



Regular Meeting
July 17, 2006
Monday, 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tem Beaudry called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Present were Councilmember's Borek, Heddlesten, Neal and Whalen. Councilmembers Drotz and Sirack were absent.

STAFF PRESENT: Interim City Administrator Carter, Director of Finance Pierce, Director of Planning and Community Development Terrell, Public Safety Director Jaques, Director of Public Works Neal and Deputy City Clerk Daker.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

Director's Reports were provided by the Fire, Police, Public Works, Planning & Community Development and Finance Departments. Directors from the various departments were present for questions and comments.

EMPLOYEE BIOS:

Mayor Pro Tem Beaudry introduced to the council and citizens two City of Milton Public Works employees: Joshua Brannon, Maintenance Worker II, and Jeff Thomas, Maintenance Worker III.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Beverly Webber, 1701 Utah Ct, commented that the website has not been updated for a couple months. Mayor Pro Tem Beaudry assured her that staff would be working on it and she can expect updates within the next month.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- (A) Minutes: June 5, 2006 and July 10, 2006
- (B) Checks/Vouchers
- (C) Payroll

Councilmember Whalen moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Borek seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

MAIN AGENDA:

AB06-081 Pavement Condition Study:

Director Neal presented this item to the council. At the March 20, 2006, regular session, the City Council authorized contracting with a consultant to perform a pavement rating survey of the City's streets and an analysis of those results.

Council was provided with a memorandum summarizing the pavement rating results as well as the recommendations of the consultant in regards to a pavement management program for the City of Milton.

The predicted condition of the City of Milton's pavement network was analyzed by Municipal Research Corporation for a 10 year period. MRC has identified a current estimated annual maintenance cost of \$202,000, which would include filling cracks, restoring pavement edges, pothole patching, etc. Annual maintenance such as this falls under preventative maintenance (discussed previously) and as such only helps to extend the life of pavement that is still in relatively good condition. This effort would make our street more "drivable" in the short term and help to preserve the roadway base, but the streets will continue to deteriorate.

Councilmembers commented and asked questions; in turn, Director Neal answered the questions.

The fiscal impact for implementing a pavement management program for the City depends on how aggressively the City Council wishes to pursue a street system that meets accepted standards. An attempt to implement a very low-scale pavement management program has been added to the Six-Year TIP, but details of the program still need to be developed.

Leonard Sanderson, 1201 24th Ave. Ct., commented in regards to the figures provided.

Jacquelyn Whalen, 1605 13th Ave., thanked the council and Public Works Director Neal for their research into this issue and applauds the efforts to try and resolve this.

AB06-082 Public Hearing: TIP, Resolution 06-1695:

Mayor Pro Tem Beaudry opened the Public Hearing at 7:56 PM.

Leonard Sanderson, 1201 24th Ave. Ct., thinks this plan is a big improvement.

Jacquelyn Whalen, 1605 13th Ave., commended staff for working together and wanted to encourage City staff to look at the entire challenge together.

Hearing no further questions or comments from the citizens, Mayor Pro Tem Beaudry closed the Public Hearing at 8:00 PM.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions of Director Neal.

Councilmember Whalen recommended the approval of Resolution 06-1695 which adopts the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program, and authorizes the Public Works Department to pursuing funding for the projects included in the Six-Year TIP. Councilmember Neal seconded.

Councilmember Neal asked a question: why does the council have to approve the pursuing of funding from grants? Director Neal explained how grant monies work.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Beaudry called for the vote. Motion carried 5-0.

AB06-083 Repeal a section of the Sign Code's Nonconforming Signs section:

Director Terrell presented this item to the council. Milton Municipal Code 17.50.150.4 Nonconforming Signs currently requires the owner of any nonconforming sign to bring the sign into compliance with the sign code under several conditions including a change in the copy of the sign face.

Several business locations have come under new ownership in recent years. Many of the new business owners inherited old signs that are out of compliance with provisions of the Sign Code adopted in 2000. The Sign Code currently requires these businesses to bring their signs into compliance with the Sign Code in the event that they wish to change the copy on the sign face from the previous business to the new business.

Several businesses have chosen to endure a lack of signage advertising their location because of the often large expense related to demolishing a nonconforming sign and re-erecting a conforming sign.

The ordinance presented repeals the section of the Sign Code requiring nonconforming signs to be brought into compliance with the Sign Code when only a change in the copy of the sign face is required.

Mayor Pro Tem Beaudry commented that the Planning Commission has worked on the sign code for a long time.

Councilmember Heddlesten commented that the City has had a Sign Ordinance in place since 2000 and we have businesses that do not comply with the ordinance as written.

Councilmember Neal asked about design rules and commented that the City needs to be "business friendly" to attract new business to the City.

Kevin Clegg, Economic Development Specialist with Pierce County, addressed the Council. He encouraged the council to give additional thought to this before sending it back to the Planning Commission. He stressed that it's important that a business's location give them visibility and the ability to compete on both a local level and on a global level.

Councilmembers decided that the sign code should go back to the Planning Commission for them to decide what they want the city to look like.

AB06-084 EMS Levy:

Public Safety Director Jaques expressed a need for additional staffing for the Fire Department. The EMS Levy would help increase staffing for the EMS calls during the day. By increasing the staffing during the day, Milton's Fire Department will better serve the citizens by having a quicker response to their emergency. The daytime staffing would supplement the volunteer staff while they are working other jobs during the day.

Councilmember Heddlesten commented that he's heard nothing but positive comments from citizens about the fire department and what a good job they are doing. He stressed how difficult it was to justify the EMS Levy for Pierce County residents only.

Chief Jaques replied that the King County residents and Pierce County residents are both receiving the same level of service, however, King County is having to pay more for theirs at this time. Councilmember Heddlesten disagreed.

Milton Loflin, 1810 11th Ave., clarified that there is a state law that has a maximum of \$3.60 for taxes for municipal services. Citizens of Milton are paying approximately \$2.50. He made the point that possible future tax rates would not be jeopardized by the EMS Levy.

Leonard Sanderson, 1201 24th Ave. Ct., needs more info to make a decision if he's for or against the levy. How many years is this levy for?

Mayor Pro Tem Beaudry suggested that this issue be discussed at the next study session or be brought back for further discussion at the next regular meeting. Council agreed.

AB06-085 Police Chief Job Description:

Councilmember Whalen said that he had never seen a job description for a police chief so he has nothing to compare the description to. City Administrator Carter informed the council that the job description provided was compiled from a draft created by former Interim Human Resource Director Karen Meeks along with WASPC.

Councilmember Neal moved that the job description for the Milton Police Chief be approved as presented. Councilmember Borek seconded. Mayor Pro Tem Beaudry asked for further discussion.

Councilmember Heddlesten asked a question regarding the education and experience section. He also made the point that the part about the candidate needing to have a Washington Driver's License needs to be changed to say "able to obtain a Washington Driver's License".

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Beaudry called for the vote. Motion carried 5-0.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Neal: AWC Conference in Spokane was beneficial and he gained helpful information. He stated that he has a conflict of scheduling in regards to meetings in August and asked to be excused from all meetings in August. Councilmember

Heddlesten moved to excuse Councilmember Neal from the council meetings in August. Councilmember Whalen seconded. Motion carried 4-0-1. (Neal abstained)

Councilmember Whalen moved to excuse Councilmember Borek from the special meeting on 7/10. Councilmember Heddlesten seconded. Motion carried 4-0-1. (Borek abstained)

Councilmember Heddlesten moved to excuse Councilmembers Drotz and Sirack from tonight's meeting. Councilmember Whalen seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilmember Heddlesten: appreciated WSDOT fixing the barrier on Milton Way – Director Neal kept her word – thanks to her.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Pro Tem Beaudry:
VFW Memorial Fund Fundraiser: Dinner at Mill Ridge Village on August 10th from 6:30 Pm – 8:00 PM for \$20 per ticket

The council needs to schedule the 2007 Budget Workshop as soon as possible.

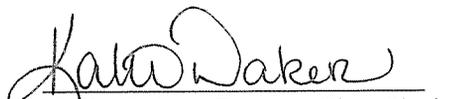
ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Heddlesten moved to adjourn. Councilmember Borek seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 P.M.


Mark Beaudry, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:


Katie Daker, Deputy City Clerk