



Regular Meeting –via Zoom meeting # 883-1899-0360  
Monday, June 20, 2022  
7:00p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Councilmember Linden.

**MOTION** (Whalen/Strader) “to excuse Councilmember Linden from tonight’s meeting.” **Passed 6/0**

**STAFF PRESENT**

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

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS**

None

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

Susan Johnson, **8<sup>th</sup> Ave** – 1) Speeding on Milton Way starting at Faith Family Church as people are coming down the hill. People are coming at a fast speed and the light at 11<sup>th</sup> and Milton Way is becoming dangerous because people aren’t stopping. Would like to see slowing measures installed for safety in this area. 2) Is it possible for Police Department to start posting crime blog to make citizens aware of what crime is happening? 3) There was recent crime activity in Xavier area with a RV being broken into as well.

Jacqueline Whalen, **15<sup>th</sup> Ave** – There are some accuracy issues with the recent Milton Annexation Analysis report that Council will be discussing tonight. There are map discrepancies, boundary issues, and there are annexation areas that aren’t included in the report. Will pass out maps to show corrections to Council after comment. There isn’t much discussion in the report regarding police, parks, grant funding and indebtedness.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Check Approval Process**

- a. Minutes Approval:
  - i. June 6, 2022, Regular Meeting
  - ii. June 13, 2022, Study Session
- b. Claims Approval:

- i. Approval of the checks/vouchers/disbursements numbered 70325 to 70440 in the amount of \$311,915.03.
- ii. Approval of the payroll disbursement for June 3, 2022, in the amount of \$228,921.73.

**MOTION** (Ceder/Peretti) "to approve the Consent Agenda." **Passed 6/0.**

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **A. MMC Chapter 13.26 Update, Ordinance 2049-22 Approval**

Public Works Director Madden presented this item to Council. Revisions to MMC Chapter 13.26 are necessary to maintain compliance with the Dept of Ecology Stormwater Management Manual and the NPDES program. Ordinance 2049-22 addresses revisions and includes updates to definitions related to allowable and conditional discharges, updating to the 2019 Dept of Ecology Stormwater Management Manual and adding a section related to source control Best Management Practices.

Council commented that the responsibility of maintaining ditches is on the adjacent homeowner.

Citizen Susan Johnson commented that she feels that the city should be responsible for the maintenance of ditches to ensure proper care of them unless the community is a 'planned community' with an HOA. If an HOA, then the burden would be on the homeowners. Glad this is going to be discussed further in the future.

**MOTION** (Ceder/Whalen) "move to approve Ordinance 2049-22 relating to storm drainage of surface water and revising Chapter 13.26 of the Milton Municipal Code." **Passed 6/0**

#### **B. Gray & Osborne On-Call Amendment 2**

Public Works Director Madden present this item to Council. The Staff Engineer position remains unfilled and there is not qualified staff to provide those services to the city. This amendment is to increase total amount payable to \$200,000 to expand on-call services. The amount is being increased to cover anticipated expenses through the end of 2022.

Council inquired about the amount of increase and whether it was budgeted or not. Council also inquired about the city's recruitment for the Staff Engineer position and whether or not the hiring of an Engineer would terminate the agreement with Gray & Osborne. Council would like to see a study of the job description and pay scale to make sure we are competitive and attractive for hiring this position.

**MOTION** (Ceder/Whitaker) "move to authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 2 in the amount of \$100,000.00 to the Professional Services Agreement with Gray & Osborne, Inc. for on-call engineering services and increasing the agreed total amount payable to \$200,000.00." **Passed 6/0**

#### **C. MMC Title 15 Update, Ordinance 2050-22 Approval**

Planning Manager Angelie Stahlnecker presented this item to Council. The updates to Title 15 are required housekeeping measures to be in compliance and agreement with minimum performance standards and objectives of the State Building Code. In addition, adopted Fire Code amendments have been unintentionally deleted in a past amendment. This ordinance would restore those amendments with some additional changes requested by East Pierce Fire Department.

Council commented that this was a housekeeping item and also spoke about house numbers and the importance of having them visible for first responders.

**MOTION** (Whalen/Whitaker) “move to adopt Ordinance 2050-22, amending Chapter 15.05, of the Milton Municipal Code to update to the 2018 editions of the state building codes and restore local amendments to the Fire Code.” **Passed 6/0**

#### **D. Annexation Fiscal Analysis**

Planning Manager Angelie Stahlnecker presented this item to council. The City of Milton was approached by a neighborhood called South Trout Lake Gap for possible annexation. This area is an undesignated potential annexation area which means it hasn't been assigned to a city and must be designated prior to any annexation procedures. Staff is asking for direction from Council about whether or not there is interest in moving forward to pursue the annexation process for the South Trout Lake Gap neighborhood.

The city currently has four potential annexation areas that are assigned to the City of Milton. Staff would like direction on the importance of pursuing these four areas.

As part of the Comprehensive Plan update contract, the City requested Framework to conduct an analysis of the fiscal impacts of annexing Milton's existing Potential Annexation Areas (PAA) and the undesignated South Trout Lake Gap. The analysis was prepared by ECONorthwest on behalf of Framework.

Staff wants to note that once the City's population exceeds 10,000 residents, it may be reclassified for some grant categories. Annexation would speed up this process.

Council agreed that they would like to move forward and asked questions regarding level of service for police and public works.

#### **E. Police Truck Purchase**

Police Chief Hernandez presented this item to Council. The city is in need of a vehicle to replace one that is reaching the end of its useful life for active patrol duty usage. The vehicle will be reimbursed 100% by the Washington State Dept of Commerce Justice Assistance Grant immediately upon purchase. The new vehicle is fuel efficient, all wheel drive and has a 400W electric inverter.

Council appreciates the agenda bill containing all pertinent details and inquired about the size of the vehicle compared to its cost. Council was happy to be acquiring the vehicle through a grant.

**MOTION** (Whalen/Peretti) “move to approve the purchase of a grant funded Police vehicle by the Justice Assistance Grant in an amount not to exceed \$29,000.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign all documents necessary to execute this purchase and amend the budget as appropriate.” **Passed 6/0**

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

#### Councilmember Whitaker-

- Happy to see the annexation topic in the agenda packet tonight.

#### Councilmember White-

- Nothing to add.

Councilmember Peretti-

- Nothing to add.

Councilmember Ceder-

- There has been a change in the law that enables the use of one traffic camera per 10,000 residents of a city as long as its in a school or park zone. 11<sup>th</sup> and Milton Way seems like a good candidate for this.

Councilmember Strader-

- Nothing to add.

Councilmember Whalen-

- Thank you for this meeting and conversation.
- The new sports courts are being very well used. It looks good.
- Will the building at the school be done in time for school re-opening? It is chaotic in that area regarding traffic.

**DIRECTOR REPORTS**

Public Works Director Madden-

- Nothing to add.

Finance Director Robbecke-

- Nothing to add.

Police Chief Hernandez-

- WSP helped Milton with a motorcycle investigation recently.
- Still having car thefts, vehicle prowls and catalytic converter thefts.
- Officer Kidwell's last day was June 15<sup>th</sup>. He will be at the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting so we can recognize him before he leaves the country.
- Detective Omelanchuk is moving to Texas and last day is September 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- For staffing purposes, I have moved myself and the detectives into patrol.

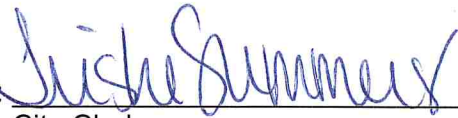
**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Milton is all the rage right now with Pickle Ball players! The pickle ball court is the talk to the area right now.
- Ribbon cutting tomorrow for Great Clips at 1p.m. All are welcome to come and join us for that.
- Tomorrow is one full year for Councilmember Ceder. Congrats on one year.
- Milton Days is coming! We are close to announcing everything soon. I need to know what level Council wants to be involved in any of the Milton Days events.
- Volunteers for Milton Days are needed, if only for a short time. Thank you.
- Fourth of July reminders are starting soon. Facebook, website, and reader board are being updated. Read the code regarding hours to light fireworks as a reminder.
- Reminder that City Hall is closed on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.
- There isn't anything on the agenda currently for Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. Will make the decision next week whether or not to have a meeting that day and notify you accordingly.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

  
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Shanna Styron Sherrell, Mayor

ATTEST:   
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City Clerk

