



**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, September 18, 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 Johnson, Hutson, Ott, Morton, and Boyle; newly-appointed Councilmember Tompkins took her seat at that time

Absent: None

**STAFF PRESENT**

Police Chief Hernandez, Finance Director Garrison, City Attorney Cameron, Public Works Director Peretti, City Engineer Howlett, Public Works Operations Superintendent Barnhart, and City Clerk Bolam

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS**

Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Whalen, requested the addition of discussion regarding MMC 2.52, Economic Development Commission

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
John Spencer	Reported on a public safety issue on his street, due to two cars that have been parked for 5 years – creates a potential conflict for emergency vehicle turn-around
Heather Popp	Read a prepared statement in opposition to Council's action of 9/11/2017 related to the 9/11 Memorial
Jacquelyn Whalen	Requested that the Council audio system be considered in the 2018 budget Requested that the podium be moved for visual purposes

	<p>Expressed sadness regarding reports of the number of accidents on Hwy 99 – requests advance traffic signal warning lights</p> <p>Requests ordinance banning safe injection sites</p> <p>911 Memorial – hopes council will soon be looking into mitigating landscaping</p> <p>Thank you for new street light on 13<sup>th</sup> – makes a big difference</p>
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**PRESENTATION**

A. Substation

Electric Utility Supervisor Bronson provided a slideshow presentation on the history of the substation and need for a new one. City Engineer Howlett added information about current property acquisition possibilities. Directors Peretti and Garrison summarized the financial estimates. Some council comment and question-and-answer time ensued.

**CELEBRATION OF RICHARD BRONSON’S RETIREMENT**

Mayor Perry invited Dick Bronson to give some history of his career; Dick provided some humorous and interesting background stories.

Mayor Perry read aloud a retirement certificate, and Council wished him well.

7:51 pm – The meeting was recessed for a cake break in honor of Dick’s retirement.

8:07 pm – The meeting was called back to order.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Minutes – Approval of the minutes of:

1. September 5, 2017 Regular Meeting
2. September 11, 2017 Special Meeting

B. Claims Approval:

1. Approval of the checks/vouchers numbered 62139-62183, 62186-62192, and unused checks numbered 62184-62185, in the amount of \$143,850.65.
2. Approval of the payroll disbursement of 9/5/2017 and payroll related checks numbered 62123-62138 in the amount of \$257,558.54.

**COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED**, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Whalen, to approve the Consent Agenda. **Passed 6/0.**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

A. Ordinance 1<sup>st</sup> Read – Amending Tree Trimming Procedures for Electric Utility

Public Works Superintendent Bill Barnhart presented the details and background on this item, and answered Council's questions.

B. Ordinance 1<sup>st</sup> Read – Amending the Dangerous Buildings Code Section to include Vacant or Boarded-up Properties

City Attorney Cameron presented the details and background on this item, and answered Council's questions.

<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Richard Cosner	Appreciates this coming forward – referred to an existing property and his observations of it
Rose Hatch	Referred to page 74 of the packet – what about mitigation for safeguarding the community?
Frank Schuler	Protective fencing of police lot – should extend that – it's been left partially unfinished

C. Discussion – Council Position #4 Vacancy

Mayor Perry asked Council what procedure they would like to follow for this vacancy.

Councilmember Morton suggested filling this asap, for the benefit of the budget season, and from the applications already in-house from the vacancy filled earlier this month.

Councilmember Johnson and Mayor Pro Tem Whalen each stated they'd like to see the full application and interview process followed.

**COUNCILMEMBER OTT MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Morton, to nominate Mary Tompkins to Position #4.

Councilmember Ott stated he believes Council has enough qualified applications, Mary Tompkins has served the city for many years, she has been on the Planning Commission and other volunteer boards, and she knows the budget procedure.

Councilmember Morton believes that not enough has changed in a week since the interviews of five good candidates. Mary Tompkins is an excellent candidate with a lot of volunteer experience.

Mayor Pro Tem Whalen said that the agenda bill doesn't indicate that action will take place on this issue tonight. City Attorney Cameron answered that this is a Regular Meeting, and Council may take action if so desired.

Mayor Perry explained some options with the motion that is on the floor. First, the motion is to nominate, not to appoint. Second, the motion is eligible for amendment.

**MAYOR PRO TEM WHALEN MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, to amend the motion to include other nominations.

Mayor Perry called for a roll-call vote:

Councilmember Boyle – yes  
 Councilmember Morton – yes  
 Councilmember Ott – yes  
 Mayor Pro Tem Whalen – yes  
 Councilmember Hutson – yes  
 Councilmember Johnson – yes

**The amendment to the main motion passed 6/0.**

<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Rose Hatch	Referred to email to council last week and reiterated her desire to see the position dealt with thought and care, and open it to applications.
Jacquelyn Whalen	Councilmember Hutson did not hear any of the applicants as he was excluded from the interviews in his role as an applicant
Emil Augustine	Not opposing nomination except to follow the procedure – been here 12 years – there is a need for more dynamic/diverse representation – supports an additional application opportunity

**COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON MOVED**, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Whalen, to amend the motion to remove all reference to nominations and open an application process.

Councilmember Johnson referred to citizen comment tonight and her own desire to see additional opportunity for applicants.

Mayor Perry called for a roll-call vote on the amended main motion:

Councilmember Boyle – no  
 Councilmember Morton – no  
 Councilmember Ott – no  
 Mayor Pro Tem Whalen – yes  
 Councilmember Hutson – yes  
 Councilmember Johnson – yes

**The amendment to the amended main motion failed 3/3.**

Mayor Perry called for a roll-call vote on the main amended motion:

Councilmember Boyle – yes  
 Councilmember Morton – yes  
 Councilmember Ott – yes  
 Mayor Pro Tem Whalen – no  
 Councilmember Hutson – yes  
 Councilmember Johnson – yes

**The main amended motion passed 5/1.**

Mayor Perry opened the floor to nominations:

- Mary Tompkins has been nominated by motion

- Councilmember Johnson nominated Rose Hatch

Mayor Perry closed the nominations and called for a roll-call vote for the first nomination, Mary Tompkins:

Councilmember Johnson – no  
 Councilmember Hutson – yes  
 Mayor Pro Tem Whalen – yes  
 Councilmember Ott – yes  
 Councilmember Morton – yes  
 Councilmember Boyle – yes

**The vote for Mary Tompkins passed 6/1** – Mary Tompkins was therefore appointed to Councilmember Position #4.

Speaker	Comments
Frank Schuler	Expressed outstanding concerns

Mayor Perry conducted the Oath of Office for new Councilmember Tompkins, who then took her seat at the dais.

**D. Discussion – MMC 2.52 Economic Development Committee**

Councilmember Johnson explained that the Economic Development Board has not existed for some time, but given the emphasis the city is attempting to have on economic development, she would like to see it reinstated.

**COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Hutson, to reconsider appointing people to the Economic Development Board.

Speaker	Comments
Katrina Asay	At Mayor Perry’s request, provided some historical background of this committee – without professional economic development staff to lead, it was very difficult for the board – there was a lot of surveying of businesses done

At 9:47 pm Mayor Perry called for recess; the meeting was called back to order at 9:55pm.

**COUNCILMEMBER OTT MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Hutson, to amend the motion for reconsideration after the budget process after December.

Speaker	Comments
Richard Cosner	Economic Development is not just about bringing business in – it’s about improving our surroundings – improving citizens’ lives, adding and keeping jobs, incorporating education, etc. – can’t do that without bringing all players to the table

**The amendment to the motion was voted on and passed 7/0.**

**The amended main motion was voted on and passed 7/0.**

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilmember Tompkins

- Proud to be part of this Council – will work hard and give her best

Councilmember Hutson

- Regarding the Economic Development Board, recommends putting together a “blue ribbon panel”

Councilmember Boyle

- Congratulations again to Dick Bronson
- Congratulations to both new councilmembers Hutson and Tompkins
- Thanks to Tony Bennest for his service to Milton
- Fife Boosters fundraiser car show coming soon

Councilmember Johnson

- Referred to an email regarding city lunches – hoping to hear back soon
- Welcomed new councilmembers Hutson and Tompkins
- Thanks to Heather and Cathy Popp for their presence over the past two years
- Extended apology to Heather Popp for what she interpreted happened at council last week

Councilmember Morton

- Congratulations to councilmembers Hutson and Tompkins
- Congratulations to Dick Bronson on his retirement
- Tough decisions ahead for the budget season

Councilmember Ott

- Congratulations to new Councilmembers
- Fundraiser Oct 12 at Mill Ridge for the VFW
- Referred to another accident on Hwy 99

Mayor Pro Tem Whalen

- Requested the report on liquor theft at Safeway

## **DIRECTOR’S REPORTS**

Chief Hernandez

- Search warrants on several homes with seizures included over 300 man-hours of support from outside agencies

Director Garrison

- Statistics of finance processes

Director Peretti

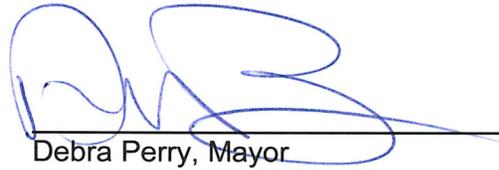
- Opportunity to see the police work in our community and the coordination with our Public Works staff
- Cartegraph implementation is going well, with 60+ on-site training hours

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Planning Commission last week included business representatives' input on the sign code
- Attended the Steering Committee last week to award money to non-profit organizations for affordable housing projects
- Encouraged council to think about the budget process in light of their calendars and the holidays

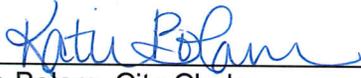
**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 p.m.



Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:



Katie Bolam, City Clerk