



Regular Meeting
Monday, September 16, 2013
7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Perry called the regular meeting to order at 7:04 p.m; the flag salute was conducted.

- 2. ROLL CALL:** Council Members present: Whalen, Jones, Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, Ott, Morton, Manley, and Zaroudny.

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Mukerjee, Police Chief Rhoads, Public Works Director Neal, Finance Director Lisa Tylor, and Senior Administrative Assistant Bolam.

3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

None.

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Speaker	Address	Comments
Steve Tomaso	1709 Milton Way	Questioning why email correspondence is not being answered. Mayor Perry explained the recent issues with email the City has been experiencing.
Leonard Sanderson	1201 24 th Ave Ct	Also commented about emails not going through.
Richard Cosner	507 7 th Ave	Invited everyone to the annual Bazaar happening October 4-5.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Coverage is Here – King County

Mayor Perry introduced Erika Nuremberg from the King County Public Health department, who explained the large initiative to organize cities and partners to maximize enrollment in the expanded Medicaid and health benefit exchange. She encouraged councilmembers to attend outreach events whenever possible. This information is specific to King County, but they are trying to partner with Pierce County for the same sort of outreach. More information is available by emailing Katie.ross@kingcounty.gov.

B. Pierce Transit

Mayor Perry introduced Tina Lee, Service Innovation Administrator for Pierce Transit who presented the proposed circulator and commuter-specific concepts that will service Milton residents effective February 2014 if adopted. There will be two public outreach meetings:

- October 30, 4:30-7:30 pm at Fife City Hall
- November 2, 11am-2:00 pm at Milton Library

Councilmembers expressed appreciation to the groups that have worked these ideas through and lessened the tension between Pierce Transit and the communities.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes – Approval of the minutes of:
 - i. September 9, 2013 Regular Meeting
- B. Surplus Property

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to approve the consent agenda as presented. **Passed 7/0.**

7. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Contract for Municipal Judge and Ordinance setting Judges' Compensation

City Administrator Mukerjee explained that state law requires that judge's terms are set for four years, so this will run 2014-2017, and the agreement is to maintain the current salary.

COUNCILMEMBER OTT MOVED, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, to approve attached municipal judge's contract with Sandra L. Allen and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.

Councilmembers expressed confidence in the judge's abilities.

The matter was voted on and passed 7/0.

Judge Allen thanked the Council for the reappointment.

COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, to approve the attached ordinance establishing salaries for the judge and judges pro-tem.

The matter was voted on and passed 7/0.

- B. Award of Bid for Well Drilling

City Administrator Mukerjee and Director Neal explained there are leftover bond funds available to complete another project, but are short by \$50,000, which would need to come from the water utility fund.

Discussion ensued.

COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to authorize the Mayor to award the construction contract for the Test Well Drilling Project to Tacoma Pump & Drilling Co., Inc. for a bid amount of \$248,067.78 including tax, and to sign the related contract documents.

Councilmember Whalen stated, if not for the good management of bond monies, we'd be paying for these projects out of pocket.

Councilmember Jones appreciates the available financing, stating this is important for future of Milton.

Discussion included the health of the water fund balance, past lessons learned, and the SEPA process.

Speaker	Address	Comments
Leonard Sanderson	1201 24 th Ave Ct	Requests that council look around for other viable water options.
Susan Johnson	2307 8 th Ave	Said this is a good thing for Milton, that our own water source is very crucial.

The matter was voted on and passed 7/0.

C. Sale of Property at 20th Avenue Reservoir Site

City Administrator Mukerjee and Director Neal explained the background and information that has come up since the last meeting, including referring to the map, the basis of price, and the proposed action.

Discussion ensued.

COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Manley, to approve the property transaction as conceptually represented, and authorize staff to proceed with the next steps outlined herein.

Councilmember Whalen said he walked the property. He knows obtaining water right of way is very expensive, and this is a benefit to Milton.

Councilmember Manley said initial doubts he had were satisfied by the city attorney.

Councilmember Ott said that all the new information has satisfied his doubts, as well.

Speaker	Address	Comments
Leonard Sanderson	1201 24 th Ave Ct	Doubts the savings of maintenance costs; concerned about the transaction process.

The matter was voted on and passed 7/0.

D. 2014 Revenue Estimates & Fee Schedule Changes

City Administrator Mukerjee explained the necessity of this step in the budget process.

Director Tylor reviewed the estimates and clarified items, including EMS funds, property tax figures, and court revenue.

Speaker	Address	Comments
Leonard Sanderson	1201 24 th Ave Ct	Amended 2013 budget will change by the end of the year.

Director Tylor reviewed the proposed fee schedule changes.

Councilmember Whalen suggested that personnel costs be updated throughout the fee schedule, and keep track with future cost increases.

Speaker	Address	Comments
Richard Cosner	507 7 th Ave	Page 50 – Event Committee will be considering including one-day vendors in

		addition to the two-day vendors currently allowed.
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8. City Administrator Report

None.

9. Council Reports

Councilmember Zaroudny:

- Planning to attend the Puyallup Fair

Councilmember Manley:

None.

Councilmember Morton:

None.

Councilmember Ott:

- The pictures on Facebook of the new police station bear quite remarkable accomplishments by the volunteers.
- Shared a grant opportunity with staff for storm water implementation.
- Pancake Breakfast was last weekend – thank you to City Administrator Mukerjee for coming all the way from Olympia to attend! It was a success.
- The annual VFW benefit dinner is Thursday evening at Mill Ridge – there are a few tickets still available.
- EPA is taking comments into December on proposed changes to the core requirements of federal water standards.
- Washington State Liquor Control Board completed a final draft of I-502, authorizing 334 retail outlets to sell marijuana across the state; he asked how Milton fits into that. City Administrator Mukerjee answered that the 334 authorized outlets are split up, with so many allocated to various larger cities, ultimately leaving 17 to “other locations” of which Milton is one. Milton City Council has already passed an ordinance to regulate in accordance with the state permit requirements.

Councilmember Whalen:

- Would like traffic consideration near the Oak Street school zone.
- Noticed tractor trailers straddling the island when turning left from Milton Way onto Meridian.
- Noticing cars driving on the wrong side of 28th in order to access a driveway.

Councilmember Jones:

- Appreciates the Pierce Transit presentation and requests ridership numbers into and out of Milton from before and after the Court moved to Puyallup, if possible.

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor:

- Wednesday, 9/11, attended the Federal Way fire station’s tribute at 7:03 am, followed by the Chamber lunch with a VFW memorial presentation.

10. Mayor’s Report

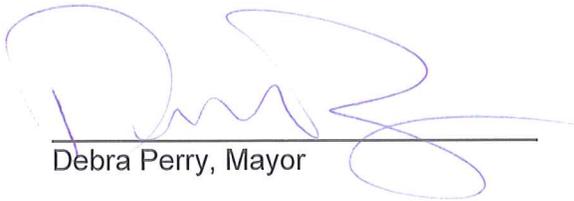
- The Federal Way fire station has a piece of rock from the Pennsylvania crash site.

- Attended the Fife History Museum's World War II Exhibit event – very nice displays.
- Attended the Mill Ridge customer appreciation event, which was very nice.

Councilmember Ott commented on prayers going out to the family members of the Navy shooting.

11. Adjournment

COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, to adjourn at 9:21 p.m. Adjourned.



Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Tylor, City Clerk