CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Special Meeting/Study Session
Monday – April 7, 2014
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Perry called the special meeting to order at 7:05 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 Langford, City Attorney Park, Public Works Director Neal, Finance Director Tylor, City Clerk Bolam, Planner Larson, Street/Storm/Water Utility Supervisor Glen Baker

ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution of Intent to Annex

Planner Larson introduced this, saying it is the last step before the City submits notice of intent to annex to the boundary review board, where the process takes approximately 60-90 days.

COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Manley, to approve the attached resolution regarding the intent to annex the proposed Clear Firs/Sunridge annexation area.

Councilmembers said it speaks well of the City of Milton that property owners want to join the City, and initiated and paid to start the process.

The motion was voted on and passed 7/0.

B. Parks Facilities Worker

Director Neal explained that there is a vacant position for a Maintenance Worker 1, and introduced a discussion to replace this position with a Maintenance Worker 2 instead, offering the City the same general laborer with additional duties, qualifications, and a higher level of applicable experience. The MW2 position requires an employee with pesticide certification and allows the person some supervisory responsibilities of volunteers, to research and gather estimates, and to do analysis/design work.

COUNCILMEMBER OTT MOVERD, seconded by Councilmember Morton, to approve the hiring of a Maintenance Worker 2 position in the Parks/Facilities division, if a suitable candidate is found, and authorize a budget adjustment for the same. If no suitable candidate is found, re-hiring at the Maintenance Worker 1 level is acceptable.

Councilmembers discussed at length, saying it's good to have two equal laborers at minimal cost which will benefit the parks, and also citing concerns over the cost effectiveness.

Council invited Glen Baker to speak with regard to this. He said that, if the budget warranted it, his choice would be for two Maintenance Worker 1 positions and no seasonal help. He said that there is about 60 hours of weekly mowing and 2-2.5 daily hours of routine maintenance around the city during the summer.

The motion was voted on and passed 4/3 (Manley/Zaroudny/Jones).

C. Seasonal Workers

Director Neal said the City is looking to hire three seasonal employees this year, two for parks (100% general fund) and 1 for utilities (split among the three utility funds). The cost is about $7,500/worker for the season, based on $13/hour.

Discussion ensued regarding what seasonal employees can and cannot do.

COUNCILMEMBER MANLEY MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to authorize the hiring of two seasonal workers for parks and facilities, and one seasonal worker for the utility crew, with a budget adjustment accordingly.

Councilmembers noted there's lots of work to be done and it makes good economic sense.

The motion was voted on and passed 7/0.

D. Pierce Transit Board Nomination

Interim City Administrator Langford explained that the seat representing Fife-Milton-Edgewood on the Pierce Transit Board of Directors has been vacated, necessitating a new nomination. Edgewood Mayor Daryl Eidinger has indicated an interest and willingness to take that seat. Meetings are Mondays at 4pm in Lakewood.

COUNCILMEMBER JONES MOVED, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, to nominate City of Edgewood Mayor Daryl Eidinger as the Fife-Milton-Edgewood representative to

the Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners, to fill an unexpired term through April 30, 2015.

Councilmembers noted that Mayor Eidinger has done a great job with Pierce Transit already, he'll act in the best interest of all three cities, and they appreciate his willingness to fill this role.

The motion was voted on and passed 7/0.

E. Declaring Certain Personal Property Surplus

Interim City Administrator Langford explained the existence of some surplus property.

COUNCILMEMBER OTT MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Morton, to approve the attached resolution declaring old office items to be surplus and authorizing the appropriate disposal of them. **Passed 7/0.**

F. Council Meeting Schedule Change

Interim City Administrator Langford explained that the Council changed to its current schedule as part of a cost-cutting move in September, 2012. Circumstances have changed, and the original schedule of regular meetings taking place on the 1st and 3rd Mondays with study sessions on the 2nd Monday of each month is a more efficient schedule.

MAYOR PRO TEM TAYLOR MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Ott, to approve the attached ordinance to change the City Council meeting schedules.

Councilmembers noted that it will be better to have fewer action items come up during what should be a study session, and it made sense in 2012 to change it for a period of time and it now makes sense to change back.

The motion was voted on and passed 7/0.

The Mayor called a recess at 8:45 pm, and she called the meeting back to order at 9:00 pm.

STUDY ITEMS

A. Amending Frontage Improvement Code

Director Neal explained this code revision would allow frontage improvements to be postponed until a certificate of occupancy is requested. The proposed ordinance looks complicated; she explained it includes some housekeeping, but the only thing changed is the postponement of frontage improvements. This was recommended by the Planning Commission with a 6/1 vote.

Discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons, with general Council consensus to bring forward a proposed ordinance.

B. Substandard Lot Clarification

Director Neal explained that this item was removed from a land use ordinance otherwise approved by Council in February. Staff is requesting clarification on how to proceed with this item.

Mayor Perry explained that this cannot be considered by the Planning Commission until mid-2015.

Director Neal used the packet drawings as examples and explained how this item is different than design standards.

Much discussion ensued, with final consensus to refer the substandard lot issue back for review by the Planning Commission, and ask the Planning Commission to consider single-family residential design standards.

C. Street Vacation Petition

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, to postpone this discussion due to the late hour. **Passed 6/1 (Ott).**

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:

Katie Bolam, City Clerk