



**Special Meeting/Study Session  
Monday – June 3, 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, Public Works Director Neal, and Police Chief Rhoads.

**3. SPECIAL MEETNG /STUDY ITEMS**

**a. Pierce Transit Service Resolution**

City Administrator Mukerjee explained that this was a joint resolution with the cities of Fife and Edgewood, opposing the service cuts to routes 501 and 402, and proposing an alternate circulator route for consideration by the Pierce Transit Board. Council comments and questions included details of the service cuts in terms of hours of operation, frequency of service, paratransit, and the tax revenues generated from the three cities.

Speaker	Address	Comments
Richard Cosner	507 7 <sup>h</sup> Ave	The State Auditor's office has responded to his concerns about the financial shortfall numbers being used by Pierce Transit. The shortfall numbers were based on cost estimates and not actual costs.

**COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED**, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor, to approve Resolution 13-1834, a resolution of the cities of Fife, Milton and Edgewood, Pierce County, WA, opposing Pierce Transit's service reduction plan for routes 501 and 402, and proposing an alternative route for consideration by Pierce Transit.

**The motion was voted on and passed 6-0.**

**b. Fire Annexation Update**

East Pierce Fire Chief Thorson provided the most recent data on response times and staffing of the Milton fire station. He explained that the volunteer recruitment plan includes recruiting through August and closing in September. The selected applicants will undergo training through the State Fire Academy. For the short term, they will be seeking to recruit resident firefighters who will live at the station and pull shifts as needed.

Councilmembers expressed concern and frustration with the staffing levels at the Milton fire stations. It was noted that during February and March, three calls were responded to from this station. It was also noted that there were no volunteer openings listed on the East Pierce website.

Mayor Perry asked for the response times in Edgewood for the last 6 months.

Jacqueline Whalen inquired whether the union had approved the volunteer program and the new standards. Chief Thorson responded that it had.

Fire Commissioner Dale Mitchell commented that the board of commissioners was very cognizant of the issues and concerns in Milton, and were working on the issues to meet expectations.

**c. Six Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

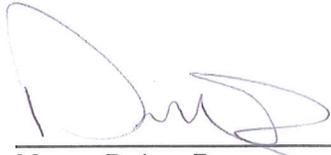
Public Works Director Neal went over the projects in the draft TIP. Some projects, such as the I-5 connection study, had been deleted, and some new projects had been added based on the new vision for the city. It is a planning document. Council discussion included suggestions on several projects to be considered:

- Improvements to 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue near Alder where the roadway narrows.
- Modifications to 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue / Milton Way intersection due to increased Jovita Boulevard traffic.
- Trail and unsignalized pedestrian crossing improvements.
- Joint project with the City of Fife for sidewalk improvements to move pedestrians from Milton Way to the high school.
- Modifying the current school zones to include Oak Street.
- Improvements to Milton Way / 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersection.
- Paving / chip seal project for various streets.

A public hearing and adoption is scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

The Study Session adjourned at 8:52 p.m.




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Mayor Debra Perry

ATTEST:

Lisa M Tylor  
 Lisa Tylor, City Clerk