



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Monday, August 8, 2016
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Perry called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., and led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Manley, Councilmembers Whalen, Bennest, Ott, Morton, and Johnson

STAFF PRESENT

Police Chief Hernandez, Finance Director Garrison, Interim Public Works Director Howlett, Sergeant Luckman, and City Clerk Bolam

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Speaker	Comments
Steve Whitaker	Reporting regarding yard waste

PRESENTATION – Milton Police Department Mobile App

Chief Hernandez introduced Sergeant Luckman, who provided a presentation about the department’s new mobile app.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Ordinance – Transportation Impact Fees Update

Director Howlett explained this item in brief.

Mayor Perry opened the Public Hearing at 7:21 p.m.

Speaker	Comments
Jacquelyn Whalen	Following up on comments made last week – as this ordinance reads, it seems to indicate that this applies only to SFR, even though it applies to every dwelling unit – please clarify

	Regarding the timing issue – hard time following the argument that this will benefit a homeowner – really about benefitting the developer
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Mayor Perry closed the Public Hearing at 7:23 p.m.

B. Ordinance – School Impact Fees Update

Director Howlett explained this item in brief.

Mayor Perry opened the Public Hearing at 7:26 p.m.

Speaker	Comments
Jacquelyn Whalen	Page 21 of the packet – concern over the verbiage of SFR vs dwelling unit – does the Fife school district include duplexes in SFR or MFR? Page 22, similarly, dwelling unit or stand-alone house Hopes there's a representative from the school district as council requested.
Steve Whitaker	Concurs with Ms. Whalen's comments Would like to hear the justification for the drastic change and difference between SFR and MFR
MBA/Pierce County	Clerk read a letter received today into the record
Jacquelyn Whalen	Referring to the MBA flyer included in the packet, it says much about the growth of demands, but leaves off the growth in demand for services. Not commenting on the idea of a cap.

Mayor Perry closed the Public Hearing at 7:33 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

A. Ordinance – Transportation Impact Fees Update

Mayor Perry invited management consultant Pete Lewis to address this item.

Mr. Lewis spoke to the deferral choices, explaining the benefit to the city of setting the deferral at the time of final inspection.

Director Howlett pointed out that the blank in the motion is to allow council to select the deferral choice.

Council comments and questions included:

- The administrative fee of \$250, which is not consistent with other jurisdictions. Finance Director Garrison explained the cost of filing liens.
- Opportunity to utilize the funds earlier when fee is required up front.
- The necessity to incentivize development is a real growth need.
- Without a strong transportation improvement fee, we can't improve the roads to improve the quality of lives of Milton's citizens.

Mr. Lewis explained the state mandate to allow for deferral. The choices don't include keeping it as is at the time of permit. Also, it's a tool for economic development, to incentivize development.

COUNCILMEMBER OTT MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Bennest, to approve the attached ordinance revising Chapter 16.85 of the Milton Municipal Code regarding Transportation Impact Fees and providing a mechanism for deferral of fee collection until final inspection.

Council expressed the desire to be fair to true costs, without concern over how it compares to neighboring jurisdictions.

The motion was voted on and passed 6/0.

B. Ordinance – School Impact Fees Update

Mayor Perry invited management consultant Pete Lewis to address this item.

Mr. Lewis spoke to the process by which school districts request impact fees and the authority of the council to agree or disagree. It is within the council's purview to accept whether or not there is justification for the requested amount.

Council comments and questions included:

- The fact that, in the past, this authority was not made clear.
- If the schools do not receive their request, do they not then go out to levy?
- Appreciation for the MBA/Pierce County letter.
- Unable to locate the Fife SD Capital Facilities Plan on the Fife schools' website.

Director Howlett pointed out that the blank in the motion is to allow council to select the deferral choice, and reminded council of the need to pass this portion by Sept 1.

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Bennest, to approve the attached ordinance amending Section 13.42 of the Milton Municipal Code regarding School Impact Fees and providing a mechanism for deferral of fee collection until final inspection, with the fees of \$3,216 for single-family housing and \$1,755 for duplex/multi-family housing. **Passed 6/0.**

C. Discussion – Park Impact Fees

Director Howlett introduced this topic, explaining the difficulty as suggested earlier with comparing to other jurisdictions.

Council discussion included:

- Implementing the fee on just residential vs commercial, too
- Importance of interactive activities for all ages
- MRSC reports a wide range from \$250 - \$4500
- Photos of people having fun in parks sells the city
- History of discussion at the level of the Parks Board – falling far behind established level of service – Interurban Trail has helped bring it back
- Impact fees can only be used for system improvements and acquisitions
- Overall support for establishing this fee

D. Authorization to Bargain with Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 27

COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Bennest, to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract negotiations with the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 27. **Passed 6/0.**

E. Resolution – IT Equipment Surplus and Resale Authorization

Chief Hernandez explained this request and the associated equipment.

COUNCILMEMBER BENNEST MOVED, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Manley, to approve the attached Resolution declaring certain Police computer property as surplus and authorize transfer and sale of such property to City of Normandy Park. **Passed 6/0.**

F. Council Retreat Date

Mayor Perry and Chief Hernandez opened discussion regarding a potential Council retreat for September.

Discussion revealed support for a 4:30 pm start time on Monday, September 12, at a location to be determined.

G. Vacant Council Position #1

Mayor Perry opened the discussion. Council expressed support for an appointment process and for completion before the council retreat – set for a 6pm start time on Tuesday, September 6.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Whalen

- No report

Councilmember Bennest

- Requested discussion or action on recycling bins in Milton

Councilmember Johnson

- Participated in National Night Out walk

Councilmember Morton

- Thanks to the Police Department for the new mobile app – great new tool
- Parks – staff does a great job doing what they can – just need a next step with funding and priority
- Anytime Fitness is open!

Councilmember Ott

- Thoughts and prayers with Councilwoman Zaroudny's family – she was a big part of the VFW and helped found the Milton Police Foundation

Mayor Pro Tem Manley

- Acknowledgment of Councilwoman Zaroudny's extensive community service – led a moment of silence
- Park impact fee of \$1600 would put Milton right at average among comparison cities
- Participated in National Night Out
- A dog park is worthwhile to discuss again

STAFF REPORTS

Director Howlett

- Paving work beginning tomorrow on Yuma from 7th-15th for gas line
- Chamber lunch this week related to port traffic

Chief Hernandez

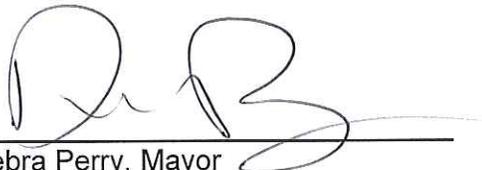
- Annexation discussions are happening

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Councilwoman Zaroudny's passing has brought extreme sadness – the services are at the Sumner Cemetery at 1pm Friday, August 12, followed by a celebration service from 2-4pm at Dave's.
- Scheduled short power outage on Milton Way only affecting three houses – they've been notified – there will be a few more similar outages related to the pedestrian improvement project.
- Attended the 4Over Super Trade Printer Grand Opening
- Staff had a Milton Days meeting to finalize details – well-prepared earlier than ever before.
- Need members for the Civil Service board – Chief Hernandez expounded on this.
- Councilwoman Zaroudny was the chair of the Arts Commission and the History Board for many years, and she started the chalk art contest – looking for help for this year's contest.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 10:00 p.m.



Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:



Katie Bolam, City Clerk