



## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 2, 2014**  
**7:00 p.m.**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Perry called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and led the flag salute.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

Absent Councilmembers Jones and Manley

### **STAFF PRESENT**

City Administrator Langford, City Attorney Park, Public Works Director Neal, Finance Director Tylor, Police Chief Hernandez, and City Clerk Bolam

### **ADDITIONS / DELETIONS**

Mayor Perry added the "Swearing-in of Police Chief Hernandez."

### **Swearing-in of Police Chief Hernandez**

Mayor Perry swore in Chief Hernandez. Chief Hernandez thanked Council and the citizens of Milton for his appointment.

### **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Lenni Geiger	Owner – retail space since 1991	Space has been empty the last 2 years mainly due to zoning prohibitions of 2 <sup>nd</sup> -hand stores; requests a waiver from the conditional use permit requirements.

Katrina Asay	2206 Thea Ct	<p>Requests that council consider an item that hasn't been looked at for 12 years. The mayor's salary has remained at \$1500 since at least 2002.</p> <p>Comparisons are nearly impossible – towns this size have very different needs and requirements of their mayor.</p> <p>She hopes council will consider this during budget discussions this year. At a minimum place to start, she recommends \$2600/month. Her method for arriving at that number is the well-publicized movement for minimum wage to be \$15/hour. Personally, she feels that the mayor's position is worth more than minimum wage, but consideration should be at least at that level.</p>
Jacquelyn Whalen	Planning Commission	<p>Brief update on Milton Days from Planning Commission booth perspective. The storm water booth attracted many children, allowing the Planning Commission staff to ask questions. Most comments centered on sidewalks, quiet life, and low density.</p>
Katrina Asay	Police Foundation	<p>The foundation meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. Will be planning the appreciation dinner. The fund raising committee worked the Milton Days jail event, which raised about \$200.</p>

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of:

- A. Minutes
  - a. August 4, 2014 Regular Meeting
  - b. August 12, 2014 Study Session
- B. Voucher and Payroll Approval
  - a. Checks/vouchers 55492-55597 for 414,584.68.
  - b. Payroll of 8/5/14 and 8/20/14 for \$368,349.07.
- C. National Recovery Month – Proclamation
- D. King County Striping

**COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED**, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, to approve the Consent Agenda – **Passed 5/0**.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- A. Marijuana Regulations

Mayor Perry opened the public hearing at 7:19 pm.

City Administrator Langford introduced this item, providing background information.

Speaker	Address	Comments
Jacki Strader	1809 13 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Supports the moratorium and thanks council for studying the issue. Main concern is the potential effect on electric and water utilities. Please draft any future ordinances to protect citizens from these impacts.

Mayor Perry closed the public hearing at 7:21 pm.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### A. Access Tract Corridors

Director Neal explained that council postponed this item to this date, and staff now requests another postponement.

**COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED**, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, to postpone this item to the October 13 special meeting.

Councilmember Whalen respects the time staff needs to adequately prepare this item.

**The motion was voted on and passed 5/0.**

#### B. Electric Curtailment Equipment Purchase

Director Neal explained the past year's negotiating that has transpired in partnership with other electric utilities, which was related to a large blackout that occurred on the east coast a few years ago. New resulting federal regulations have led to the need for this equipment purchase. She explained that the 2014 budget includes a line item for \$35,000 for this purpose, which was a best-guess; the actual cost will be \$50,000. She answered council members' questions.

**COUNCILMEMBER OTT MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to approve the expenditure of up to \$50,000 for the purchase and installation of equipment that will enable city staff to curtail electrical load as necessary. **Passed 5/0.**

#### C. New Pole Attachment Agreement

Director Neal explained the background and necessity for this updated agreement, which is longer and includes additional legal and financial protections for the city. This draft will be presented in final form at another meeting for Council approval, unless Council chooses to approve in draft form tonight. Some discussion ensued. Council would like this item brought back again later.

#### D. Council Report Protocol

City Administrator Langford explained the origin of this item.

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor addressed his purposes for bringing this item forward. The concern originated with the marijuana regulations discussion. He reminded all that council reports are not for further comment on an agenda item that has already been discussed, that there are certain items that should be brought directly to staff rather than in open council forum, and there are liability issues that can sometimes be a concern.

Councilmember Whalen supported Mayor Pro Tem's comments.

Council agreed that it is appropriate to use the council report forum to seek a second from other council members for an item to be brought forward.

Council expressed appreciation for the comfort level that exists to speak openly, and that the privilege to do so does sometimes lead to the need to be reminded of the obligations and responsibilities of the office.

Mayor Perry commended council on this discussion and the comfort level that was mentioned, which leads to a lot of good work getting done by this council. She said that council consensus for staff resources is important, and council is welcome to speak to any staff as needed.

#### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

- Working with new police chief on transfer of command – going very well.
- In the past week, had two interactions with people who reported what a pleasant experience they have had working with the permitting staff of Milton, particularly in contrast to some surrounding jurisdictions.

#### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

- Councilmember Morton
  - Request to Director Neal for an update on projects
  - Regarding public comment request for zoning change – some background before even considering making changes
- Councilmember Whalen
  - Meridian is coming out very nice. Seeing Edgewood city signs going up. Would like Milton city signs.
  - Update Milton logos on all city vehicles and badges, etc.
  - Thanked department directors for report – helps to see the photos included. Appreciates the police activity reports being emailed.
  - Heard lots of praise for Milton Days.
- Councilmember Ott
  - Congratulations to Chief Hernandez. Request SS911 system updates.
  - Milton Days an amazing time. The volunteer time and effort is commendable.
  - Upcoming events – VFW dinner coming to Mill Ridge Village.
  - Kudos to the water department – great presentation at Milton Days!

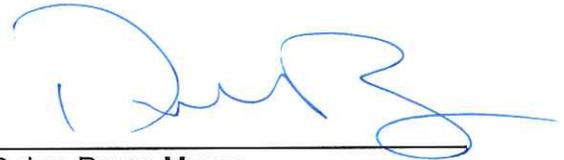
- Councilmember Zaroundny
  - Milton Days was spectacular – Milton Community Park has never looked better! One request for improvement is to further emphasize activities for children, both younger and older ages. Heard great compliments toward the Event Committee by the vendors.
  - Handed out a report on marijuana-regulations processes from the City of Pacific.
- Mayor Pro Tem Taylor
  - August 23 attended the Tacoma Rail open house – 100 year anniversary. Relationship between the port and the rail system was interesting.
  - Milton Days was the best, with many great volunteers. The gas shuttle carts worked great. Appreciates the donation of the Milton Days signs by Edgewood Karate.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Appreciated Milton Days – it flowed very smoothly. The team of volunteers and all city departments worked together so well.
- Budget season has arrived!

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:



Katie Bolam, City Clerk