



Regular Meeting
Monday, August 21, 2017
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Perry called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF PRESENT

Police Chief Hernandez, Finance Director Garrison, City Attorney Cameron, Public Works Director Peretti, City Engineer Howlett, Stormwater Compliance Officer Carter, and City Clerk Bolam

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

Mayor Perry added "Water/Well #10" as Item 6A.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Speaker	Comments
April Balsley	Milton Days this year was amazing. We had over 80 vendors/most ever. Best attendance for Friday night. Please notify the Event Committee of any comments or suggested changes.
Heather Popp	Concerned over the number of political signs allowed on a premises – all candidates running for office should be held to the same rules
Jacquelyn Whalen	Thank you for Milton Days event and for the honor of being named a community "Treasure" Explained a handout on Alzheimer's Association
Rob McDonald	More signage needed in the parks, specifically regarding no smoking in the park
Jack Chandler	Thank you for the honor of being named a Milton "Treasure" Kudos to Event Committee for the great event

	Annual VFW fundraising dinner coming up Oct 12 – tickets available now
Laurie Rose Hatch	(Clerk read statement into record) – detailed reasons for not submitting an application for the open council seat

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes – Approval of the minutes of:
 - 1. August 7, 2017 – Regular Meeting
 - 2. August 14, 2017 – Special Meeting
- B. Claims Approval:
 - 1. Approval of the checks/vouchers numbered 61978-62045, and voided checks numbered 61811 and 61325, in the amount of \$130,883.78.
 - 2. Approval of the payroll disbursement of 8/5/2017 and payroll related checks numbered 61955-61971 in the amount of \$246,878.31.

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, to approve the Consent Agenda. **Passed 6/0.**

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Well #10 Status and Design Contracts

Director Peretti explained the need for this additional agenda item. Robinson-Noble’s representative Mike Piechowski gave a slideshow presentation of the well. Mike and city staff answered Council’s questions.

COUNCILMEMBER OTT MOVED, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Whalen, to approve an additional \$164,000.00 from the Water Utility Capital Expenditures fund targeted to the design and construction of Well #10. **Passed 6/0.**

MAYOR PRO TEM WHALEN MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Bennest, to authorize the Mayor to execute a consultant services agreement with Robinson Noble, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$24,500 to provide hydrogeologic services for the drilling, construction, and testing of Well #10. **Passed 6/0.**

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Bennest, to authorize the Mayor to execute a consultant services agreement with Robinson Noble, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$9,480 to provide hydrogeologic services for the pre-construction phase of Well #10. **Passed 6/0.**

B. Ordinance 1st Read – School Impact Fees

City Engineer Howlett introduced this agenda item and answered Council’s questions.

C. Resolution – Keep Albertson’s

Mayor Perry shared that Albertson's has a 10-year lease, and there are discussions regarding the future use of the property. Councilmembers shared their surprise and disappointment in this recent news.

COUNCILMEMBER OTT MOVED, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Whalen, to adopt the attached Resolution encouraging Albertsons Companies, one of the largest food and drug retailers in the United States, to abandon their plan to close the Albertson's grocery store in Milton.

Speaker	Comments
Cheryl Reid Simons	Conveyed surprise that Council and City staff were unaware of Albertson's closing until this week, as people have been talking about it for months – Fife's new grocery store will take a lot of pressure off Milton – the round-about that Edgewood did changed the flow of traffic and didn't help
Rob McDonald	Commented that it's up to residents to also speak out, to write individual letters – the new store in Fife won't be that big – always a money-crunch thing that stores look at – the Rite Aid pharmacy was overwhelmed when Albertsons closed last time – the round-about helped
Steve Whitaker	He was both surprised and not surprised – these large corporations are beholden to the stockholders – their decision is going to be about the dollars – important now to determine what can be done so it doesn't happen again – would like to see a vacancy ordinance
Richard Cosner	Albertson's corporate office is taking citizen comments (208-395-6200) – a support rally is planned for Wednesday night
Russ Hume	As city employee, this was the #3 store on the west coast – with the increase at Safeway, the thefts went up drastically – suggests adding to the resolution that all alcohol sales should be locked up, like they have been at Albertson's – 95% thefts come from Safeway with both Albertson's and Rite Aid open – laundry detergent is a big theft item, too –
Laurie Rose Hatch	(Clerk read written comment into record) – suggests adding the number of new housing units that have been added to the area recently to better inform the corporate decision-makers

Council resumed discussion.

The motion was voted on; passed 6/0.

D. Project Acceptance – LID Retrofit/Pervious Parking Lots

Stormwater Compliance Officer Jamie Carter presented this agenda item, explaining that the project was completed on time and under budget, that the Department of Ecology has accepted the project, and it helps with the City's NPDES permit requirements. He answered Council's questions.

COUNCILMEMBER BENNEST MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Ott, to accept the LID (Low Impact Development) Retrofit Project, Pervious Parking Lots, as complete, and release the

retainage to the Contractor, subject to proper releases from the State of Washington. **Passed 6/0.**

E. Resolution – 911 Memorial Design and Location

Mayor Perry opened this item to Council discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem Whalen referred to the meeting of July 1, 2013 showing past action locating the Memorial within the Milton Community Park. Council discussion began and ensued.

Speaker	Comments
Stacey Black	(Clerk read prepared statement into record) – concerned that Council may ignore the Park Board’s recommendation – opposed to the open placement of the memorial
Cheryl Reid-Simons	Read from a newspaper story regarding the county council ignoring a homeless committee’s input – equated it to the Park Board’s recommendation being ignored Mayor Perry explained the difference between the county committee, which is a legislative committee, and the Park Board, which is advisory
Michelle Lilley	Contributors of the 911 Memorial – agrees with the Park Board’s location recommendation – also likes the idea around the police and fire departments but concerned about future development in that area
Stephanie Reid-Simons	Inspired by the public process surrounding this issue – interested in spear-heading another memorial for the Oasis nightclub victims
Linda Goddard	Member of the Park Board for about 3-4 years – the job of the Board is to recommend the location of the full piece of steel – understands that now the Council will vote on the location
Heather Popp	Read a prepared statement – opposes the location in Milton Community Park in general, and the open location if within that park – prefers a memorial design that was submitted to Park Board before the current proposed design – would prefer a design that honors people over the piece of steel Concern regarding the scheduling of the 8/21 meeting after it was initially showing as cancelled on the website
Rob McDonald	Prefers the open location near the top of Milton Community Park – doesn’t want it to look like the City is embarrassed by it – many people were impacted by the piece of steel at Milton Days
Richard Cosner	Supports the full piece of steel and the design – concerned about the recommended location due to maintenance problems and obscurity – in the uphill location, there are some mitigation ideas to make the view better for the people who are concerned with that location
Steve Whitaker	Proud to have been on the Milton Police Foundation to help get this process started – supports the design; also supports the idea of cutting the beam in two – focus should be on 1 st responders and the victims

Linda Goddard	<p>From the Park Board perspective, one of big reasons for the location recommendation is to keep it a somber and reflective place – there was no intention of wanting to hide it</p> <p>Mayor Perry added her understanding of the Park Board's purpose, for somber intimate reflection, and not to hide it</p>
Jack Chandler	<p>Provided some historical details and answered a few of the questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided timeline, starting in 2012 • Specified that this is not a VFW committee; it is a 12-member board, which has met with FME police depts • Several conceptual designs – difficulty getting the engineering / architect firms to follow through with promises • Park Board recommended utilizing the high school art class – the current proposed design incorporates the students' concepts, as well as concepts from earlier design ideas and aspects which speak to our country's full history • The beam was a window-framing section from Tower 2, between the 91st and 94th floors – 4' wide at its widest point at the base, and 36.6' long • Proposal includes a clear coat to prevent rusting issues, pervious concrete, reader board with educational information, and downward LED lighting • Economic impact will benefit our community and surrounding communities – Chamber is in support – it will be advertised region-wide <p>Appreciates the input from the Park Board, City Council, and citizens Available to answer questions</p>
Mary Tompkins	<p>On Police Foundation when this was first discussed – there was overwhelming support – talked to many citizens since then and has heard nothing but pride over this – surprised at negative opinions</p>
Kalisa Delibero	<p>Member of a long-serving military family – opposes an open location – does not want to be forced to see it every day – wants to “go” visit, not “have” to visit</p>
Ron Berger	<p>Appreciates the explanation for the tree location because at first didn't think that was good – now, concern is for the roots of the trees, and vandalism</p>
Vernon Dusseau II	<p>Referred to his design, saying it incorporates somber reflection no matter where it is located – it will touch and reflect lives</p>
Jacquelyn Whalen	<p>Thanks Council, the community for championing their individual views, appreciates how emotional this is – good reasons on all sides – wonders if there is further design work that can be done to bring a healthy compromise, and to provide people with privacy if overcome with emotion</p>
Rob McDonald	<p>Serves as a 911 Committee member – wants it to reflect the response of the country, to honor the 1st responders, the victims, and the country as a whole</p>

Council discussion resumed and included:

- Repeated appreciation to everyone who spoke
- Development responsibilities for environmental impact and neighborhood notifications
- Quick-growing trees can add somberness to any location
- Clear-coating and other forms of protection important
- Maintenance issues/costs
- City has in no way dragged its feet on this
- Design is excellent
- Question the stability (architect representative answered with engineering support)
- Concern for the tree roots
- Concern for vandalism the more hidden it is
- Traffic impact on Oak Street if located there

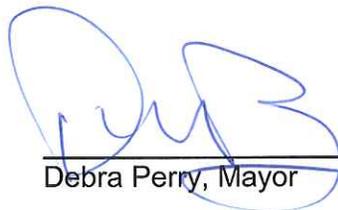
Mayor Perry shared how proud she is of the respect that the American government system offers for the public process, how proud she is of the work that has been done by the Park Board on this issue and by City staff in the facilitation of the Board's work, and how proud she is of the work of the 911 Memorial Committee and Jack Chandler specifically. Tonight is a perfect example. The collaborative effort will result in a better memorial.

Council consensus reached to take more time to consider and reflect before taking action.

Director Peretti clarified that there will be a development process ahead no matter what.

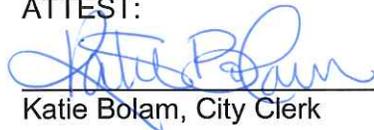
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m. **by motion** (Whalen/Bennest) and vote (6/0).



Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:



Katie Bolam, City Clerk