



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Special Meeting
Monday, March 15, 2010
5:45 p.m.

Councilmembers present were Ott, Perry, Sanderson, and Whalen.

1. Washington Cities Insurance Authority Presentation (WCIA)

Lisa Roberts, Risk Services Manager, WCIA, provided an overview of WCIA and discussed with Council the services provided to the City of Milton.

Regular Meeting
Monday, March 15, 2010
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Asay called the regularly-scheduled meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members present: Heddlesten, Morton, Ott, Perry, Sanderson, and Whalen.

Council Members absent: Taylor

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED to excuse Mayor Pro Tem Taylor.
Seconded by Councilmember Heddlesten.

The motion was voted on and carried 6-0.

STAFF PRESENT

City Administrator Mukerjee, Police Chief Rhoads, Public Works Director Neal, Fire Chief Thorson, Fire Chief Jaques, and Finance Director Pierce were present.

PRESENTATION

Mayor Asay introduced Randy Hendrickson from Pierce Transit. Mr. Hendrickson spoke on the funding gap of \$68 million by the end of 2012. He provided an overview on how Pierce Transit is redesigning its services and the possible funding options for these services.

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS

On the request of Councilmember Sanderson, Mayor Asay added as item C, a discussion regarding a resolution that will be on the agenda of the Rainier Communications Commission meeting on March 17, 2010.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Speaking before the Council:

Speaker	Address	Topic
Jacquelyn Whalen	1605 13 th Avenue	Asked for an update on the North Hill PD. Commented on the Speeding on Milton Way.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of:

- Minutes of March 1, 2010, regular meeting;
- March 5, 2010, payroll direct deposits, checks, and benefits, in the amount of \$213,095.24;
- Checks/vouchers Nos. 19232-19298 in the amount of \$115,702.46;
- Appointment of Beverly Webber to the Park Board of Commissioners;
- Resolution 10-1777 – Adoption of Community Athletics Programs Non-discrimination Policy; and
- Resolution 10-1778 – Declaring certain property surplus and authorizing its disposal in accordance with state law.

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Ott.

The motion was voted on and carried 6-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

A. AB10-029: Fire Department Staffing

Mayor Asay introduced the agenda item and asked City Administrator Mukerjee to explain the recommended action. Council asked questions, shared their concerns, and discussed this agenda item regarding options available to fund a .75 FTE.

COUNCILMEMBER SANDERSON MOVED to approve the addition of 0.75 FTE for a total of 2.75 FTEs in the Fire Department and directing the staff to amend the budget to reflect an additional \$29,000 in cuts from the Fire Department and funding the remainder (\$36,680) from the General Fund, and restoring \$200,000 to the Cumulative Reserve Fund, and incorporating the changes in a budget amendment ordinance. Seconded by Councilmember Perry

Councilmember Whalen made a friendly amendment to the motion that the additional money not come from the Police Department.

The motion was voted on and carried 5-1 (Heddlesten).

B. AB10-030: Resolution 10-1779 - Levy Lid Lift for fire services

COUNCILMEMBER SANDERSON MOVED to approve Resolution No. 10-1779 to direct staff to draft a ballot title for a Levy Lid Lift voted measure; pursue a fire services contract with East Pierce Fire & Rescue District for a period not exceeding five (5) years; setting a public hearing date; and appointing a citizens' committee. Seconded by Councilmember Morton.

Councilmember Sanderson made a friendly amendment to include the following:

- Change the wording in the third Whereas and Section 1 to "City Council has requested that public hearings be held";
- A Whereas was added to state if the City annexes to East Pierce Fire and Rescue, the levy lid lift shall cease;
- Section 2 was amended to read "...up to \$1.45..."
- Section 3 was amended to read, that the City pursue conversations with East Pierce Fire and Rescue regarding contracting for future fire services upon the passage of the ballot measure until the City can complete an annexation with the Fire District;
- The fourth Whereas was amended to read "...up to \$1.45..."

The motion was voted on and passed 4-2. (Heddlesten, Whalen)

C. Rainier Communications Commission Resolution No. 00067

Councilmember Sanderson presented Resolution No. 00067 from the Rainier Communications Commission (RCC) to the Council. He asked for Council's support of the Resolution in which RCC encourages efforts by the Click! Network of Tacoma to bring Google's plan for ultra high speed internet to Tacoma/Pierce County and to consider future expansion of the Click! Network beyond the boundaries of their service area.

COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED to support Rainier Communication Commission Resolution No. 00067. Seconded by Councilmember Ott.

The motion was voted on and passed 6-0.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

City Administrator Mukerjee discussed the minor changes of the agenda bills for ease of reading. He reminded everyone that the Milton Way project is underway and that the speed limit in the construction zone has been reduced from 35 to 25 mph and that the Police Department will be enforcing it.

Mr. Mukerjee also introduced his wife Clare to the Council.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Sanderson reported on:

- Health issues and the Fire Department response

Councilmember Ott reported on:

- Welcomed Mrs. Mukerjee to the meeting.
- Encouraged citizen participation.
- Recognized former Councilmember Maggie Drotz in the audience.

Councilmember Heddlesten reported on:

- Commented on the Police Department presence on Milton Way.
- Asked staff to inform the school district to change their blinking lights to coincide with daylight savings time.

Councilmember Perry reported on:

- Updated Council on the Police Task Force meeting with Edgewood.
- Received an update from PSRC.
- Requested study sessions on Milton Days and to identify priority list of streets that need to be done.

Councilmember Whalen reported on:

- Congestion around the street construction projects and supporting local businesses.

Councilmember Morton reported on:

- Glad Councilmember Sanderson is in attendance.
- Will contact the School District to correct the lights.

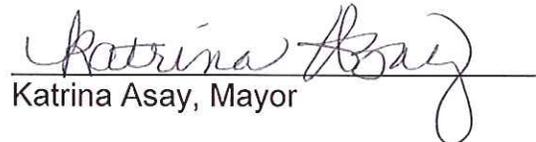
MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Asay requested nomination for the Board of Commissioners for Pierce Transit for the small cities and towns. There were no nominations

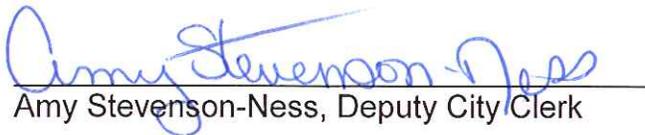
ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMEMBER HEDDLESTEN MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. Councilmember Morton seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on and carried 6-0.


Katrina Asay, Mayor

ATTEST:


Amy Stevenson-Ness, Deputy City Clerk