CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Monday, March 2, 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: Councilmembers Whalen, Jones, Ott, Morton, Manley, and Zaroudny

STAFF PRESENT

Finance Director Garrison, Police Chief Hernandez, Interim Manager Monsey, Electric Utility Supervisor Bronson, Contract City Engineer Steve Clarke/Gray & Osborne, and City Clerk Bolam

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Speaker	Address	Comments
Susan Johnson	2307 8th Ave	Re: drones – Ruling passed in 2012, and 12/31/15 FAA rules to be issued – test sites now operating across nation. Virginia passed a 2-year moratorium. Concern mainly with public and private, not police.
Mike Cummings	1211 Hemlock	Advocates for no 4th of July or other celebrations in the City of Milton.
Tom Boyle	1109 9th Ave	Concerned with lack of advertising for the vacant Public Works Director position. Good to see everyone at Bart Taylor's memorial service – Mayor's speech outstanding – would be a great tribute for City of Milton to make Taylor Way in honor of Bart Taylor.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of:

A. Minutes

   a. February 17, 2015 Regular Meeting

B. Voucher and Payroll Approval

   a. Checks/vouchers 56356-56424 in the amount of $238,455.52.
   b. Payroll of 2/20/2015 and related check numbers 56351-56355 in the amount of $127,688.64.

COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Morton, to approve the Consent Agenda. **Passed 6/0.**

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Milton Firefighters Association

Mayor Perry introduced Mr. Noel Fitzgerald, who spoke briefly on the history and recent actions of the Milton Firefighters Association. He presented an AED to the City for use in the Milton Activity Center, explaining that East Pierce Fire District will replenish supplies as needed.

Mayor Perry read and presented the proclamation to Mr. Fitzgerald.

- Friends of Metro Animal Services

Mayor Perry welcomed Bonnie King with Friends at your Metro Animal Shelter (FAYMAS), who shared information regarding the non-profit. Council expressed appreciation for the awareness.

REGULAR AGENDA

- Electric Curtailment – Project Authorization

Mayor Perry welcomed City employee, Electric Utility Supervisor Dick Bronson, who provided a brief background on this subject, explaining the results of a heavy electric load after a power outage. There is a concerted effort across the western United States to address this issue and bring the grid to a workable solution.

Mayor Perry expressed appreciation to Mr. Bronson for the extra work he's done on this subject and for coming to council to explain it. Council asked clarifying questions and expressed appreciation for his expertise and time at council.

COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Ott, to approve the expenditure of up to $160,610, which includes $50,000 previously authorized, to comply with a regional power curtailment plan, and additional taxes as applied.

Councilmembers expressed support for this investment.

The motion was voted on and passed 6/0.

- Street Lights LED Project – Grant Authorization

Mayor Perry again welcomed Mr. Bronson, who provided a brief background on this subject, also, explaining the grant opportunity and the reason for the city's contribution of $32,000+, which is already in the budget.

Finance Director Garrison reported that the $32,000+ will come from the electric utility fund.

COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Manley, to approve the grant with the Department of Commerce to replace all City Street Lights with LED Lighting.

Councilmembers expressed appreciation for the improved safety and long-term cost savings that can be expected.

The motion was voted on and passed 6/0.

INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Perry introduced employee Valerie Monsey, sharing that she has been promoted to Interim Manager in the planning and public works administration office.

Mayor Perry introduced the city's contract city engineer Steve Clarke with Gray & Osborne. Mr. Clarke provided a brief presentation on Gray & Osborne, their history with the City of Milton, and the current status filling in as the city engineer and public works director signature authority.

Council expressed appreciation for the work that's been done and comfort with their continued involvement.

REGULAR AGENDA, continued

- Police Traffic Safety Equipment – Grant Acceptance

Chief Hernandez introduced the items covered with these grant funds.

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to accept the WASPC Traffic Safety Equipment grant in the amount of $3,485.00. **Passed 6/0.**

COUNCIL VACANCY

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Manley, to recognize the vacancy of Council position #2. **Passed 6/0**.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Zaroudny

- Many reasons to feel fortunate to live in Milton; tonight happy that we have the quality of staff who step up and do an extraordinary job of keeping things running; Mayor has done a great job.
- Pleased to see a great representation from the community to honor Councilmember Taylor at his memorial service; appreciation to reporter Derek Schuck for his thoughtful article in the Signal.

Councilmember Manley

- Attending events with the mayor – learning many things; met with state legislators – the mayor was very prepared for funding requests.

Councilmember Morton

- House behind McDonald's is now gone – looks great! Other building coming down next. Also cleaning the brush and retention pond.
- Love the idea of memorializing Councilmember Taylor with Taylor Way.
- Noticing a lot of road debris lately.

Councilmember Ott

- Attended PCRC General Assembly, with speaker from the transportation coordinating committee, who indicated that suburbs are growing and talked about the associated impacts. He handed out informational materials.
- Echoed appreciation to reporter Derek Schuck for excellent article in the Signal.
- Appreciation expressed to Mayor Perry for organizing the memorial service – Mayor Perry passed on that appreciation to the staff who worked so hard to pull it together.

Councilmember Jones

- Great to see all the citizens, elected officials, and staff at the excellent memorial service.

Councilmember Whalen

- The service was warm, friendly, welcome. Learned much about Councilmember Taylor.
- Great to see the results of code enforcement, with the demolition of the buildings near McDonald's and the brush and pond clean-up.
- Echoed appreciation to reporter Schuck for the touching article.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Pleasure to have Councilmember Manley step in and attend so many events.
- Shared highlights from the governor's speech.
- Shared senate actions today regarding the transportation package.
- Representative Kochmar will be holding a Town Hall meeting on Saturday, March 14 at 12:30 pm. Challenged all to attend and bring neighbors.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

- Chief Hernandez shared that an employment offer has been made to a new officer, a lateral hire, expected to be on Milton patrol within 3 months. And next week a final decision is expected on the sergeant promotion.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:

Katie Bolam, City Clerk