



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Monday – October 15, 2012
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Perry called the regularly-scheduled meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present were Mayor Pro Tem Taylor and Council Members Jones, Manley, Morton, Ott, Whalen, and Zaroudny.

STAFF PRESENT

City Administrator Mukerjee, Police Chief Rhoads, Public Works Director Neal, Finance Director Tylor, and Senior Administrative Assistant Katie Bolam were present.

Mayor Perry led a moment of silence in honor of fallen Sergeant Thomas McPherson who was shot to death on October 12 in Afghanistan.

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Speaking before the Council:

Speaker	Address	Topic
Jim Heddleston	1505 15 th Ave	Concerned about the lack of a Code Enforcement Officer. Mayor Perry answered that Officer Hobbs is Milton's Code Enforcement Officer.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of:

- Minutes from October 1 Regular Meeting
- Minutes from October 8 Special Meeting
- October 5, 2012, payroll direct deposits, checks, and benefits in the amount of \$207,098.51
- Checks/Vouchers, numbers 53152-53201 in the amount of \$699,441.18
- Ordinance 1799-12 – 2012 Budget Amending Ordinance #3

Councilmember Whalen asked to remove Ordinance 1799-12 from the Consent Agenda. Mayor Perry moved the item to before Item 7A, calling it A1.

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED to approve the Consent Agenda without Ordinance 1799-12; seconded by Councilmember Whalen.

The motion was voted on and carried 7-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

2013 Budget

City Administrator Mukerjee gave a schedule update:

- Tonight 1st Public Hearing
- October 20 Budget Retreat
- 10/22, 10/29, 11/5 Tentative Study Sessions if needed
- November 13 2nd Public Hearing
- November 19 Final Public Hearing and Adoption (tentative)

Mayor Perry opened the Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Speaker	Address	Topic
Leonard Sanderson	1201 24 th Ave Ct	Concerned with raising utility tax rate.

Mayor Perry closed the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

A1. Ordinance 1799-12 – 2012 Budget Amending Ordinance #3

COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED to add the words “Interest Earnings to” before “Strategic Reserve Funds” for clarity; seconded by Councilmember Morton.

The vote passed 7/0.

COUNCILMEMBER TAYLOR MOVED to adopt the attached budget ordinance amending the 2012, with the addition of the descriptive words “Interest Earnings to;” seconded by Councilmember Jones.

Main Motion carried 7/0.

A. Adoption of Tax Levies for 2013 – Ordinances 1801-12 and 1802-12

City Administrator Mukerjee introduced this item; Director Tylor explained the annual legal requirement, the option to authorize maximum collections, and the concept of banked capacity. It was clarified this would not result in a tax increase.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Speaker	Address	Topic
Jim Heddleston	1505 15 th Ave	Concerned at possibility of future taxes, that it’s not taking care of the citizens

City Administrator Mukerjee said it’s not an automatic tax. It would have to be a case of something big and unexpected, and then would be subject to the public process with justification.

Speaker	Address	Topic
Jacquelyn Whalen	1605 13 th Ave	Asked for scenarios showing impacts of this in the case of approved levies.
Leonard Sanderson	1201 24 th Ave Ct	Gave a football referee analogy by way of explanation. Cautioned about County rules regarding taking partial banked capacity.

COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Morton, to adopt an ordinance of the City of Milton, Pierce and King Counties, Washington, establishing the EMS Tax Levy for properties located in Pierce County and King County for the year 2013.

City Administrator Mukerjee clarified that there is no provision for retroactive collections.

The vote passed 7/0.

COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Morton, to adopt an ordinance of the City of Milton, Pierce and King Counties, Washington, establishing

the Regular Tax Levy for properties located in Pierce County and King County for the year 2013.

The vote passed 6/1 (Ott).

B. Animal Control – Ordinance 1800-12

City Administrator Mukerjee introduced the item; Police Chief Rhoads explained the changes, which are in response to new requirements under state law. The changes concern:

- service animals
- leash definition (electronic)
- potentially dangerous dog – court of appeals
- rabies

Discussion on these items ensued.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Speaker	Address	Topic
Jim Heddleston	1505 15 th Ave	Would like to see “Pack of dogs” defined as two or more; and would like to see Code Enforcement educate establishments on what a service animal looks like.

COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to adopt the attached ordinance amending the animal control code to the City of Milton.

Speaker	Address	Topic
Jacquelyn Whalen	1605 13 th Ave	Requested clarification regarding rabies vaccines; Director Rhoads said the change is mandated by state law.

The vote passed 6/1. (Manley)

C. USGS Watershed Survey

City Administrator Mukerjee introduced the item, saying that Milton’s entire water supply is groundwater dependent, and this request is for \$5,000/year for 2011-2015. Director Neal explained that the results of this study, based on established science, would be used for numerous things, including future comprehensive plan updates and department of health permitting.

Discussion included the costs vs benefits.

COUNCILMEMBER JONES MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to become a partner in the USGS Puyallup River Watershed Study, for a total cost of \$25,000 thru 2015, and authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the USGS accordingly.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Speaker	Address	Topic
Jacquelyn Whalen	1605 13 th Ave	Glad to see this item; it will help to protect our utility
Leonard Sanderson	1201 24 th Ave Ct	Clarified that the purpose of the study is on quantity, not quality; likes the shared cost aspect

The vote passed 7/0.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- October 29, after the budget study session at 6 p.m. will be the visioning session with consultants.
- The new Council meeting schedule begins in November, with all meetings starting at 7 p.m., study sessions on the first Monday, and regular meetings on the 2nd and 3rd Mondays.

COUNCIL REPORTS

- Councilmember Taylor reported on:
 - Requested information on the potential effects on the regional project if the City of Pacific is no longer a partner. Director Neal reported that it's a Department of Ecology grant project and even without Pacific it has regional benefit.
 - Requested a copy of the pass-down report be sent to Jim Heddleston.
- Councilmember Morton reported on:
 - Appreciated being kept informed during recent power outage.
- Councilmember Ott reported on:
 - Expressed thanks to Director Tylor for her hard work on the budget.
 - Confirmed the Veteran's Day event will be at 11:00 a.m. on November 12.

- Councilmember Jones reported on:
 - Expressed thanks to Director Tylor for answering questions.
 - Announced he would not be available at the Budget Retreat from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- The VFW Banquet at Millridge was so enjoyable, in spite of the power outage.
- At the recent Pierce County Cities and Towns (PCCT) meeting, received a legislative update from AWC.
- Attended the government affairs meeting on October 17, where there was a candidate forum; also a Puget Sound Energy representative said that Washington Natural Gas is dropping rates by 8%.
- Looking forward to Saturday's budget conversation – it's important that Council wholeheartedly adopts the budget together.

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

The vote passed 7-0.



Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:

LISA M TYLOR
Lisa Tylor, City Clerk