



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Monday – June 17, 2013
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: Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, Councilmembers Whalen, Jones, Ott, Morton, Manley, and Zaroudny

STAFF PRESENT

City Administrator Mukerjee, Public Works Director Neal, Police Chief Rhoads, Assistant Planner Larson, and Senior Administrative Assistant Bolam

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS

Mayor Perry Item B1 – Reappointment of Planning Commissioner Mary Anderson to a new six-year term.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Speaker	Address	Comments
Robert MacDonald	1308 15 th Ave	Thanks expressed for quick response to adjust the lighting of the Arlington Oak.
Worster-Jenson Richard	1807 Queen St	He is a temporary resident of the Jovita trail area. He was run off the road by a school bus while riding his bicycle, and requests a solution for bicyclists and wheelchairs to gain access to the trail, which is currently blocked by a gate. He also mentioned that his wife, Beth Jenson, was once an employee of the City of Milton at the Senior Center.

Tim Adams	1207 Juniper	Added to Mr. Jenson's comments – the upper end of that trail has a horizontal pipe on each end – suggests taking out the tree on the right side.
Jack Chandler	79 23 rd Avenue	Update on memorial – the Police Foundation agreed to accept the committee as part of their organization to utilize their 501(c)3 for fundraising. The committee met to discuss design details and fundraising events.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of:

- A. Minutes from the meetings of 6/10/2013
- B. Payroll/claims – claim voucher numbers #53996-540208 in the amount of \$165,474.41.

COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Morton, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Passed 7/0.**

PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program – Resolution 13-1835

Director Neal explained that this revised TIP addresses multiple changes as per Council's direction. She further explained this is a planning document only, and all items are dependent on funding and grants. She then briefly explained what items had been added, not added, or changed in some way.

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

Speaker	Address	Comments
Jacquelyn Whalen	1605 13 th Ave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 17-18 of TIP – Section 12 labeled "Other" – Do school zone modifications include Emerald/19th? • Requests flashing school zone beacons at 15th. • Section 12.1 – is there anything more specific in terms of locations? • Section 5.5 – Mill Town area street scape – there may be merit to being more specific in terms of location. • Sections 5.2-5.3 – are these going to be part of the comp plan update? • Section 3.8 – applauds inclusion.
Leonard Sanderson	1201 24 th Ave Ct	Referencing Instructions on page 2, he asks if Milton has funding already committed for any of the projects included on the TIP, and if not, from

		what sources is there a reasonable expectation to receive funds.
Beverly Webber	1701 Utah Ct	Thank you for including elevated walkway near Milton preserve.

Mayor Perry Closed the Public Hearing at 7:26 p.m.

Director Neal answered the questions presented in the public hearing.

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to approve Resolution 13-1835, which adopts the 2014-2019 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program, and authorize the Public Works Department to pursue funding for the projects included in the Six-Year TIP.

Council expressed appreciation for the increased discussion and participation on this topic over past years.

The motion was voted on and passed 7/0.

Rob MacDonald	1308 15 th Ave	Asked if 23 rd is included between Milton Way and Taylor. (Answer given no, not right now)
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REGULAR AGENDA

A. Olofsson Estates Park Rezoning Request

City Administrator Mukerjee explained that, according to the Pierce County assessor's office, a rezone would not change the tax burden, since it would still be in private ownership.

He confirmed that a rezone initiated by the City would cost in notification fees and staff time. The property owner can initiate a rezone at any time.

Leonard Sanderson	1201 24 th Ave Ct	A citizen donated what was over \$100,000 worth of property for what will become a city park, in a strange bequeath; if the City doesn't accept, the property then goes to the Little League. The City needs park space. It could be accelerated and the City could acquire that acreage sooner. If the tax burden on the property owner becomes too burdensome, the owner could stop paying taxes; state law says that after 3 years without tax payments, the county could sell the property. It's not a one-decision issue, but will take multiple actions to accomplish. With the cooperation of the trust and the City, the plat restrictions could be changed.
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Rob MacDonald	1308 15 th Ave	The property owner approached the Park Board for support. If the City works with the landowner to save money in long run, the landowner could help with court costs and fencing costs. The property could be a tremendous asset to Milton.
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Councilmember Whalen said he appreciates the citizen participation. It's not appropriate for the City to initiate this; it has to be initiated by the trust.

Mayor Perry concurred, saying that Council and staff have spent a lot of time studying this issue.

B. Milton Way Sidewalk Project Grant Acceptance

Director Neal explained that Milton has been offered funding from PSRC (Puget Sound Regional Council) for the design work of sidewalks on the north side of Milton Way from 17th to 22nd. The grant is for \$70,000 in federal funds with \$10,000 in matching funds from the City, with certain requirements. Funds must be obligated by 8/1. This will allow the City to have this project "shovel ready" for any future grant opportunities.

COUNCILMEMBER JONES MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Morton, to accept the offered grant funding from the Puget Sound Regional Council for federal CMAQ funds in the amount of \$70,000 for design of pedestrian improvements on the north side of Milton Way from 17th Avenue to 22nd Avenue and authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary related documents."

Councilmember Jones commented that the option exists to pull back if the \$10,000 match is not available, but this is the right thing to do.

Jacquelyn Whalen	1605 13 th Ave	She expressed thanks for including the grant proposal in the packet. Asked if the public will have the opportunity to comment during the design stage. Director Neal said there will be an open house for public information, but due to federal funding limitations, not for changes in scope.
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The motion was voted on and passed 7/0.

B1. Reappointment of Mary Anderson to a new six-year term on the Planning Commission, from June 1, 2013 to May 31, 2019.

Mayor Perry said that Commissioner Anderson also serves on the Parks Board. Commissioner Anderson approached the City to serve on the Planning Commission, and Mayor Perry recommends reappointment.

Jacquelyn Whalen	1605 13 th Ave	Spoke on Commissioner Anderson's behalf, saying she is very attuned to what's happening, sensitive to
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		the needs of citizens, thoughtful, asks good questions, and understands complicated answers.
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MAYOR PRO TEM TAYLOR MOVED, seconded by Commissioner Whalen, to reappoint Mary Anderson to a new six-year term on the Planning Commission, ending in 2019.

Councilmembers applauded Commissioner Andersons' efforts and involvement, saying they welcome the chance to reappoint her.

The motion was voted on and passed 7/0.

C. Planning Commission Work Plan

City Administrator Mukerjee explained that this year's Work Plan for the Planning Commission differs from previous years because of the state-required Comprehensive Plan Update process that is beginning.

Planner Larson reviewed the overall Work Plan presented, highlighting the major steps in the process.

Councilmembers acknowledged the heavy workload to come, and expressed enthusiasm for the update because it includes steps toward Milton's visioning process.

COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Ott, to approve the Planning Commission Work Plan as shown in the attached 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update Schedule.

Councilmember Whalen noted that the plan is mildly aggressive and very comprehensive, and he expressed confidence in Milton's strong Planning Commission and applauded Planner Larson's efforts.

Councilmember Ott said that this is the future of Milton, and the Planning Commission's professionalism will benefit the citizens.

The motion was voted on and passed 7/0.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- The next meeting is July 1, and there will be an executive session for labor negotiations beginning at 6:30 p.m.

COUNCIL REPORT

Councilmember Whalen

- The July 4th holiday is approaching, and a few people have come to Council to report fireworks in spite of the ban. He requested stronger enforcement action by Police for safety and welfare of citizens and property.

Councilmember Jones

- Please to see activity at the fire station.

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor

- Requested to be excused from the July 1 meeting as he will be out of town.

Councilmember Ott

- Also requested diligent fireworks enforcement.
- Asked for help accessing city email account.
- Requested update on lighting in the park. City Administrator Mukerjee says it's part of separate funding from a grant.

Councilmember Morton

- Requested an update on the park bathrooms.
- Last two weeks noticing the grass on Milton Way is getting weedy.

Councilmember Manley

- Provided real estate report in Milton over the last 180 days.

Councilmember Zaroudny

- No report.

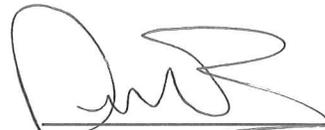
MAYOR'S REPORT

- Attended the Pierce County Council meeting in Puyallup with Mayor Pro Tem Taylor and gave an update on Milton.
- Park Board Chair Cosner went to DM Disposal, and they will be sponsoring the Milton Day's Zipline and providing volunteers.
- Vendor participation is up, and donations are larger for Milton Days this year; people are appreciating the event, and it's gaining momentum.
- Tomorrow at 2:00 in the parking lot of Millridge, there will be a party to celebrate the new sidewalk.

Commissioner Whalen announced that citizen and fire department volunteer Noel Fitzgerald will soon be Dr. Fitzgerald, as he is receiving his doctorate in chemistry. Congratulations to Dr. Fitzgerald!

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. **Passed 7/0.**


Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Tylor, City Clerk