



CITY COUNCIL

Study Session

June 12, 2006

Monday, 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: Mayor Asay called the regularly scheduled study session to order at 7:05 P.M.

Roll Call: Present were Councilmember's Beaudry, Drotz, Heddlesten, Neal, Sirack and Whalen. Councilmember Borek was not present.

Staff Present: Public Safety Director Jaques, Finance Director/City Clerk Pierce, Planning & Community Development Director Terrell and Public Works Director Neal.

Planning Commission

Members Present: Cyndi Baker, Richard Casey, Dick Hilton, Gerry Miller, Jacquelyn Whalen were in attendance for the special presentation related to the comprehensive plan and zoning regulations.

Study Items:

AB06-071 Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations:

The future construction of the planned I-5 and SR 167 intersection will have a dramatic affect on the tax base of the City of Milton. To survive the financial losses that will result from that construction, the City must develop new ways of utilizing vacant land, encouraging the redevelopment of underutilized property, preserving and expanding critical areas, open spaces and environmentally sensitive areas. Due to the severe financial "hit" that will result from the construction of the I-5 and SR 167 intersection, the City must begin now to develop a strategy to encourage responsible development and redevelopment.

Mayor Asay gave a brief introduction on the importance of the City's proactive approach in regards to the Washington Department of Transportation project SR 167. City Administrator Carter shared a power point presentation and discussed the general concept behind the comprehensive plan and zoning regulation changes being discussed.

The Mayor summarized the concept of the comprehensive plan that would give the City of Milton an opportunity to recreate and restore the City and make a positive change for the future. Because the City seeks the input of the citizens on this matter, a town meeting is tentatively scheduled for the end of July.

The council and the Planning Commission asked questions and commented. The Mayor allowed comments from the audience regarding the presentation.

Jackie Klontz, 1606 23rd Ave., stated that her husband and she are involved with both Surprise Lake and downtown Milton. She wanted to know if a committee of citizens could be put together to gather input from all who are involved. Mayor Asay said that she would need to look into it.

Mike Luna, Sadler & Bernard, voiced that those wanting to work and conduct business in Milton have a great opportunity.

Mayor Asay introduced Kevin Clegg, from the Pierce County Economic Development department, who spoke to the citizens and councilmembers about a great opportunity and the importance of speaking to the business owners in the City.

Jackie Bertilino, 1308 11th Ave., stated that the City needs to work *with* businesses – not against them.

Debbie Miller, 1105 25th Ave. Ct., questioned how the City proposes preservation of the wetlands surrounding Surprise Lake.

Scott Maleco, City of Edgewood Councilmember, encouraged the citizens to get involved during this exciting time in planning the future of the City of Milton.

Leonard Sanderson, 1201 24th Ave. Ct., commented that this is a good preliminary plan. He asked what will happen to the displaced citizens.

Mayor Asay thanked everyone for attending and asked for everyone to please get involved in the future.

Mayor Asay recessed the meeting at 8:26 P.M. for a short break.

Mayor Asay called the meeting back to order at 8:42 P.M.

AB06-072 Nuisance Abatement Draft Ordinances:

City Administrator Carter introduced this agenda bill and gave a quick overview of the attached ordinances. It was stated that these ordinances are a work in progress and that the city attorney has not yet reviewed them. Council discussed the following ordinances: the nuisance ordinance, the enforcement procedures ordinance, the property maintenance committee ordinance, and the junk vehicle ordinance. Council made comments and recommendations for changes. Ordinances not discussed will be brought back to council at a later meeting. The Mayor stated that this discussion would continue at the next study session – starting with the junk vehicles ordinance.

AB06-073 Council Committees:

This study item will be discussed at the next study session.

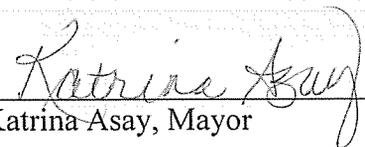
Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 P.M.

ATTEST:



Maria Pierce, City Clerk



Katrina Asay, Mayor