



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Monday – August 12, 2013
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Perry called the regularly-scheduled meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF PRESENT

City Administrator Mukerjee, Public Works Director Neal, Finance Director Tylor, Police Chief Rhoads, and Senior Administrative Assistant Bolam

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS

None.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Speaker	Address	Comments
Sheryl Creed	6766 Radiance Blvd E, Fife	Addressed council on behalf of her mother who lives in Milton – the neighboring house runs a home-based business with outside storage of construction debris which is an eyesore.
Leonard Sanderson	1201 24 th Ave Ct	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Suggests Milton changes the ordinance to allow bicycles at the Skate Park.2. Suggests that the City consider widening the asphalt when repaving Porter to fill in the gaps where there is no sidewalk.
Richard Cosner	507 7 th Ave	Spoke to his email regarding the condition of Triangle Park so close to Milton Days.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of:

- A. Minutes from the meetings of 7/22/2013 and 8/5/2013.
- B. Claim voucher numbers #54099-54178 in the amount of \$498,761.80, and payroll disbursement for 7/20/13 in the amount of \$198,166.05.

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Passed 7/0.**

PUBLIC HEARING

A. Puget Sound Energy Franchise Agreement

Mayor Perry opened the Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m.

City Administrator Mukerjee and Director Tylor provided an overview, saying the city attorney has approved the agreement. Puget Sound Energy representatives are present to answer any questions.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Perry opened the Public Hearing at 7:17 p.m.

Councilmember Whalen invited the PSE representatives to give open comments. Jeff Payne with PSE spoke, providing a brief history of this agreement.

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Approval of Phone System

Director Tylor provided a brief recap and introduced the city's choice of provider. City Administrator Mukerjee explained the cost savings benefit do to the coincidental timing with the Police Department move.

Alan Bush with CMIT spoke and answered questions regarding the new system.

MAYOR PRO TEM TAYLRO MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with CMIT Solutions of Tacoma as provider of VOIP phone services. **The matter was voted on and passed 7/0.**

B. Park Name Change (Milton Community Park to Triangle Park)

City Administrator Mukerjee provided an overview.

Councilmember Zaroudny shared the history of the Park's name, explaining that the huge community effort that went into it leads her to feel the name should remain Milton Community Park.

Councilmembers weighed this history with the regionally known name of Triangle Park.

Mayor Perry suggested holding off with a decision, allowing for some community feedback, especially at Milton Days.

Leonard Sanderson	1201 24 th Ave Ct	Remembers that the park was purchased with a state-funded grant, so there may be some restrictions.
Susan Johnson	2307 8 th Ave	Said it had been a difficult discussion and decision to recommend at the Park Board meeting; part of the recommendation was to get the dialogue started. The Board does want the public to have input.

MAYOR PRO TEM TAYLOR MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to bring this item back to Study Session. **The matter was voted on and passed 7/0.**

C. Baker Land Purchase

City Administrator Mukerjee and Director Neal presented the background and the process if approved.

Discussion included the included maintenance amount, recording costs, and the devalue process outlined in the agreement.

Jacquelyn Whalen	1605 13 th Ave	Suggests that Council look into this further – is concerned with a possible gift of public funds. Also suggests that the slope provides a buffer to the City's water tank, and wonders why the title didn't expose the utility.
Leonard Sanderson	1201 24 th Ave Ct	Doesn't think there should be a discount for neglected property.

The matter will be discussed at a later date with the city attorney present.

D. Traffic Study Recommendation

Director Neal provided background on this item, explaining the Planning Commission's formal recommendation.

Discussion included traffic counters, the potential benefit to the comprehensive plan update, the increased potential for grants, and the three options presented in the agenda bill.

COUNCILMEMBER OTT MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to request that staff include the cost of a formal traffic study in the 2014 budget.

Councilmember Ott said he understands that this is important step to make a complete comprehensive plan to aid the city's visioning efforts.

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor requested that this prepared budget item include specifics.

Jacquelyn Whalen	1605 13 th Ave	Spoke as a member of the Planning Commission – the more questions that are asked about this, the more understanding there is that this is a foundation of so many decisions. The Comprehensive Plan needs good policies and goals to plan from.
Leonard Sanderson	1201 24 th Ave Ct	Suggested that too much has been spent on studies in the past that haven't been acted on.

The matter was voted on and passed 7/0.

Mayor Perry stated that the City has only just begun working on the latest KPG study.

Mayor Perry invited George Lindsay from Sunridge Apartments to address Council, as he was unable to be present at the last meeting.

George Lindsay	14622 153 rd , Orting	Managing partner of Sunridge Apts – provided history and current condition of the apartments, including 24/7 security presence, lighting and cameras.
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CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- Council received an invitation for the Jovita Boulevard Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting on Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.
- Reminder, there is no meeting on August 19; the next meeting is a Study Session on Tuesday, September 3 (Tuesday due to Labor Day holiday).

COUNCIL REPORT

Councilmember Whalen

- Thanked staff for the chart on total assessed values for City of Milton.
- Reported some low power lines.

Councilmember Jones

- Looking forward to Milton Days – appreciates the committee's and staff's efforts.

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor

- Requested clarification regarding 28th Ave road closure.

Councilmember Ott

- Attended the Honor the Fallen Relay for VFW – great event!

- Shared the personal effect of that day's shooting in Seattle of a Metro bus driver, who is expected to survive.
- Looking forward to Milton Days – committee has done quite a job!

Councilmember Morton

- Drove by the Jovita alignment – looks sharp!

Councilmember Manley

- Looking forward to Milton Days.
- Requested clarification regarding the cause of the Meridian traffic problems.

Councilmember Zaroudny

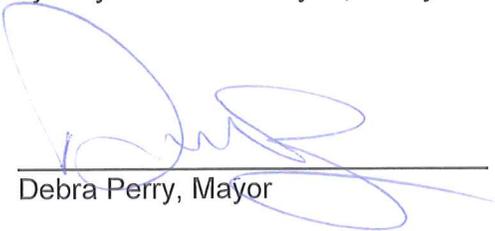
- Also has attended the last few Events Committee meetings – quality and quantity of work is top notch.
- Thanks to Richard for report and photos on the park, and to Director Neal for the response. Since it does seem to happen every year that the clean-up comes down to last minute, she requests that the City look for more continuity on park maintenance.
 - Mayor Perry directed staff to bring this to a study session.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Met with Pierce Transit again. They have an aggressive agenda. Pierce Transit's new "Head of Operations," Tina Lee, is impressive. Good news is that cuts have been delayed, due to a miscalculation on the anticipated loss of sales tax (by 11%). They are still considering cuts for 2014.
- Milton Days! – excited and nervous! The Park Board will be there, as they've joined up with FME Little League to raise funds.
- Honored to participate in the Honor the Fallen Relay, including traveling to Astoria on invitation to speak at the end. There were WWII veterans present who are residents of Millridge, and granddaughters of Patrick Gass, and Milton's own Police Department, including Chief Rhoads, ceremoniously handed off the runners in Astoria.

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. **Passed 7/0.**



Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Tylor, City Clerk