



Study Session
Monday, March 13, 2023
7:00p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF PRESENT

Public Works Director Madden, Police Chief Hernandez, City Attorney Tsoming, and City Clerk Summers.

PRESENTATIONS

South Sound 911

Executive Director Deborah Grady presented this item to Council. Ms. Grady spoke about the history of SS911 and the current services they provide the City, the Board of Directors and their facility. She also spoke about the trend in calls and dispatch, budget and introduced some new technology. Ms. Grady said if any Councilmembers wanted a tour of their facility, that she would set that up for them.

Council asked a few general questions and thanked Executive Grady for her presentation.

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Legal Services Contract

Mayor Styron Sherrell presented this item to Council. The contract for city attorney services has expired and needs to be renewed. There are several highlights that the Mayor spoke about being updated with this new contract which include items such as compensation rate, compensation for excess hours, and an established contract term. This item will come back to Council in the consent agenda at the next meeting.

Council asked City Attorney Tsoming clarifying questions regarding compensation rate.

B. Blake Amendment to Judge Allen Professional Services Agreement

City Attorney Tsoming presented this item to Council. In 2021, the Washington State Supreme Court issued its opinion in *State v. Blake*, which held that Washington's strict liability drug possession statute criminalized unintentional, unknowing possession of controlled substances in violation of state and federal due process clauses and was unconstitutional. That being said, those convicted under that statute may be eligible for certain legal relief. The Milton Municipal

Court Judge was agreed to provide judge services to complete all State v. Blake related work. The amendment being presented tonight is to compensate specifically for that work.

Council inquired about how many cases this involves and what the reimbursable cost to the city is. This item will come back to Council in the Consent Agenda at the next meeting.

Executive Session – RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)(iii)

To discuss litigation or legal risks of a proposed action or current practice that the agency has identified when public discussion of the litigation or legal risks is likely in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

Mayor Styron Sherrell started Executive Session at 7:45 for 30 mins. Executive Session ended at 8:18.

C. Milton Municipal Code Title 9 & 12, Camping Ordinance

City Attorney Tsoming presented this item to Council. The City's code currently contains limited regulations related to sleeping and camping in public parks. Camping on public property is a public health and safety concern due to its interference with other intended uses including pedestrian use of sidewalks, parks and trails and bicycle use.

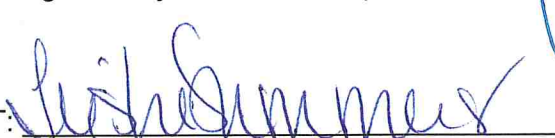
The City would like to develop new and reasonable regulations related to sleeping and camping on public property to preserve the public peace, health, and safety but which do not punish an involuntary act or condition if it is the unavoidable consequence of one's status or being as an individual experiencing homelessness. This item will come back to a future meeting.

Council spoke about the definition of public property and whether right of way was included in that. Council also inquired with Chief Hernandez about which option being presented tonight he would find most helpful.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

ATTEST:



City Clerk



Shanna Styron Sherrell, Mayor