



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Monday – July 7, 2014
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Perry called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and recessed to Executive Session for approximately 30 minutes for the purpose of discussing potential litigation issues related to marijuana regulations as per RCW 42.30.110.

Mayor Perry called the regular meeting back to order at 7:25 p.m. and led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Perry, Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, Councilmember Jones, Ott, Morton, Manley and Zaroudny

Absent Councilmember Whalen – **MOTION** to excuse (Morton/Taylor) – **Passed 6/0.**

STAFF PRESENT

City Administrator Langford, City Attorney Park, Public Works Director Neal, Finance Director Tylor, and City Clerk Bolam

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS

None.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Speaker	Address	Comments
Cheryl Creed	6766 Radiance Blvd E, Fife	Regarding a home business, Haas Heating operating at 405 13 th Ave – she came to Council in August 2013, and problems persist – company is storing construction debris, and since last year she has noticed that employees are gathering there to go to work – it has become a burden on the neighborhood –

		she was asked to represent her mother who lives nearby and other neighbors – she presented photos from last year and last week.
Laura Butterfeld	FME Chamber of Commerce	Introduced herself as the new chamber executive director, from most recent position in the Bonney Lake Chamber.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

A. Introduction of New Staff Member

Director Neal introduced Scott Amell, recently hired full time as Maintenance Worker I after working several weeks as a seasonal employee. He has been a Milton resident his whole life. Scott addressed Council, saying it's a privilege to live and work in Milton. His background includes owning his own roofing company after working for his father's business.

B. Status of Pierce County Library – Presentation by Neel Parikh

Provided a slideshow presentation of an update of the Pierce County library system.

C. The Genesis Project – Proclamation

Interim City Administrator Langford introduced The Genesis Project, and the proclamation was read into the record.

D. Grant Acceptance – Presentations

Interim City Administrator Langford spoke about the grants and presentations the City has received. Officer Takaguchi gave a presentation of the new LIDAR equipment.

E. Police Foundation – Proclamation

Interim City Administrator Langford introduced Police Foundation chair Katrina Asay, who introduced three fellow Foundation members Mary Tompkins, Jason Clayton, and Paula Gherke, and explained the role of the Foundation. Jason Clayton gave a review of the fundraising plans being considered for the immediate future. The proclamation was read into the record and presented to Chair Asay

Mayor Perry called a 5-minute recess at 8:12 pm; the meeting was called back to order at 8:17 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of:

- A. Minutes
 - a. June 16, 2014 Regular Meeting
- B. Voucher and Payroll Approval
 - a. Checks/vouchers 55306-55387 for \$607,508.03.
 - b. Payroll of 6/20/14 for \$123,802.76.
- C. Additional Water Source – Test Well Drilling Project Acceptance

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor asked for clarification on an item; Director Tylor will follow up.

COUNCILMEMBER JONES MOVED, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, to approve the Consent Agenda – **Passed 6/0**.

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Annexation Clarification from 2004 – Approval

Director Neal explained that Pierce County discovered an error in a 2004 annexation related to the Interurban Trail; this approval will correct that error.

MAYOR PRO TEM TAYLOR MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Morton, to approve the attached ordinance, amending the legal description for the previously adopted Interurban Trail annexation, to remove parcels that were already located within the City prior to the annexation – **Passed 6/0**.

B. Marijuana Moratorium – Ordinance

Interim City Administrator Langford introduced this item, explaining that the current moratorium is set to expire on July 21.

COUNCILMEMBER ZARODNY MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Manley, to table this item. (City attorney Park explained the legal result of this action is that the item does not return.)

Speaker	Address	Comments
Jacquelyn Whalen	1605 13 th Ave	As a citizen, she is stunned by this motion and alarmed, because it seems as though Council is allowing the moratorium to expire, which will allow marijuana businesses to open up in Milton. Believes citizens were counting on the 60-day public hearing happening. It would be helpful to hear more explanation on the record for this action.
Jackie Straighter	1809 13 th Ave	Planned to comment and thank Council for the extension of the moratorium – now, major questions are in play – she has to report to neighbors to expect electric rates to skyrocket.

Council expressed agreement that the moratorium is temporary and a permanent action is needed in the future.

Mayor Perry reminded everyone that a motion has been made but has not been voted on.

COUNCILMEMBER ZARODNY requested to withdraw the motion, with agreement by Councilmember Manley.

MAYOR PRO TEM TAYLOR MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Morton, to approve the ordinance adopting a six-month moratorium on the establishment of marijuana businesses.

Copies of the proposed ordinance were distributed.

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor explained the need to review the final impacts of council action on this item, and to remand back to the Planning Commission for input, as well as hold a public hearing. A decision is needed, without rushing into the wrong decision.

Councilmember Zaroudny said that the Planning Commission has reviewed this in the past, prior to the last moratorium, although it's good and appropriate for them to see it again. Requests a study session dedicated to this topic.

Speaker	Address	Comments
Jacquelyn Whalen	1605 13 th Ave	As a citizen, thanked Council for dealing with the complexity of this item – appreciates giving the opportunity to work on it longer. As Planning Commission chair, requested legal guidance at the Commission level.

Mayor Perry will work with staff to map out study sessions and legal resources for the work to come.

Motion passed 4/2.

C. 2nd Quarter Financial Report

Director Tylor presented operating results for first half of 2014, and handed out information and explained overall status followed by details. Some discussion ensued.

Mayor Perry called a 2-minute recess at 9:08 pm; called back to order at 9:11 pm

D. Updating Grant Acceptance by Mayor – Resolution

Director Tylor explained this item, saying the intent is to relieve staff and Council from administering the small grant amounts, eliminating a formal step.

COUNCILMEMBER OTT MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to approve Resolution 14-1849 authorizing the Mayor and/or City Administrator to apply for and accept grants, donations, and other financial assistance to assist in implementing city projects and programs.

Councilmembers asked about a limit – Director Tylor said her intent is a \$5,000 ceiling.

Attorney Park explained that code language allows that donations up to \$2,000 can be received administratively, which in line with state statute. Regarding grants, it's a sort of quid pro quo – money in exchange for specific work.

Council expressed concern about some things not being reported and the lack of a number threshold attached.

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Manley, to amend the motion adding “to include the words “up to \$2,500” in Section 2 of the Resolution”. – **Passed 6/0**.

Amended main motion passed 6/0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Director Tylor – next Finance committee meeting will be preparation for state audit.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- Regarding the Fourth of July – a few things went well, a few improvements need to be made. There were 26 complaints called in to Fife dispatch up to the 4th, plus 62 on the 4th. There was augmented staffing for the day. Recommendations are being made for better coordination for next year.
- AWC Spokane was very informative – attended several sessions regarding marijuana regulations.

COUNCIL REPORTS

- Councilmember Jones
 - Nice to see new park employee tonight, and kudos to park department for how good the park looks.
- Councilmember Zaroundny
 - Complimented how nice the park looks.
 - 4th of July – she was one of the complainants, and she called a second time due to the huge booms – concerned that perhaps the Police Department doesn't have enough tools. Glad to hear there were four officers on duty.
- Councilmember Manley
 - Astounded by the big booming fireworks watched in another city – disappointed that Milton doesn't celebrate as well.
 - Suggested improvements could be made to save paper through electronic means.
 - Real estate report.
- Councilmember Morton
 - Requested statistics from the 4th of fines handed out and any illegal fireworks seized. Noticed more firework activity than past years.
- Councilmember Ott
 - Requested financial information regarding SS911.

- Attended the AWC Conference – sessions regarding utility rates, the affordable care act, and the state pensions.
- Mayor Pro Tem Taylor
 - Noticed the Well City signs that have been installed in town – congratulations to employees for the work accomplished on this.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Police Chief process – received 19 very good applicants. Conducting phone interviews to narrow down the pool.
- Judy Veitenheimer, the finance utility billing clerk, is retiring, with her last day sometime in August.
- The church rental has begun on Sundays at the Activity Center.
- This Wednesday, Sound Cities is meeting in Kirkland, with Scott Snyder speaking on marijuana issues; also the Clean Air Agency is reporting, and small cities are working to get a seat on the board.
- Regarding the Fourth of July – the City did put an ad in the Signal last month; EPFD put an ad in 2 weeks ago; it was on the readerboard for a week right before the 4th, plus off-and-on before that. Noticed that Federal Way has permanent signage all year about fireworks.
- The park has looked great consistently for a month – she sent an email to Glen Baker telling him how good it looked – staff is taking a different approach, and it's working.
- Attended the AWC Conference and enjoyed the information. Castlerock received an award for their bicycle park, using recycled materials. Maybe Milton can design a similar venture.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 10:05 p.m.



Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:

Katie Bolam, City Clerk