



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Monday – July 20, 2009
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Asay called the regularly-scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members present were Beaudry, Borek, Drotz, Heddlesten, Neal, Sanderson, and Whalen.

STAFF PRESENT

Interim City Administrator Fessler, Police Chief Rhoads, Public Works Director Neal, Fire Chief Jaques, Finance Director Pierce, and Deputy City Clerk Stevenson-Ness were present.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the June 8, 2009, study session minutes.

Approval of the July 2, 2009, payroll direct deposits, checks, and benefits, in the amount of \$244,645.35; and approval of the checks/vouchers, numbers 18031-18086 in the amount of \$44,390.24, and voided checks 17528, 17529, 17533, and 17620.

COUNCIL MEMBER HEDDLESTEN MOVED to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Council Member Drotz seconded the motion.
The motion was voted on and carried 7-0.

Appointing Debra Perry to the Economic Development Board of Commissioners with an expiration date of January 31, 2012.

COUNCIL MEMBER WHALEN MOVED to approve the appointment of Debra Perry to the Economic Development Board of Commissioners. Mayor Pro Tem Heddlesten seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on and carried 7-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

Presentation by Chief Jerry Thorson, East Pierce Fire and Rescue

Chief Jerry Thorson, East Pierce Fire and Rescue (EPFR), introduced Fire Commission Chair Rick Kuss, and Commissioners Raymond Bunk and Mike Cathey as well as Pierce County Fire District 8 Fire Chief Ed Goodlet and Fire Commissioner Ed Eagan.

Chief Thorson provided information on the proposed Milton/East Pierce Fire and Rescue merger and the proposed administrative agreement. He outlined the proposed timeline for the various steps for an annexation and stated the annexation could move as fast as elected officials are comfortable and with a vote to merge coming as early as August 2010.

Chief Thorson stated that merging with EPFR would provide improved services, including shorter response times, continuity of care, and no out of pocket expenses for EMS transports; more in-service capability with 2 staffed apparatus; a paramedic unit; increased public education and fire prevention training; and a full service fire department.

There was discussion regarding the EMS levy rates for Milton, Edgewood and EPFR and how service would be provided to the portion of Milton that is in King County.

Mayor Asay recognized the following people who spoke on the issue:

Speaker	Address
Brian Ott	1102 17 th Ave Ct
	1810 11 th Avenue
Dave Strader	1809 13 th Avenue

Mayor Asay recessed the meeting at 8:17 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

There was additional discussion regarding what would happen if an annexation vote did not occur and further concerns were expressed about service for the King County portion of the city.

AB 09-038 – Report on outsourcing options for current and long-range planning.

Interim City Administrator Fessler stated that the cities of Federal Way, Sumner, Edgewood, and Puyallup were contacted to see if they were interested in providing the planning services to the City of Milton. Two of the cities contacted could not provide services because of their staffing levels and two of the cities contacted were unable to provide the full range of services requested in the scope of work provided.

Utilizing Edgewood’s services was discussed. Interim City Administrator Fessler stated it was decided to go with the City of Fife because they could provide the desired services immediately and the cost was lower than Edgewood.

There was extensive discussion regarding staffing and how to maintain the department and avoid utilizing contract planning services.

Mayor Asay recognized the following people who spoke on the topic:

Speaker	Address
Jacquelyn Whalen	1605 13 th Avenue
Dick Hilton	706 5 th Avenue
Jackie Strader	1809 13 th Avenue
Debbie Miller	1105 25 th Avenue Ct
Bryan Ott	102 17 th Avenue Ct.
Jill Russell	Milton/Edgewood Signal

At the request of the council, Mayor Asay stated that budget numbers and options would be brought back to council at the first meeting in August.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Interim City Administrator Fessler noted the items included in the report and had nothing additional to report.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Drotz reported on:

- Requested budget billing information for utilities

Council Member Heddlesten reported on:

- Stated he would be gone on first meeting of September

Council Member Whalen reported on:

- Requested the status of the Milton Way improvements from 23rd to 28th Street and asked which parcels were in still in negotiations; and if there is any chance to start construction this year.

Council Member Sanderson reported on:

- Rainier Communications Commission meeting on July 15, stated RCC has a new website; Comcast is still saying that video on demand is coming;
- Attended the Pierce County Regional Council meeting where the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan amendments were discussed;

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Asay confirmed council member attendance for the Milton Days parade.

She also invited council to the unveiling of the timeline mural on August 12, 2009, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

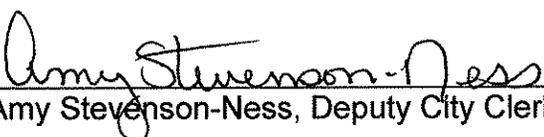
ADJOURNMENT

COUNCIL MEMBER BEAUDRY MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m. Council Member Whalen seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on and carried 7-0.


Katrina Asay, Mayor

ATTEST:


Amy Stevenson-Ness, Deputy City Clerk