



CITY COUNCIL

Mayor's Roundtable
January 14, 2008
Monday, 6:30 P.M.

Study Session
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CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Asay called the study session to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL Present were Councilmembers Drotz, Heddlesten, Neal, Sanderson, and Whalen. Councilmember Beaudry was excused at a prior meeting. Councilmember Borek informed Mayor Asay that he needed to be excused.

STAFF PRESENT: Public Works Director Neal, Planning & Community Development Director Terrell, Fire Chief Jaques, Finance Director Pierce, Police Chief Rhoads and Deputy City Clerk Marcelia.

STUDY ITEMS:

AB08-007 Contract Fire Services with Pierce County Fire District 8: Pierce County Fire District 8 has presented the City of Milton with a draft contract for consideration in regards to fire services. Two open houses will be held to receive comments from the public. Commissioners from Fire District 8 were present to participate in the discussion.

Chief Jaques introduced Chief Ed Goodlet, from Fire District 8. Chief Goodlet shared what the differences would be if the organizations joined together. He stated that staffing levels would increase and would efficiently staff each location. He explained several benefits of combining Milton and Edgewood with Fire District 8 including: providing Advanced Life Support (ALS), the staffing of paramedics, a proposal for an in-service aid car that would operate 24/7. Chief Goodlet also shared funding information. He briefly mentioned the responses from the attorneys regarding the draft contract.

Councilmembers and Commissioners were able to ask questions of the Chiefs and shared comments and concerns regarding the contract.

AB08-008 Ordinance to Regulate Commercial Vehicle Parking:

Commercial vehicles, such as truck-tractors and semi-trucks, are parking overnight on vacant properties throughout Milton. Councilmember Heddlesten had previously requested that the Planning and Community Development department draft an ordinance to limit where and when semi-trucks can park in the City of Milton. This is a change in the zoning title, therefore, the ordinance requires a public hearing at the Planning Commission, a SEPA determination, and the 60-day review period by the State Community Trade and Economic Development department before the Council can vote to approve it.

Mayor Asay asked if the ordinance meets Council's objectives.

Councilmember Whalen suggested to strike allowing tractor trailers parking in the residential district from the ordinance and move forward with the process.

Councilmember Heddlesten shared concerns regarding wording in Section 1A, in regards to overnight parking on residential properties unless approved through a Home Occupation Permit, and wording in Section 1B. Mayor Asay stated that wording could be changed before the ordinance comes back to Council.

Councilmember Sanderson commented on the intent of the ordinance. Director Terrell explained the objective of the ordinance.

Councilmembers Neal and Drotz stated that they don't support the ordinance or the intent of the ordinance.

Councilmembers continued to discuss the issue.

Mayor Asay stated that the ordinance will be brought back to the next regular meeting.

AB08-009 Zoning Map:

The Planning and Community Development department prepared a draft zoning map for review. A large scale of the map will be mounted in Council Chambers as soon as possible so that Council and citizens can suggest changes. Changes can be made to the official zoning map once a year. At the end of this year, a final version will be prepared for Council's approval.

AB08-010 Municipal Water Law – Water Efficiency Goals:

Director Neal stated that, in order to comply with the Municipal Water Law, the City must create and implement a water use efficiency (WUE) program.

A public hearing has been set for January 22, 2008 to receive citizen comments on this issue.

Director Neal shared some of the details that are summarized in the Conservation Planning Requirements document published by the Department of Health.

Councilmember Sanderson shared concerns about waiting until the last minute to deal with this issue. Director Neal stated that we are right on target: the Public Hearing will be on January 22, 2008 and a goal will be adopted at that time.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions of Director Neal.

AB08-011 Group Electrical Apprentice Program:

Director Neal stated that it makes sense to join together with other organizations to form a larger apprentice program that encompasses all of the members of the Pierce County Cooperative Power Association (PCCPA).

Council asked clarifying questions. Director Neal stated that L&I is involved in the process and is in favor of the program.

Director Neal stated that she would bring the final document back to Council at a later date for approval.

AB08-012 Mechanic Contract:

Chief Rhoads stated that the Milton Police Department has made use of an in house mechanic to handle basic and advanced maintenance, repair work and required upkeep. Primarily, issues that were pushed out to local dealers/repair shops centered around warranty issues and major repairs up through body and paint issues.

Chief Rhoads shared the benefits to outsourcing fleet maintenance, just for the Police Department, and the savings that would occur.

Council asked clarifying questions and shared their support for the contract.

AB08-013 Update on Animal Control Contract with King County:

Chief Rhoads stated that King County ran into some issues with providing the City of Milton with animal control. King County has not returned Chief's calls or correspondence. Chief Rhoads strongly urged Council to contract King County Executive Ronald Sims regarding this matter.

Chief Rhoads is exploring other options; he's communicating with the City of Sumner.

AB08-014 Impact Fees – High Crime Areas:

Chief Rhoads shared that the Police Department has been very busy in the area of Bud's Tavern. Milton PD has been receiving assistance from Tacoma PD, Fife PD, Puyallup PD, and Edgewood PD. He stated that there is a zero tolerance policy. We're still not getting compliance from the owner in regards to changing the clientele. It has become quite expensive to patrol that area of the City and officers are being called away from other calls to deal with issues in the area of Bud's Tavern. In the future, he'd like to be able to pass some of the fees onto the owner.

Councilmember Sanderson asked if the "call fees" could be patterned after "alarm fees".

Councilmembers discussed the issues regarding Bud's Tavern.

AB08-015 Interlocal Agreement with Fife – Work Crew Program:

Previously, Chief Rhoads discussed the possibility of a work crew program in lieu of jail time. The City of Fife has agreed to enter into an Interlocal agreement to utilize their custodial supervision of jail work crews for a trial period of 90 days. The Interlocal agreement was prepared by the City’s attorney and is currently being reviewed by WCIA and the City of Fife.

Director Pierce explained the agreement. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions and pointed out things that need to be changed in the agreement.

AB08-016 DM Disposal Rate Change:

DM Disposal has been notified that on March 1, 2008, the landfill rate in Pierce County will increase from \$98.89 per ton to \$101.95 per ton.

Councilmember Heddlesten asked a question regarding the rates. Councilmember Whalen requested a copy of the current rates.

Councilmembers discussed the rate increase.

Council requested that DM Disposal provide a breakdown for the rates as they have in the past. Mayor Asay stated that Deputy City Clerk Marcelia would get that information for the next meeting.

AB08-017 Computer Use Policy Discussion:

Mayor Asay stated that this item would be at the beginning of the next study session.

AB08-018 Discussion of How Council Receives Information:

Councilmember Whalen stated that a letter was included in the packet, directed toward him, and it’s inaccurate. Mayor Asay stated that the letter wasn’t meant to be part of the packet.

Councilmember Whalen shared concerned about the letter. He had asked for the revised staff report on Aerie Crest and his request was ignored. Mayor Asay stated that a specific motion should have been made in order to make revisions to the staff report.

Councilmember Whalen said that for approximately one month he’s been asking for recordings for all of the Aerie Crest meetings. The CD he received was short one meeting – he’s missing the November 1st meeting.

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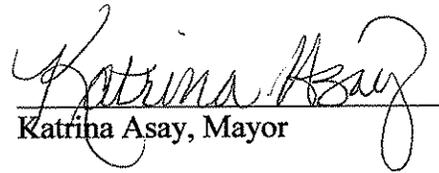
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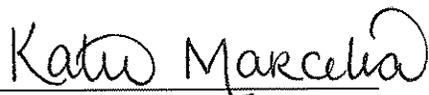
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ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 P.M.


Katrina Asay, Mayor

ATTEST:


Katie Marcelia, Deputy City Clerk