



## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday – January 13, 2014**  
**7:00 p.m.**

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Perry called the regularly-scheduled meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Perry, Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, Councilmembers Whalen, Jones, Ott, Morton, Manley, and Zaroudny

### STAFF PRESENT

City Administrator Mukerjee, Public Works Director Neal, Chief Langford

### ADDITIONS / DELETIONS

None.

### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Jacki Strader	1809 13 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Reported home suspicious of drug production. Mayor Perry suggested she share the information with Chief Langford.
Jacquelyn Whalen	1605 13 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Suggested Council consider updating the city's website with greater search capabilities and archiving alternatives for City records during the upcoming retreat.
Leonard Sanderson	1201 24 <sup>th</sup> Ave Ct	Recommends MRSC as a records research tool.
Jerry Thorson	East Pierce Fire District	Provided an update and answered Council questions regarding volunteer recruitment. Council requested that staff add emergency management training possibilities through EPFD to the retreat agenda.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of:

- A. Payroll dated 1/5/2014 in the amount of \$227,718.39.
- B. Checks/vouchers numbered 54734-54745 in the amount of \$28,225.65.

**MAYOR PRO TEM TAYLOR MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Passed 7/0.**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

- A. Contract with KPG, Inc. for Comprehensive Plan Amendment

City Administrator Mukerjee provided background information of funding, and he said that the consultants from KPG including Seth Harry will be present at tomorrow's ad hoc committee meeting.

He and Director Neal referred to the budget summary table on page 10 of the packet, explained the reason for requesting an additional \$5,000, and answered questions.

**COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to approve an additional \$5,000 from general fund balance for the comprehensive plan update to be used if needed to complete the work. **Passed 7/0.**

**MAYOR PRO TEM TAYLOR MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to approve the amended task list and budget as outlined herein for the 2014 work on the comprehensive plan update and authorize the Mayor to sign any necessary contract documents. **Passed 7/0.**

- B. Department of Ecology Grant for Storm Water Regulations & Consultant Contract

Director Neal explained the good news that the City has been awarded a total of \$170,000 in design funds for three projects meeting low impact development guidelines. One stipulation is that the design work be completed by August 1, 2014, which will then make those projects eligible for construction grant funds in the fall.

She said the three projects include parking areas at the community building and Triangle Park, and a bioswale in place of a culvert replacement on Emerald between 10<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> streets.

**COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Ott, to accept the offered grant funding from the Department of Ecology in the amount of \$50,000 for implementation and management of the City's NPDES stormwater permit, along with an additional \$120,000 for planning and design of three stormwater projects.

Speaker	Address	Comments
Leonard Sanderson	1201 24 <sup>th</sup> Ave Ct	Suggested the parking lot on the south of the "tot lot" at Triangle Park would be another good choice for low impact development.
Jacquelyn Whalen	1605 13 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Concerned about potential repercussions or unintended consequences, such as the need for special equipment for maintaining pervious surfaces, or the need for regulations for homeowners' maintenance of bioswales.

**The motion was voted on and passed 7/0.**

**COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED**, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, to approve the draft scope and fee, as substantively attached, for the firm of Gray & Osborne to complete the design of three stormwater projects for an amount not to exceed \$120,000 and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents.

Councilmembers expressed appreciation with the top-to-bottom approach to stormwater management, and expressed satisfaction with Gray & Osborne's participation.

**The motion was voted on and passed 7/0.**

#### C. Council Retreat Discussion

City Administrator Mukerjee led a discussion regarding items for the upcoming council retreat agenda. Items put forward for possible inclusion included:

- Tour of substations
- Presentation by Safety Committee
- Tour of Stoneridge and its connection with visioning effort
- Emergency management training
- New councilmember information review
- Purchasing tablets for councilmembers
- Status of visioning process
- Review of utility finances
- Ways to support commissions and boards
- Specific accomplishments for next four years
- Specific focus for finance committee
- Street fund, with emphasis on refreshing the city's street signs
- Moving to a biannual budget

#### D. Energy Conservation Report

City Administrator Mukerjee and Director Neal explained the efforts to remain in the Tier 1 rate structure with BPA for as long as possible, and answered questions.

## **CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

- Visioning ad hoc committee meeting tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m.
- Next Council meeting is next Tuesday due to the holiday with an executive session at 6:30 p.m.
- Sad news – City employee Pamela Battersby lost her battle with illness and passed away last week.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

- Mayor Pro Tem Taylor –
  - Enjoyed the Alder Ridge grand opening event.
- Councilmember Zaroudny
  - A new family has moved in on her street – good to see.
- Councilmember Manley
  - Two houses on 23<sup>rd</sup> were taken down – looks nice.
  - Reported property across from the skate park being used as a dumping ground.
- Councilmember Morton
  - Attended Alder Ridge grand opening – 26 units are spoken for.
  - There are mattresses piling up behind McDonald's.
- Councilmember Ott
  - Suggested beginning a “Welcome Wagon” for the new families that are moving in to the City.
  - Street lights – 17<sup>th</sup>/Alder and 15<sup>th</sup>/Birch Ct.
- Councilmember Jones
  - Went on a Pierce Transit ride-along on Route 503.
  - Appreciated no loss of power from the Milton utility during recent wind storms.
- Councilmember Whalen
  - Attended Alder Ridge grand opening; heard many compliments about working with the City of Milton.
  - Wondering if the “LOC” paint on some utility poles can be removed.

Chief Langford addressed Council with a brief report of his five weeks with the City.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Regarding the two houses recently taken down on 23<sup>rd</sup> – that is due to the diligent work of Officer Hobbs.
- Hearing good reports of the police department around town.
- The Alder Ridge grand opening was a packed house – heard strong praise for the work of City staff, especially Chris Larson.

- The Chamber lunch meeting last week featured City Administrator Mukerjee presenting on Milton happenings – he did a great job.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 9:10 p.m.



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Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Lisa Tylor, City Clerk