



## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

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**Study Session**  
**Monday, September 10, 2012**  
**5:30 p.m.**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Perry called the Study Session to order at 5:30 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

Council Members present were Jones, Morton, Ott, Taylor, Whalen, Manley and Zaroudny.

### **STAFF PRESENT**

City Administrator Mukerjee, Police Chief Rhoads, and Finance Director Tylor

### **STUDY ITEMS:**

#### **A. Fireworks Regulations**

Councilmembers were provided written correspondence received from the public on this topic from:

#### Comments against changing current regulations:

Kristi Frantz, 1907 24<sup>th</sup> Ave Ct; Chris & Amy Stacey, 2210 Nevada Court; Bill & Barbara Sertz, 1705 Diamond St.; Doug Loucks, 902 27<sup>th</sup> Ave; Dean & Patty Hersee, 1708 15<sup>th</sup> Ave; David & Jacki Strader, 1809 13<sup>th</sup> Ave; Sally Wamund; and a petition with 28 signatures from Heather Hills at 2500 Alder: Gloria Ratcliffe, Alvin L. Fudge, Carol Flower, Diane Hede, Nancy L. Massey, Lorraine Cole, Darline I. McDonalds, Ellen Addinger, Sharon Conrad, P. Balsta, Kay L. Bolsta Nancy K. Zeller, Luther Kenady, Doraanne Kenady, Martha Long, Ernestine Harrel, Lawrence A. Moore, Steve Bowyen, Betty Larson, Carol Perez, Palph Perez, Sarah Tottle, Joan Schoner, Doris L. Vormestra, Margaret M. Drotz, Carol M. Wilsey, Joe Ramorez, and Lois Sand.

#### Comment for changing current regulations:

Richard Costner, 507 7<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Speaking before the Council:

Speaker	Address	Topic
Sally Wasman	1804 13 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	Fireworks create a lot of smoke, so keep current regulations.
Joe Tate	2401 Milton Way	Change regulations to allow fireworks as many people like to celebrate the 4 <sup>th</sup> of July.
Rob McDonald	1308 15 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	Change regulations to allow fireworks for July 4 <sup>th</sup> and December 31 <sup>st</sup> . Require permits.
Jerry Thorson, Fire Chief	East Pierce Fire & Rescue	Don't change the ordinance to allow aerial fireworks.
Kevin Ringus	19 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Ct.	Concerned that debris ends up in other people's yards.
Ruth Ballard	1802 Pecan Ct.	She is retired military and grateful for current ordinance.
Derrick Sabota	2401 Milton Way	Current ban takes away people's rights. Likes the permit idea as long as it is reasonably priced.

Councilmembers Whalen, Zaroudny, Ott, and Taylor were in favor of keeping the current ordinance because it was adopted after many years of citizens' input, 4<sup>th</sup> of July is a celebration and not an artillery barrage, fireworks has nothing to do with patriotism, M-80s are getting out of control, lots of fireworks are bombs, and risks of fires and injuries.

Councilmembers Manley, Jones, and Morton were in favor of changing the regulations to allow for aerial fireworks for two days a year, July 4<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>, because they are a display of patriotism, couldn't understand after having years of fireworks why its suddenly a problem, allowing fireworks for two days is a reasonable solution, would allow for barbeques and fireworks displays, don't believe that there has been a problem with structure fires, lots of people are asking that aerial fireworks be allowed, and hand sparklers are the most dangerous types of fireworks.

Mayor Perry stated that while she has fond memories of fireworks when she was growing up, she cannot enjoy them anymore because of their effect on animals. Also her son has asthma and had to use emergency inhalers on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Since the majority of the council favored keeping the current regulations, no direction was given to make any changes.

## **B. Emergency Dispatch Service & Jail Discussion**

Police Chief Rhoads briefed the Council on the status of jail and emergency dispatch services. Milton had been using the Buckley Jail but was recently notified that it would be closing this year. We also have existing jail service contracts with the cities of Fife and Puyallup, and we plan to use those facilities.

With the formation of South Sound 911, there are lots of changes in dispatch services. Currently Milton contracts with Fife for this service, but Fife is joining SS911. Milton is hesitant to follow, because no firm cost numbers are available, and based on other examples, Milton's costs could be much higher. Complicating this discussion is the issue of changing radios to meet the Federal narrow-banding requirements. Puyallup is

offering dispatch and records management services at a much lower rate. There are lots of moving parts.

Speaking before the Council:

Speaker	Address	Topic
Kevin Ringus	19 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Ct.	Concerned that Milton is not joining SS911, which Milton taxpayers are paying for. Also, what happens when Puyallup upgrades radios?
Rob McDonald	1308 15 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	Doesn't like the growing monopoly of SS 911.
Joe Tate	2401 Milton Way	Concerned that if the majority of Milton's neighbors are going with SS911, we could be isolated.
Glen Hull	City of Fife Councilmember	Wants to make sure that if Puyallup jumps ship in the future, that Milton is not left hanging.

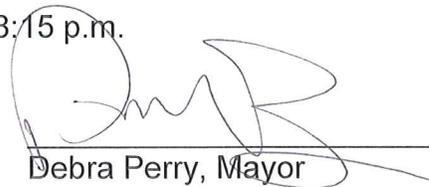
City of Fife Councilmember Glen Hull briefed the Council on the upcoming Pierce Transit Open House, on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at Mill Ridge Village.

### C. Council Meeting Schedule

Councilmembers favored Option B, which would keep the meetings on Mondays, but move the Study Sessions to the 1<sup>st</sup> Mondays and Regular Meetings to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays. They also favored changing the Study Session start times to 7:00 p.m. to be the same as the Regular Meeting times.

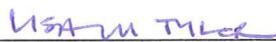
### **Adjournment**

Mayor Perry adjourned the Study Session at 8:15 p.m.



Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Lisa Tylor, City Clerk