



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting –via Zoom meeting # 883-1899-0360
Tuesday, February 22, 2022
7:00p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF PRESENT

Public Works Director Madden, Finance Director Robbecke, Planning Manager Angelie Stahlnecker, and City Clerk Summers.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

MOTION (Ceder/Whalen) “move to un-table Agenda Item D from the February 7, 2022, meeting.”
Passed 7/0

CITIZEN COMMENT

Susan Johnson, 8th Ave- Comments were submitted to the Clerk in writing, see attached.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Check Approval Process

- a. Minutes Approval:
 - i. February 7, 2022, Regular Meeting
- b. Claims Approval:
 - i. Approval of the checks/vouchers/disbursements numbered 69815 to 69879 in the amount of \$502,922.50.
 - ii. Approval of the payroll disbursement for February 4, 2022, in the amount of \$234,049.38.
 - iii. Approval of disbursements for 2021 in the amount of \$43,300.45.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Parks Impact Fee Ordinance 2042-22 Approval

Finance Director Robbecke presented this item to Council. This item was presented to Council initially on February 7, 2022. The City's parks impact fee is to be adjusted annually by the rate of inflation based on the annual change in the Engineering News-Record Construction Cost Index (CCI). The CCI for the past year is 7.4% so the fee will increase from \$1,747 to \$1,876 per dwelling unit.

Council supports the disciplined approach to fee increase so that the city doesn't get behind.

MOTION (Ceder/Whitaker) "move to approve Ordinance 2042-22, amending Chapter 13.45 of the Milton Municipal Code as it relates to the calculation of Parks Impact Fees." **Passed 7/0**

B. Transportation Impact Fee Ordinance 2043-22 Approval

Finance Director Robbecke presented this item to Council. This ordinance was brought to Council at the February 7th meeting for the first time. The traffic impact fee is adjusted annually by the rate of inflation based on the Engineering News Record Cost Index (CCI). The CCI has increased by 7.4% this last year. The proposed change to the traffic impact fees is from \$4,476 to \$4,807 per p.m. peak hour trip.

Council suggested a review to make sure the city is being paid enough for the impact fee.

MOTION (Whalen/Whitaker) "move to approve Ordinance 2043-22, amending Chapter 13.44 of the Milton Municipal Code as it relates to the calculation of Transportation Impact Fees." **Passed 7/0**

C. Water Utility Rate Increase Ordinance 2044-22 Approval

Finance Director Robbecke presented this item to Council. This ordinance was brought to Council on February 7th and was tabled at that time. The Milton Municipal Code provides for the water utility rates to be adjusted annually by the rate of inflation as based on the annual change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Seattle-Puget Sound area from the preceding June. The CPI has increased by 5.5% and this amount of increase is being proposed to increase the rate changes effective May 1, 2022.

Council would like to consider raising rates for water users outside of the city and having a rate study performed. Council is apprehensive to raise rates for citizens in a time where prices are increasing for goods and services. They would like to review the idea of how CPI is tied to the rate increase.

MOTION (Ceder/Whitaker) "move to approve Ordinance 2044-22, increasing Water Utility rates and charges 5.5%, amending Chapter 13.28 of the Milton Municipal Code." **Failed 4/3**

D. EES Consulting Professional Services Agreement Approval

Public Works Director Madden presented this item to Council. The agreement with EES Consulting provides plan review services for proposed developments taking place in the City's power grid, coordination with the BPA and Tacoma Power to ensure transmission load capabilities, studies, and services, and permitting and administration services supporting the City's electrical department.

MOTION (Ceder/Whalen) “move to authorize the Mayor to execute the Professional Services Agreement with EES Consulting, a GDS Associates Company, in an amount not to exceed \$46,000.00 for on-call electrical plan review/administration services.” **Passed 7/0**

E. ESRI Enterprise Agreement Approval

Public Works Director Madden presented this item to Council. The city has had an agreement with Environmental Systems Research Institute since 2017 for GIS that includes mapping, data collection and inventory and management of the city’s resources. This agreement will renew for a term of three years at \$17,926.00 per year. The funds will be expended from the IT fund.

Council commented they are comfortable and supportive of this agreement.

MOTION (Whalen/Linden) “move to authorize the Mayor to execute the enterprise agreement with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI) Small Local Governmental Cloud-Based Enterprise Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$53,778.00 for Geographic Information Systems (GIS).” **Passed 7/0**

F. Interurban Trail Connection – King County to Pierce County

Public Works Director Madden presented this item to Council. The Milton portion of the Interurban Trail ends at 380th Street in King County and picks up again off of Military Road just north of 31st Avenue at the Edgewood city limits. MacLeod Reckford was chosen through RFP process to provide engineering services for this project.

MOTION (Ceder/Peretti) “move to authorize the Mayor to execute the Professional Services Agreement with MacLeod Reckord in an amount not to exceed \$145,000.00 for engineering services for the Interurban Trail Connection – King County to Pierce County Project #163.” **Passed 7/0**

G. WSDOT Property Acquisition Approval

Planning Manager Stahlnecker presented this item to Council. To complete the SR 167 extension, WSDOT will be acquiring City of Milton property located on the Interurban Trail in the project area between SR 161 and I-5, by means of either just compensation or eminent domain. WSDOT had an evaluation of the property done and the value the appraised value was \$24,700. The city had an appraisal done and the value was \$25,300. WSDOT agreed to pay the increased value of \$25,300.

Council asked questions pertaining to illegal activity, homeless camps, and the ability to use the trail during construction.

MOTION (Peretti/Whalen) “move to authorize WSDOT to acquire APN 042005-3023 (XXX 12th Street E) in association with the SR 167, I-5 to SR 509, completion project and compensate the city in an amount of \$25,300.00.” **Passed 7/0**

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Whitaker-

- Would like to see cost analysis for water, electric and storm utilities.

Councilmember White-

- Concur with Councilmember Whitaker. This isn’t about politics, just would like to see a good rate structure.

Councilmember Peretti-

- Looking forward to a revised proposal in church sizes in Title 17 amendment.

Councilmember Ceder-

- Attended PCRC meeting a week ago.
- Would like to see procedures for virtual meetings outside of an emergency.

Councilmember Strader-

- Nothing to add.

Councilmember Linden-

- Support a robust water system. Looking forward to a reboot of the whole discussion.

Councilmember Whalen-

- Trash and drug paraphernalia behind the Shell gas station. Maybe barricading the road would help deter?

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Public Works Director Madden-

- The new Water Quality Specialist started today, Eric Meyer.
- We are aware of the issue behind the Shell station and Planning Manager Stahlnecker is contacting the owner.

Finance Director Robbecke-

Nothing to add.

Planning Manager Stahlnecker-

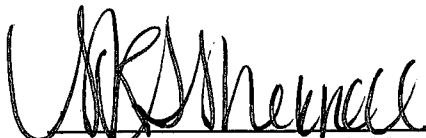
- Staff was sent out to the property behind the Shell station on Friday to take pictures and an official letter was sent today with a 7-day response window.

MAYOR'S REPORT

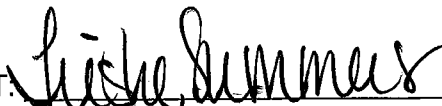
- Attended the Mayors Exchange in person with AWC on February 10th. There were lots of updates and networking.
- Will email council next week with possible retreat dates.
- Cameras have been installed at skate park and Kemper playfield.
- Researching the possibility of live streaming cameras to website from skatepark and Kemper playfield.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.



Sharnia Styron Sherrell, Mayor

ATTEST:  _____
 City Clerk

February 22, 2022

Citizen Comments by Susan JF Johnson, 2307 8th Ave, Milton

Good evening mayor and my former city council colleagues:

1. Rates: When we voted to change the Code to allow yearly increases to the city enterprise funds specifically, and to some other revenue generating funds, no one ever imagined two years of a viral epidemic in our country followed by inflation. Former councils failed to raise rates to keep up the infrastructure and operating monies for water, power, and sewer. So, we bit the bullet and changed the code to allow for yearly increases based on specific economic indicators: For example, the Consumer Price Index for the Puget Sound Area. It is essential that these enterprise funds are kept at a level sufficient for continuity of service, necessary staffing and for any infrastructure repairs. These enterprise funds are outside the General Fund for the city and self-supporting through rates.

I believe now the council might want to discuss adding a codicil to the code for water, electricity, and sewer. I suggest an **"OR"** statement be included. For instance: "Or at the discretion of the city council the increase rate may be reduced below the CPI rate." OR whatever economic indicator is used to increase a rate.

2. The Skate Park: Maybe the council could consider placing fencing around the skate park akin to the one around the police department area. This fence would be locked at dusk and the next day unlocked when City Hall opens. The graffiti continues and is often offensive... and unsightly, especially for young children who are learning or are even just at the playground. And, who knows what goes on in the well of the skate park in the late or early morning hours. Just a thought.
3. The dumping on the Falk Development property behind the Shell Station and MacDonaldis. The Book or donation boxes that have been placed in Milton at different times, attract the dumping. I thank the mayor, the planning manager for their responses. And Council Member Whalen for calling me and telling me what he found on the ground: needles and trash; and other issues that are problematic for public health and safety. It is sad to find that many areas in our city are under attack by trash.

Thank you