



**Study Session**  
**Monday – May 6, 2013**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Perry called the regularly scheduled study session to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Council Members present were Jones, Morton, Ott, Whalen, Zaroudny and Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor. Councilmember Manley was absent.

**STAFF PRESENT**

City Administrator Mukerjee, Finance Director Tylor and Public Works Director Neal.

**3. STUDY ITEMS**

**a. Solid Waste Contract Discussion**

Mayor Perry invited Laura Moser of Waste Management and Mark Gingrich of DM Disposal to make brief presentations to Council. Each of the representatives provided an overview of his/her respective company and the services it provides. Mayor Perry called for a five minute recess.

City Administrator Mukerjee provided an overview of the current services being provided to Milton by DM Disposal, and some new or optional services that could be considered in a new contract. He also stated that any contractor could provide the service, as long as it met the requirements of the Pierce County Waste Management Plan.

Councilmembers discussed the pros and cons of extending the current contract with DM Disposal or go out with a request for proposal (RFP), before deciding which company to pick. Before they made any decision on which direction to take, they asked that Steve Wamback, Pierce County's Sustainable Resources Administrator, be invited for a presentation to City Council.

**b. Surprise Lake Water Quality Report**

Public Works Director Neal provided an overview of the summary and results from the Surprise Lake Water Quality Report. The report was compiled by volunteers from the Pierce Conservation Service – Stream Team program. Councilmember's questions related to possible sources of contamination, such as construction run-off and fecal matter from animal droppings. This is the second year of sampling, and it takes a number of

years to establish any meaningful data; Council expressed support in continuing the program.

**c. Preferred Water Well Drilling Sale**

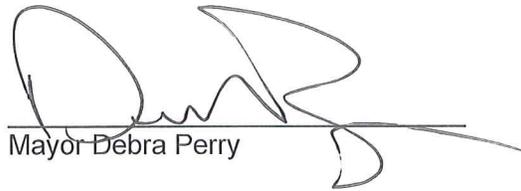
Public Works Director Neal provided the recommendation for the test drilling site to be the WS-2 site near the City's 2M gallon water tank. Council's questions related to the depth of the aquifers, water rights, and the process for getting another water-well to come on-line. The next steps would be to prepare bid documents for drilling, and get approvals from the Pierce County Department of Health and State Department of Ecology. The bid award for the drilling project would be brought back to City Council for approval.

**4. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council members commented on the staffing at the Fire Department building, which has been very low to none, and asked that Chief Jerry Thorson be asked to come to the City Council and explain the staffing issue.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

The Study Session adjourned at 9:11 p.m.



Mayor Debra Perry

ATTEST:

  
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Lisa Tylor, City Clerk

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