



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Special Meeting
Monday, November 21, 2011
5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Perry called the special meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Councilmembers present: Ott, Sanderson, Taylor, Whalen, Zaroudny

Councilmembers absent: Heddlesten, Morton (Councilmember Heddlesten arrived at 6:49 p.m. Councilmember Morton arrived at 6:44 p.m.)

Also in attendance: Municipal Court Judge Allen

STUDY ITEMS

A. AB11-122: Budget Study Session

The study session began with discussion regarding the Municipal Court budget. Judge Sandra Allen requested Council refinance the part time court person and provided statistics for justification of the position.

Under the Legislative/City Council budget, it was suggested to increase the mileage line item by \$250 and to investigate avenues for obtaining laptops for Council.

Also discussed were the budgets for the Executive Department, Legal Services and Finance Department.

Mayor Perry recessed the meeting at 6:55 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF PRESENT

City Administrator Mukerjee, Finance Director Tylor, Police Chief Rhoads, and Deputy City Clerk Stevenson-Ness were present.

Also in attendance: East Pierce Chief Thorson

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Speaking before Council:

Speaker	Address	Topic
Tom Boyle	1109 9 th Avenue	Disappointed fire station not manned during the day
Chief Thorson	EPFR	Discussed the concessions provided to reach an agreement with the unions that will save \$1 million; EPFR budget is finished; not economically feasible to man the Milton station 24-7

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of:

- Minutes of November 7, 2011, regular meeting;
- November 4, 2011, payroll direct deposits, checks, and benefits, in the amount of \$200,649.97; and
- Checks/vouchers numbers 51835-51889 in the amount of \$423,750.73, and void check 51834.

COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED to approve the Consent Agenda.
Seconded by Councilmember Heddlesten.

The motion was voted on and carried 7-0.

ACTION ITEMS

A. AB11-123: Settlement Agreement – Tom Phillips & Bill Barnhart

City Administrator Mukerjee advised Council of the reason for the settlement agreement with Mr. Phillips and Mr. Barnhart. Both employees had retired from the City of Tacoma and were ineligible to participate in the State retirement system but had been contributing since their hire. The action would establish an ICMA-RC plan and enable the employees to invest their state retirement contributions into the plan.

COUNCILMEMBER ZAROUDNY MOVED to approve the attached ICMA-RC Resolution No. 11-1812 and Agreement, Settlement Agreement, and Memorandum of Understanding with IBEW-Local 483, and authorize the mayor to execute the same. Seconded by Councilmember Sanderson.

The motion was voted on and carried 7-0.

B. Budget Study Session (cont.)

Per discussion earlier in the meeting, **COUNCILMEMBER SANDERSON MOVED** to add the part time court clerk position back into the budget for 2012 at a cost of \$9,878 as an ongoing position as money permits. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor.

Motion was voted on and carried 7-0.

Chief Rhoads introduced Officer Paul Johnson. Officer Johnson received an award from the DUI Victims Impact Ceremony for having the most Milton DUI contacts in the department. Also recognized at the Council meeting for their efforts were Officers Alexander, Peterson and Kenyon.

The Non-Departmental, Police, Activity Center, and Fire/EMS Fund budgets were discussed. During the discussion for the Police budget, Chief Rhoads stated that in addition to adding an officer and a Code Enforcement officer, the drug solicitation ordinance would be redone.

During discussion regarding the Activity Center budget, **COUNCILMEMBER HEDDLESTEN MOVED** to eliminate the Senior Center Coordinator position. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor.

The motion was voted on and carried 6-1 (Sanderson).

Fire/EMS Fund

In summary, the following changes to the budget were made:

- Added \$300 to the Council budget for local mileage
- Reduce executive budget by allocating the mayor's salary reducing
- Added a part time court clerk \$9878
- Reduce overtime budget for Court by \$500
- Reduce audit fees by \$5000 in the Finance budget
- Reduce Senior Coordinator position
- Added \$3175 for new doors
- Added another seasonal worker in Parks and Facilities
- Added \$84,590 for Code Enforcement Officer

COUNCILMEMBER OTT MOVED to fund the code enforcement officer position.
Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor.
The motion was voted on and carried 7-0.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Mukerjee suggested funding the additional \$46,000 from the ending fund balance.

COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED to excuse Councilmember Sanderson from the December 5th meeting. Seconded by Heddlesten.

The motion was voted on and carried 6-1 (Sanderson)

ADJOURNMENT

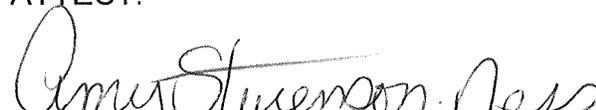
COUNCILMEMBER HEDDLESTEN MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 p.m.
Councilmember Morton seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on and carried 7-0.



Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amy Stevenson-Ness, Deputy City Clerk