



Council Meeting –via Zoom meeting # 883-1899-0360
Tuesday, February 21, 2023
7:00p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Styron Sherrell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Councilmember White led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Whitaker, White, Peretti, Ceder, Strader, Hall, and Whalen.
Absent: None

STAFF PRESENT

Finance Director Robbecke, Police Chief Hernandez, Planning Manager Stahlnecker, and City Clerk Summers.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

Agenda Item 6B has been changed for the motion to read correctly. There is a copy in front of each of you tonight. The one in the packet was incorrect.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Susan Johnson, 8th Avenue-1) How can the city get the shopping center to provide security for the businesses and customers? 2) Thank you to the Council for their work and hard decisions they have to make. That being said, when errors are found or questions are raised in reviewing the meeting materials, it's fair for the city to be notified so they are able to answer correctly or forward things on to the attorney for review.

Jacquelyn Whalen, 13th Avenue- Provided several photos to Council before the meeting of right of way and street parking on 13th Avenue that was disrupted due to a recent estate sale that was held multiple times on this street. Mrs. Whalen spoke about the destruction of city right of way and the fact that the company holding the estate sale didn't have a business license. Thank you to staff members and police who tried to help with cones and public safety during these sales. Asked Council to speak about this during their study session to update the code and give the city the tools it needs to address this in the future.

Jacki Strader, 13th Avenue- In support of Mrs. Whalen's comments. Disappointed in the estate sale company not buying a business license and the way the sale disrupted 13th Avenue, breach of public safety and chaos created. We need a code change or enforcement to address this and would like this added to a study session.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Check Approval Process

- a. Minutes Approval:
 - i. January 17, 2023, Council Meeting
 - ii. February 13, 2023, Study Session
- b. Claims Approval:
 - i. Approval of the checks/vouchers/disbursements numbered 71427 to 71559 for 2023 in the amount of \$672,945.91.
 - ii. Approval of the payroll disbursement for January 20, 2023, and February 5, 2023, in the amount of \$595,713.03.
 - iii. Approval of checks/vouchers/disbursements numbered 71372 to 71525 in the amount of \$854,513.45 for 2022.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Planning Commission Appointment

Mayor Styron Sherrell presented this item to Council. Sabbatha Elmstedt has expressed interest in the Planning Commission and has attended the January 11th meeting to gain knowledge and understanding of the position. Sabbatha is a business owner in the community and will be a valuable addition to this group.

Council thanked Sabbatha for her interest and is happy to have a full Planning Commission again.

MOTION (Ceder/Whalen) “move to approve Mayor Styron Sherrell’s appointment of Sabbatha Elmstedt to Planning Commission Position #6 for a term to expire May 31, 2028.” **Passed 7/0**

B. AHBL Contract Approval

Planning Manager Stahlnecker presented this item to Council. This contract is to provide on-call land use and planning services to the city. The last contract included an on-site planner and that is no longer needed. The city occasionally uses on-call plan review services when the project requires specialized peer review, and/or the city’s Planner is unavailable. The Planner or Public Works Director must pre-approve any projects being sent to AHBL prior to them being sent. Peer review costs are passed through to the applicant and not the city’s responsibility.

Council inquired further about the pass-through costs and when, specifically, these services could be used. Council likes being able to utilize these services as needed.

MOTION (Whitaker/Ceder) “move to authorize the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Agreement with AHBL for on-call land use/planning services.” **Passed 7/0**

C. WC3 Contract Approval

Planning Manager Stahlnecker presented this item to Council. The city currently has an agreement with WC3 but it has expired. WC3 provides on-call building review services when a project is extremely complex, an applicant has requested expedited review, and/or the city's Building Official is unavailable. Prior to a project being sent to WC3, the Building Official and/or Planning Manager must approve it being sent. Plan review expenses are paid by the applicant through their plan review fees or via invoice if it exceeds what is covered by plan review fees.

Council inquired further about the pass-through costs and about what kind of projects would be sent to WC3. Council is happy to have this contract in place for these services as needed.

MOTION (Ceder/Whalen) "move to authorize the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Agreement with WC3 for on-call building review and inspection services." **Passed 7/0**

D. Growth Management Grant

Planning Manager Stahlnecker presented this item to Council. The state has authorized grant funds based on population to assist with the 2024 periodic update of the Comprehensive Plan and related development code regulations as required by RCW 36.70A.130(5). The Department of Commerce manages the grant. The city was awarded \$125,000.00 The grant will be funded to the city in two equal parts of \$62,500 each. A second agreement will come back to Council in the second half of the year.

Council was appreciative of receiving this grant.

MOTION (Whitaker/Whalen) "move to authorize the Mayor to sign the interagency agreement with the Washington State Department of Commerce/Growth Management Services to accept the grant funding for \$62,500 to support the City's 2024 periodic update and amend the budget as appropriate." **Passed 7/0**

E. Framework Contract Amendment #1

Planning Manager Stahlnecker presented this item to Council. As part of the FY22-23 and FY23-24, the Department of Commerce has made available to local jurisdictions grant money to assist with the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update. The amount allocated to the City of Milton is \$125,000, split between the two fiscal years. The addition of the grant allows the city to expand the scope of work with Framework to include zoning code amendments and the annexation study.

Council appreciated the amendment items and is looking forward to the Comprehensive Plan Update.

MOTION (Whitaker/Whalen) "move to authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment #1 to the Framework contract for Comprehensive Plan Update Project #170 in an amount not to exceed \$145,605.00." **Passed 7/0**

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Whitaker-

- Congrats to Sabbatha Elmstedt for joining Planning Commission.

Councilmember White-

- Nothing to add.

Councilmember Peretti-

- Attended SCA and found it very interesting. Biggest concern for King County cities is public safety and all the bills going through the house right now. Encouraged Council to review the bills.
- Went to a couple public safety meetings at the recent AWC conference as well. Can't even imagine what larger cities are going through based on knowing what Milton is going through.

Councilmember Ceder-

- PCRC update – focus is on regional transport and housing equity.

Councilmember Strader-

- Nothing to add.

Councilmember Hall-

- Encouraged staff to interact with citizens who come to the Milton Activity Center for activities to let them know of board openings, etc.

Councilmember Whalen-

- Spoke about the house on 13th next to him that had the estate sale recently and tore up the right of way and caused disturbance in the neighborhood. Spoke about the fact that the company who ran the sale not having a business license. Would like to see a better process to handle this kind of situation in the future.
- Scheduling about the road improvements and annexation on 5th Avenue -curious as to what the schedule is.
- Surprise Lake Village complex – a stop sign was taken out and is still not put back up. Would like to see that replaced, feels that it's a safety issue. Also, there is a shrub by the BBQ restaurant in that complex that limits line of sight and it's a safety hazard.
- Graffiti has started back up in town, be aware of it.
- Business owners at the Surprise Lake Village complex are happy with increased police presence. They are very happy with Milton PD, those I have spoken to.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Planning Manager Stahlnecker-

- We've been notified as part of SR-167 project that they will be doing some piling work mid-March. Work not occurring in Milton but will affect Milton residents. There will be letters and information going out soon and we will pass this information along as soon as we receive it.

Police Chief Hernandez-

- AT&T and Spirit recently burglarized. This seems to be serial organized crime burglaries.
- Stolen cars continue to be an issue.
- Shooting in Fife Sunday was road rage. This continues to be an issue.
- Keep your head on a swivel, see something say something.
- Officer Haddix is now solo. If you see him, say hello! The second new Officer is in his last month of training. We have two Officers in the process so we should be fully staffed again soon. Our own people seem to be our best recruiters, we are doing better than most when it comes to recruiting.
- Will be meeting with Mayor and upper business district about crime trends and how to be protected.
- HOA meeting tomorrow with Officer Johnson to talk about crime watch.

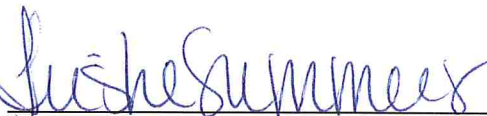
Mayor's Report-

- Council retreat March 9th. Still working on location and will let you know the details as soon as it's finalized.
- City Action Days was last week. Housing seems to be dividing a lot of people. All seem to be on the same page about crime. There were 1500 house bills presented this session, we need to pay attention. Kudos to AWC and SHAAP for keeping us informed and giving us cliff notes each week. If you aren't on the AWC email list, get signed up! It's easy to interact about house bills if you are made aware of them.
- Getting ready to submit comments about HB1110. I have concerns with that bill.
- Did support the pursuit bill and submitted comments about that one.
- Proud to announce that we are once again a Well City. We will see the savings in 2024- the savings is close to \$11,000. Thank you to the Wellness Committee and all the employees who participated. We will get the signs back up around town and hopefully we can stay a Well City.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

ATTEST:



City Clerk



Shanna Styron Sherrell, Mayor