2015 in the amount of \$ 213,613.76.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

- Appointment to Planning Commission

Mayor Perry referred to the application hand-out and said that she recommends Susan Johnson to the Planning Commission.

Susan Johnson provided a brief introduction that would aid her contribution to the Commission.

MAYOR PRO TEM TAYLOR MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to approve the appointment of Susan F. Johnson to the Planning Commission for a term to expire 5/31/2017.

Council expressed appreciation to Susan's past and current community service.

The motion was voted on and passed 7/0.

- Parks Board Update - Report

Park Board Chair Kent Ross addressed Council regarding Park Board priorities, referring to a list that will be forwarded to Council at a later date.

Some discussion ensued, including the sign at Hilltower Park, the water accumulation problem at the lower baseball fields by Public Works, and the REET funds that have been budgeted to the Park Board.

Council expressed appreciation to the Park Board for their community service.

Mr. Ross thanked Mayor Perry, council and city staff for all the work on parks and support of the Park Board.

- Fee Schedule Update

Directors Garrison and Perteet briefed Council on the proposed fee schedule updates, including a simplified Clearing and Grading Permit and Stormwater Review Fees Chart hand out.

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to approve the proposed changes to the City Fees Schedule as presented.

Discussion and clarifying questions ensued, including the requests that future proposed fees include comparisons with other cities, and that the monitored fee schedule be presented during annual budget discussions.

Chief Hernandez answered questions on the definitions of types of animals.

The motion was voted on and passed 7/0.

- Police Sergeant Position

Mayor Perry referred to a salary chart hand-out to help aid in the decision process. Director Garrison briefed Council regarding the chart's information.

Chief Hernandez briefed council on the request for a 3rd supervisor due to gaps in staffing. There's been a 14% increase in population and a 46% increase in calls for service since 2007.

Discussion and clarifying questions ensued.

COUNCILMEMBER OTT MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Manley, to approve a change in Police Department staffing, adding a Sergeant position in the Police Department.

Council expressed support for the importance of public safety and confidence in Chief Hernandez' leadership.

Discussion regarding financing the position ensued. Director Garrison explained the cost change associated with the approval of this position. Mayor Perry explained the staff changes that have occurred over the past few years.

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

- Finance Tech 1 Position

Director Garrison explained that this position would be a replacement of the Accounting Supervisor position.

COUNCILMEMBER ZAROUDNY MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to approve a change in Finance Department staffing, adding a Finance Technician 1 and

removing the Accounting Supervisor from the 2015 budget, and authorize the Mayor to fill the Finance Tech 1 position.

Council expressed support for the staffing vision presented. Mayor Perry explained that the allocations of all positions are being considered.

The motion was voted on and passed 7/0.

- Water Quality Specialist Position

Director Perteet explained the vacancy of this position and the justification for increasing the pay grade. He explained the goal to create a system of promotion in the future.

COUNCILMEMBER JONES MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to authorize the Mayor to reclassify the position of "Water Quality Specialist" according to the attached job description.

Council expressed support for the position and increasing the pay to attract qualified personnel, and to create room for promotion.

The motion was voted on passed 7/0.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Director Garrison explained the different reports included in the consent agenda's voucher approvals, and asked for Council's preference for future reports.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Zaroudny

- None

Councilmember Manley

- None

Councilmember Morton

- Expressed thanks to Mr. Ross and Mr. Chandler for the updates.

Councilmember Ott

- Announced the February 4 Milton Police Foundation Awards Dinner and Fundraiser.
- Expressed concern over the increase in the Veteran suicide rate.

Councilmember Whalen

- Suggests the city consider lowering the speed limit on Highway 99 in the future.

Councilmember Jones

- East bound Emerald, 1700 block, sinkhole getting worse – seeing motorists cross lanes to avoid it.
- Emerald and 23rd – street light missing the bus stop – kids in the morning standing in the dark.

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor

- Political signs need to be picked up
- Empty lot next to Harland Clark contains a rumped street sign.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Attended the South Sound Chamber annual breakfast – spoke with representatives and colleagues – impressed with the transportation panel and looks forward to the resulting transportation package.
- Attended the Mayor's Exchange in Olympia and met with Representative Kochmar, Representative Gregerson, and Senator Warnick, as well as others, communicating Milton's needs – heard good discussions regarding revenue options and economic development.
- The Pierce County Regional Assembly is on February 19 at 6pm in Puyallup.
- The Milton Comprehensive Plan Open House is in chambers tomorrow night.
- The Police Banquet is February 4.
- The Council Retreat is being planned later than usual on April 11, explaining the purpose of the retreat is for 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:



Katie Bolam, City Clerk