



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting –via Zoom meeting # 883-1899-0360
Monday, March 7, 2022
7:00p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Styron Sherrell called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. and Councilmember Whitaker 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, Contract Senior Planner Port, Police Chief Hernandez, and City Clerk Summers.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

None

CITIZEN COMMENT

Frances Hall, 11th St- Gravel that was placed during the icy weather has been scooted off the main roads and has slid onto the shoulder on 10th, 11th, Emerald and sidewalk going west on Milton Way making it dangerous for walkers because they slide when walking.

Greg Parsons, Birch Court and Head Pastor at Faith Family Church- Agenda item 7D. Handout was given to council with questions regarding the agenda item. (attached) Spoke about the concern of the regulations that could be put on the church with the passage of the proposed code.

Lori Schill, Puyallup- Member of Beautiful Savior appreciates staff taking a closer look at the proposed code and supports it with these changes.

Jacquelyn Whalen, 13th Ave- 1) Lapel microphones may help audio quality in the room. 2) Ask that council please consider changing council rules to allow public comment when they are discussing their item to allow public to participate more effectively. 3) HB1684 may not pass the senate but the policies may be put into the WA State budget with the legislature and will have significant and severe effects on our water program. Hopefully staff can proactively look into this. 4) Thank you to the Planning Manager for her help with answering questions relative to the religious institution's agenda item. I ask that she include aspects of our conversation in her presentation.

Michael Moloney, Hemlock- Cautioned the city council against lawsuits when making regulations specifically for churches and no other businesses.

Susan Stevenson, Hemlock- Agenda item 7D. Feels it would be detrimental to the city to not allow Faith Family Church to grow and would like to see the city not limit the growth of the church.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Check Approval Process

- a. Minutes Approval:
 - i. February 22, 2022, Regular Meeting
- b. Claims Approval:
 - i. Approval of the checks/vouchers/disbursements numbered 69881 to 69966 in the amount of \$452,608.01.
 - ii. Approval of the payroll disbursement for February 20, 2022, in the amount of \$172,169.26.

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

PUBLIC HEARING Open 7:16pm, Close 7:17pm

No public comment

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Extend Interim Zoning 1st Read – Ordinance 2045-22

Planning Manager Stahlnecker presented this item to Council. City Council is being asked to extend the interim official control of the development of amendments to Title 17 MMC pertaining to permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, emergency housing, and emergency shelters, as required by E2SHB 1220 for an additional six months. In the interest of time, council may suspend their own rules for this second read of this item and pass the item at this meeting and avoid a tight timeline a second read would create.

Council agreed to suspend their own rules and pass this item so that the extension isn't in danger of running out before its passage.

MOTION (Peretti/Linden) “to suspend council rules for second read agenda item 7A.” **Passed 7/0**

MOTION (Ceder/Linden) “move to adopt Ordinance 2045-22 extending the interim official control to amend Milton Municipal Code (MMC) Title 17 to align MMC Title 17 with Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1220; holding a public hearing on the extension; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.” **Passed 7/0**

B. Regulations Pertaining to Religious Institutions 1st Read – Ordinance 2046-22

Contract Senior Planner Port presented this item to Council. The City Council required a public hearing on February 7, 2022, taking public comment and discussing the recommended code amendments. Two issues were brought up regarding the amendments. Three religious institutions would non-conforming due to size limits being imposed and parking requirements were questioned as well. Staff reviewed the size limits after the public hearing and set new limits so as not to create hardships for the city's existing religious institutions. Parking was also reviewed, and the code change would increase the required parking over what is currently required by the code.

Council would like this item to come back to the study session for further discussion if possible and if not, then to the next regular meeting.

C. Events Committee Update Approval – Ordinance 2047-22

Mayor Styron Sherrell presented this item to Council. This item was brought to Council in September 2021. Historically the number of members on the committee has been 11. It was discussed to bring it down to nine and the last few years approximately 7 members have been active. The committee feels that 7 members is the proper and manageable number to get the work done and it’s also the same number of members on council and the other committees in the city. The other proposed change to the Events Committee is that members be residents of Milton. The current members who are not residents will not be punished and can continue to serve, consecutively, as non-residents. Newly appointed members will need to be living in Milton.

Council agreed that the changes seem to make sense and support the Mayor’s suggestions for the changes.

MOTION (Ceder/Whitaker) “move to approve Ordinance 2047-22, relating to the Events Committee membership and amending Chapter 2.49 of the Milton Municipal Code.” **Passed 7/0**

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Whitaker-

- Enjoys brainstorming and discussions that Council is having.

Councilmember White-

- Nothing to add.

Councilmember Peretti-

- Appreciates citizens coming in tonight to discuss the agenda items.

Councilmember Ceder-

- Nothing to add.

Councilmember Strader-

- Street sweeper did a wonderful job in neighborhood!

Councilmember Linden-

- Tacoma to Puyallup trail organizers sent email about different alignments about where 3 potential trails will go. Comments can be made as individuals or as a Council. April 20th is when comments close. Email was forwarded to Mayor to send on to Council.

Councilmember Whalen-

- Recently had a pole replaced in front of home and the process was very clean and efficient with the use of the vactor truck which is invaluable to the city.
- The street sweeper came down 13th and cleaned the whole road and it turned out really well and quickly. The sweeper is a great investment for the city!
- Would like to have a schedule of the major projects in the city regarding what is going to happen and when. Would be nice to answer the questions citizens have and ease their stress about upcoming projects.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Public Works Director Madden-

- Nothing to add.

Planning Manager Stahlnecker-

Don't currently have a schedule that Pro Tem Whalen alluded to at this time but made note of it and will get something to council when it's available.

Finance Director Robbecke-

Nothing to add.

Police Chief Hernandez-

- Making sure we are hypervigilant about what's going on around us. Thefts, property crime, suicides are continuing to happen. Helping Fife with armed robbery and crime in their city as well.
- Collisions are happening constantly due to negligent driving. DUI stops are happening.
- Police reform still has our hands tied with fleeing vehicles, but legislation is hopefully changing again soon.
- If you see something suspicious, please call us. We need the help of all eyes and ears.
- We had Sergeant's examination and thank you to the Faith Family Church for letting us use their facility. We should have a new sergeant in the next two weeks.
- We have a vacancy again currently but we also have a Seattle applicant so we are hoping we can get another experienced Seattle officer.
- Seattle officers are thankful to the City of Milton for the wonderful community. The citizen support is very important in the current climate.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Thank you to the people who came to the meeting this evening to speak. It's very important to have your input.
- The city has produced their first monthly newsletter! This is a long-term goal that has finally come to fruition.
- Coffee and Conversation with the Mayor this Saturday at 10AM. Will be inviting Council for future sessions.
- Diaper drive has started. Milton has won the competition the last few years so let's continue the tradition.
- Office Calderwood and I read at the elementary school last week.
- Have been watching HB1660 this legislative session, which ends soon. Will keep an eye on it and report back to you.
- Attended call with Rep. Shrier and will be keeping an eye on federal grants that may become available.
- Mask mandate ends Friday at 11:59PM. City hall will not require masks be worn.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

ATTEST: Lishe Summers
City Clerk

Shanna Styron Sherrell
Shanna Styron Sherrell, Mayor