



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting –via Zoom meeting # 862 4824 2277
Monday, January 3, 2022
7:00p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Styron Sherrell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Councilmember Whitaker led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Whitaker, White, Peretti, Ceder, Strader, Linden and Whalen.

Absent: None

STAFF PRESENT

Police Chief Hernandez, Finance Director Robbecke, Public Works Director Madden, Planning Manager Stahlnecker. City Clerk Summers is attending remotely.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Susan Johnson, 8th Avenue-Welcome to the new Council members and I wish former Council a good year working with the new members. My comment tonight is about charging a business license for owners of duplex's that are renting them out since they are not a single-family home. This is something to think about as more duplex units are being built in the city.

Jacquelyn Whalen, 13th Avenue- Welcome to new Council members and best wishes to new staff. I wish you wisdom, courage, and strength as you represent your community. Thank you.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Check Approval Process

- a. Minutes Approval:
 - i. December 13, 2021, Regular Meeting
- b. Claims Approval:
 - i. Approval of the checks/vouchers/disbursements numbered 69523 to 69608 in the amount of \$582,155.86.
 - ii. Approval of the payroll disbursement of December 20, 2021, in the amount of \$207,643.05.

MOTION (Linden/Whitaker) “to approve the Consent Agenda.” **Passed 7/0.**

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tempore

Mayor Styron Sherrell presented this item to Council. The Mayor Pro-Tempore shall be elected to a one-year term at the first regular council meeting in January of each year. The Mayor shall conduct the election for the Mayor Pro-Tempore per Resolution 12-1820.

Councilmember Ceder nominated Councilmember Peretti. Councilmember Whitaker nominated Councilmember Whalen. Both nominees accepted their nominations. After nominations were made, Councilmember Whalen stated that per section 20.2(a) of Council procedures, Councilmember Peretti wasn't eligible to be elected to Mayor Pro-Tempore. There was discussion that followed between the Mayor and Council regarding what each person's interpretation of that section of the procedures. The discussion ended without everyone in complete agreement of the interpretation, but Council moved forward with Councilmember Whalen as the only eligible nominee.

Councilmember Whalen was voted as the 2022 Mayor Pro-Tempore.

B. Appointments to Finance Committee

Mayor Styron Sherrell presented this item to Council. Each year the Finance Committee elects three new members to serve a one-year term per section 20.4 of Resolution 08-1752. The members of the Finance Committee last year were Councilmembers Johnson, Whitaker and Peretti.

Council discussed that they like the idea of having just one new member on the committee and keeping with two of the members having more longevity. Council discussed whether each of them would be interested in serving on the Finance Committee or not.

MOTION (Linden/Whitaker) “move to appoint Councilmembers Whitaker, Whalen and White to the Finance Committee for fiscal year 2022.” **Passed 7/0**

C. Appointments to Intergovernmental Boards & Commissions

Mayor Styron Sherrell presented this item to Council. The city belongs to two Intergovernmental Boards and Commissions and a delegate and alternate are needed for each group, each year. The two groups are Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) and Small Cities Association (SCA). Mayor Styron Sherrell was the alternate for PCRC and delegate for SCA in 2021. Councilmember Johnson was the delegate for PCRC, and Councilmember Gillespie was the alternate for SCA in 2021.

Council discussed the groups and talked about their interest in representing the city in each group. Councilmember Ceder will become the delegate for PCRC, and Councilmember Linden will become the alternate. Mayor Styron Sherrell will remain the delegate for SCA and Councilmember Ceder will become the alternate.

MOTION (Whalen/Whitaker) “move to approve the appointments of the Mayor and Councilmembers to PCRC and SCA as discussed.” **Passed 7/0**

D. Planning Commission Work Plan Approval

Planning Manager Stahlnecker presented this item to Council. The Planning Commission work plan identifies council priorities for the Planning Commission to work on for the coming year. Once adopted, Council retains the authority to revise the work plan including referring other issues to the Commission during the year. Planning Manager Stahlnecker went over each item on the report with Council.

Council appreciates the hard work the Planning Commission is doing and hopes that staff can continue to support them and help them achieve work results more rapidly. Council commented that they would like to see plan amended as changes are needed and would also like updates from the Planning Commission now and then.

Jacquelyn Whalen, Planning Commission Chair, asked if the council was going to be flexible about adding emergent items. Mrs. Whalen also would like to have a joint Council and Planning Commission meeting in the future to discuss what their values are.

MOTION (Linden/Whalen) “move to approve the attached Planning Commission Work Plan for 2022.” **Passed 7/0**

E. Paving Contract Approval

Mayor Styron Sherrell presented this item to Council. The city solicited for quotes in October 2021 for overlays to the asphalt roadways and concrete sidewalks. Tony Lind Paving was the only response that the city received.

Council commented that they wanted to make sure the proper decisions are being made when we are making road repairs so that the safest measures are being considered for pedestrians and drivers. Council also suggested the possibility of looking for grants for the repair of side streets that residents live on.

MOTION (Ceder/Whalen) “move to authorize the Mayor to execute Public Works contract #122b with Tony Lind Paving, LLC for miscellaneous overlays in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00.” **Passed 7/0**

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Whitaker-

- Happy New Year and Welcome to the new Council members!

Councilmember White-

- Happy New Year and hope you had a nice holiday season.
- Thank you to the citizens of Milton for placing me in this position.

Councilmember Peretti-

- Hats off to the Public Works department for the fine job taking care of the roads during the recent snow event.
- Looking forward to the street sweeper cleaning up.

Councilmember Ceder-

- Welcome to the new Council and city employees, it's going to be a great year.
- Sidewalks are still iced over; we aren't enforcing our own code regarding this.

Councilmember Strader

- For my first council report, I would like to thank those who entrusted me with their vote. I am humbled to be here tonight, and I will endeavor to live up to the honor and privilege of being on Council.

Councilmember Linden-

- Congrats new Council.
- We need to remind businesses to clear their sidewalks and areas, especially those caring for our seniors.

Protem Whalen-

- Clearing parking lots or sidewalks is the business owner responsibility, not city.
- Guardrail hit on the north side of 13th during the storm, not sure if city is aware.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Public Works Director Madden-

- Appreciate the opportunity, happy to be here. Looking forward to 2022.

Finance Director Robbecke-

- Welcome new Finance Tech 1, Jamie Vinyard. She started today and we are happy to have her.

Police Chief Hernandez-

- No damage of patrol vehicles during snow. Trucks did very well during the snow as well.
- Lots of civilian accidents and Key Bank robbed on 12/21.
- Home near 15th and Alder shots fired into it.
- New Years Eve shots fired into the air.
- Be vigilant, be aware. Call in things that you see. This seems to be the tensest time in country and region with Covid and pressures going on. Look out for your neighbors. We are not immune to crime happening in the area and country. We need everybody's help!

Planning Manager Stahlnecker-

- Edgewood reached out to planning staff and they are going to be working on a town center plan and they provided me a link to share if anyone is interested.

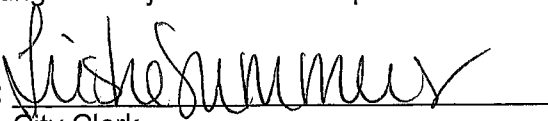
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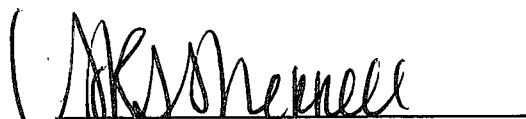
- Welcome Councilmembers Strader and White.
- Happy New Year to all. Looking forward to a productive 2022.
- Residents quite often call me instead of calling things in to 911. We need to not be afraid to call 911.
- I want to give kudos to Public Works and the PD for their response during the snow event. We may need to do a budget amendment for the overtime. We aren't perfect but the crews worked very hard to do their best. We ran out of sand multiple times because of the multiple snow events and the facility not being open to get us more.
- Reminder that City Hall will be closed January 17th so council meeting will be January 18th.
- Appreciate comments about sidewalks during the snow and we will definitely pay close attention to that.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

ATTEST:


City Clerk


Shauna Styron Sherrell, Mayor