CITY OF MILTON INCORPORATED 1907

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Monday – February 18, 2014
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 Perry, Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, Councilmembers Whalen, Manley, Ott, and Morton

Absent Councilmembers Zaroudny and Jones

COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, to excuse Councilmembers Zaroudny and Jones; **passed 5/0**.

STAFF PRESENT

City Administrator Mukerjee, Interim Police Chief Langford, City Attorney Park, Public Works Director Neal, and Finance Director Tylor

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS

Mayor Perry added an Executive Session to convene immediately, and an item at the end of the Regular Agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Perry recessed to an Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. for at least 20 minutes.
Mayor Perry reconvened the Regular Meeting at 8:08 p.m.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Speaker	Address	Comments
Jacquelyn Whalen	1605 13th Ave	Expressed appreciation as a citizen for everything the city does to make sure it's safe and not flooding.

Glen Baker	Public Works staff	The City received 2.3" of rain in a 24-hour period, and the first call came in at 2:30 am Monday. Staff put the new vactor truck to work clearing catch basins; the new pond behind the shops did get full and went into overflow.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of:

A. Minutes

a. February 7-8 Council Retreat
b. February 10 Regular Meeting

B. Payroll 2/5/2014 - $228,215.25

C. Appointment of Katie Bolam as City Clerk/Human Resources Generalist

D. LGIP Authority Resolution

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor pulled Item C – Mayor Perry added it as Regular Agenda Item C.

COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Morton, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. **Passed 5/0.**

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Ordinance Amending Various Land Use Codes

City Administrator Mukerjee referred to a handout which showed a revised Section 7 to the presented ordinance and explained the changes included in the proposed ordinance.

COUNCILMBMER MANLEY MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Morton, to approve the attached ordinance amending various sections of the land use code.

Councilmember Ott requested the input of Planning Commissioner Jacquelyn Whalen.

Speaker	Address	Comments
Jacquelyn Whalen	1605 13th Ave	She explained that the recommendation of the Planning Commission was not unanimous, with her vote the sole nay. She shared her concerns, and emphasized that she was not speaking on behalf of the Planning Commission.

Councilmembers discussed substandard lots at length, referring to the map provided in the packet. Mayor Pro Tem Taylor said the Council understands the position of the citizen who wrote the letter regarding this, but said this proposal would be a disservice to other citizens.

Director Neal clarified that this proposed language is only about substandard lot size, not about the design or character – that's a separate issue.

Attorney Park stated that Council must eventually provide reasonable procedure for land use to landowners regarding substandard lots.

COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Ott, to amend the motion to remove Section 7 from the proposed ordinance – **passed 5/0.**

The amended main motion was voted on and passed 5/0.

B. Contract for Electric System Plan Update

City Administrator Mukerjee explained that this update is a strategic planning effort that every city and utility must submit.

Director Neal explained that Council provided approval and funding for this in August, 2013. Council requested during its retreat to bring this to a regular session. This effort will not require Council to take any action; it provides information for informed decisions.

COUNCILMEMBER OTT MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to approve the draft scope and fee for the firm EES to update our Electric Utility's System Plan, along with a Cost of Service Analysis, for a cost not to exceed $56,000 and authorize the Mayor to sign any necessary contracts.

Council discussion included the substation and rate increase possibilities.

The motion was voted on and passed 5/0.

C. Appointment of Katie Bolam – City Clerk/Human Resources Generalist

City Administrator Mukerjee said the City has received a request from the union to bargain some of the duties in the job description, and staff's recommendation is to approve that negotiation as part of this action.

MAYOR PRO TEM TAYLOR MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Morton, to approve the attached appointment letter to Katie Bolam as the City Clerk/Human Resources Generalist, subject to negotiation by the Mayor with the union on their request to bargain received on February 14, 2014 – **Passed 5/0.**

D. Proclamation for Subir Mukerjee

Mayor Perry read aloud a proclamation for outgoing City Administrator Subir Mukerjee. Mr. Mukerjee gave a brief statement, and Councilmembers shared appreciation for his four years of leadership.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- Reminder of Representative Linda Kochmar's Town Hall meeting on Saturday, February 22, in Milton Council Chambers.

COUNCIL REPORTS

- Councilmember Manley
  - Requested news on the property across from the skate park; Chief Langford said there has been code enforcement work on two properties in that vicinity and citations have been issued.
- Councilmember Morton
  - It was great to see the new vactor truck out and about.
- Councilmember Ott
  - The police foundation dinner was enjoyable; congratulations to the awardees.
  - Requested information regarding moving the street light near 17th/Alder in order to illuminate a very dark area. Director Neal and Mr. Baker will report back.
- Councilmember Whalen
  - Thanks to city staff for the comfort level knowing that dedicated people are taking care of big work endeavors, like the recent flooding issues.
- Mayor Pro Tem Taylor
  - Thursday is the PCRC general assembly.
  - Attended the Pierce Transit kick off ride – the buses are comfortable and warm.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Attending Congressman Reichert's forum Thursday morning, then the PCRC/UW Branding Forum, followed by the General Assembly. Busy day filled with important events representing Milton.
- Enjoyed the police foundation dinner, and congratulations to the awardees, especially Officer Hobbs, our Officer of the Year!
- The Pierce Transit kick off ride was well-received. Remember that people can be hesitant to try new things, so be encouraging to everyone to make this a success.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Morton/Mayor Pro Tem Taylor moved; Adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:

LISA M TYLOR

Lisa Tylor, City Clerk