



Regular Meeting
Monday, October 2, 2017
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Perry called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and led a moment of silence for the Las Vegas shooting, followed by the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

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

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 OTT MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Morton, to delete Item 7D from tonight's agenda and postpone it until after November 6 during the budget process.

Both councilmembers explained they see this as a budget item and think its best to discuss during the budget process.

The motion was voted on and passed 5/2 (Johnson, Whalen) by roll-call vote.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Morton, to add two items:

- Resolution 08-1752 discussion
- Format for the budget

Councilmember Johnson explained that she will produce an explanatory handout on the budget format issue at the time of the item.

The motion passed 5/2 by roll-call vote (Ott/Tompkins) – Both items added to the agenda as items 7E and 7F.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Speaker	Comments
Heather Popp	Read a prepared statement regarding the deleted item, expressing extreme disappointment in Council’s action to postpone – comments included inability to see mayoral health benefits and total compensation detailed in the budgets, suggestion that council refer the matter for criminal review, concern regarding reference to the ACA and mayoral status as an employee
Richard Cosner	Requests coordination with school district for murals painted on the water towers Requests same for the cement flower planters Requests that staff have the tools to remove signs on poles Requests that staff have the tools to remove/cover graffiti, and write the sign code so that businesses bear the responsibility of graffiti clean up
Jacquelyn Whalen	Read excerpt of speech from General MacArthur, calling the news circulating about the Mayor’s health benefits quite the storm – requests that Council be courageous and loyal to the citizens – calls for radical transparency and a line item budget – says the matter is a tragic, unethical breach of trust – disappointed that this was removed from tonight’s discussion
Stephanie Reid-Simons	Council knows that people are unhappy, but it’s important that Council knows that it’s not just one or two people – citizens feel like suckers – we deserve better – believes council is in a position to help us get there
Rose Hatch	Handed out to the Clerk an informational sheet on salary commissions, suggesting it might be good to do that now rather than waiting until the budget season
Richard Cosner	Four questions: 1. What staff member brought this up in 2015, and why against AWC Trust criteria? 2. What regular or special meeting did council approve health benefits for the mayor? 3. If so beneficial in 2015 to add the benefit, why not offered to all of council? 4. The agenda bill mentions rates in the fiscal impact statement – is that single employee or family?
Stephanie Reid-Simons	Asks for protocol – will these answers be made public?

APPOINTMENTS TO PLANNING COMMISSION

Councilmember Johnson asked about advertising for boards and commissions, and how many have applied for the Planning Commission this year. The Clerk confirmed four applications received to-date.

Mayor Perry called a recess at 7:30pm. – called back to order at 7:35pm.

Mayor Perry explained that her recommendations are both based on past experience by both parties and the work to be done on the Sign Code and the Comprehensive Plan.

COUNCILMEMBER OTT MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Morton, to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Laurie Rose Hatch to the Planning Commission Position 1 with a term ending 5/31/2022.

Ms. Hatch addressed Council, explaining her love for Milton and her education in planning-related work, and referring to her past work on the Planning Commission.

The motion was voted on and passed 7/0.

COUNCILMEMBER BOYLE MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Hutson, to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Bruce White to the Planning Commission Position 7 with a term ending 5/31/2022.

Mr. White was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

The motion was voted on and passed 6/1. (Whalen)

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes – Approval of the minutes of:

1. September 18, 2017 Regular Meeting

B. Claims Approval:

1. Approval of the checks/vouchers numbered 62205-62308 in the amount of \$568,568.89.

2. Approval of the payroll disbursement of 9/20/2017 and related checks numbered 62193-62204 in the amount of \$168,860.

Council asked for some follow up regarding:

- City cell phones
- The Signal \$600 monthly bill – copies of any issues advertising the Council vacancy (provided at end of meeting issues dated 7/21/17 and 8/4/17)
- The Code Enforcement expenditure for fencing – how long will the city pay that? City Attorney answered that tonight's passage of the Vacant Building ordinance will facilitate the next steps
- Locke Systems expenditure related to Normandy Park

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Boyle, to remove the 9/18/2017 minutes from the Consent Agenda to allow for corrections to Council reports. **Passed 7/0.**

MAYOR PRO TEM WHALEN MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Morton, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. **Passed 7/0.**

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Ordinance 2nd Read/Adopt – Amending Tree Trimming Procedures for Electric Utility

Public Works Superintendent Bill Barnhart explained this item and answered Council's questions.

COUNCILMEMBER TOMPKINS MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Morton, to adopt the attached ordinance relating to electrical utilities, amending Sections 13.08.010 and .240 of the Milton Municipal Code related to standards for the safe removal of trees or obstructions interfering with electrical equipment. **Passed 7/0.**

B. Ordinance 2nd Read/Adopt – Amending the Dangerous Buildings Code Section to include Vacant or Boarded-up Properties

City Attorney Cameron explained that this proposed version includes Council's recommendations from last week to double the penalties.

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Whalen, to adopt the attached ordinance relating to vacant buildings, amending Sections 15.03.010 through 15.03.110, and adding Section 15.03.055, of the Milton Municipal Code. **Passed 7/0.**

C. Grant Acceptance – Interurban Trailhead Improvements

City Engineer Howlett explained the origin and rules surrounding this grant.

COUNCILMEMBER OTT MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Boyle, to accept the \$405,000 grant from the Washington State Department of Transportation for the Milton Trail Head/Interurban Trail Project, and authorize the Mayor to sign all documents necessary to execute the grant. **Passed 7/0.**

D. Health Benefits for Mayor

This item was deleted by Council earlier in the agenda.

E. Resolution 08-1752

Councilmember Johnson explained that she would like Council to review the procedures and conduct as contained in this resolution (clerk handed out copies).

F. Format for the Budget

Councilmember Johnson passed out materials and explained her desire for Council to change the budget process to a line-item format.

Mayor Perry asked Director Garrison to distribute her budget materials at this time, which are the Revenues as required by law and include a 5-year comparison, as well as 2017 projected and 2018 proposed numbers.

Council consensus to review these two items at an upcoming Study Session, preferably next week if possible. Continued discussion ensued.

Speaker	Comments
Jacquelyn Whalen	appreciates council taking a more thorough look – approving a budget by fund is a tough way for citizens to understand

DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

Director Peretti

- Public Works department status and highlights

Chief Hernandez

- Recent criminal activity summarized

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Boyle

- Senior Oktoberfest on Wed, 10/18 - \$7
- Encourages more public involvement with the Senior Center
- Craft Bazaar coming
- Fife High School Homecoming this Friday night – reported on the booster fundraiser
- Commander Chandler recovering well
- Anniversary event at Uptown Koffee & Kafe was great – business meets the Uptown visioning standards
- Hats off to Public Works for the dirt moved to the lower field
- Would like to see information on the safe injection sites come quickly
- Requests copies of public records requests (not what is required, just what has been requested)

Councilmember Morton

- Requested information on the plan for the dirt that was moved to the lower field – Director Peretti answered that there’s a process yet to come involving the Park Board
- Commander Chandler and Mr. Heddlesten both recovering from recent health issues

Councilmember Ott

- October 12 is the VFW Dinner at Mill Ridge - \$15 tickets available now

Councilmember Tompkins

- Working to be business-friendly in new role on Council – attended Uptown Koffee anniversary and the Karate Edge grand opening events
- On the Senior Board – working on how to get the word out to bring in attendance
- Event Committee and Craft Bazaar volunteering continuing
- Interested in learning more about a salary commission

Councilmember Johnson

- Echoes request for the safe injection site issue to come forward soon
- Attended Uptown Koffee also – very enjoyable

- Question regarding backflow inspections, wondering if residents can arrange for the county and the city inspections to be done simultaneously so as to only pay one fee
- Referred to email regarding quicker processing in the building department
- Helping the Senior Center with lunches, and helped them with a computer issue – wonders about arranging for the senior center to have a phone with 'Press 1' or 'Press 2' options
- Referred to email to mayor asking about the chamber debate and city staff attendance – read a response she received from MRSC suggesting it may be an inappropriate use of funds

Councilmember Hutson

- Loves being in a small town and seeing that essence on display at the Uptown Koffee and Karate Edge events
- Echoes the request to learn more about a salary commission

Mayor Pro Tem Whalen

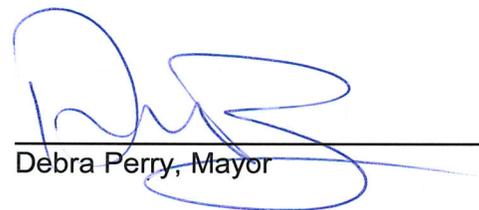
- Referring to a salary commission – works better for cities with a larger employment base
- Requested information on the status of the lease on the fire house by the end of this year
- Lloyd's status? Mayor Perry answered that the 90-day time period is over, and discussions are continuing, mainly over a gas line that runs in front of the property
- Referred to the health benefits item that was deleted from tonight's agenda, and to the 2012 agenda packet item that was presented – intention for this agenda item tonight was to move to suspend the payments – not a budget item – disappointed that it was deleted and tied to the budget
- Safe injection sites – there are some other cities that have already banned it so should be easy

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Referred to health care item – received advice that these benefits were approved to take and not required to go to Council – regrets that now, but that is what happened at the time

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.



Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:



Katie Bolam, City Clerk