



Regular Meeting
Monday, November 6, 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, Tompkins, Ott (arrived 7:30 pm), Morton, and Boyle

STAFF PRESENT

Finance Director Garrison, City Attorney Cameron, Public Works Director Peretti, City Engineer Howlett, and City Clerk Bolam

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

Mayor Perry deleted Item 7B.

Councilmember Johnson (seconded by Councilmember Morton) requested the addition of the Preliminary Budget for discussion. Mayor Perry added it as item 7D.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Speaker	Comments
Robert MacDonald	Requests that something be done in advance regarding snow sledding at Milton Community Park, so that it doesn't happen after sundown. Officer refused last time, saying it keeps people out of the streets. Just because I'm the only one speaking up doesn't mean it doesn't affect others in the neighborhood. Referred to the 12-step meetings at the Community Building, vehicles speed out of the parking lot when the meetings end.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes – Approval of the minutes of:

1. October 19, 2017 Regular Meeting

B. Claims Approval:

1. Approval of the checks/vouchers numbers 62409, 62421-62500, 62502-62523, and 62527-62540, and voided/error checks numbered 62359, and 62316-62323, in the amount of \$435,283.74.
2. Approval of the payroll disbursement of 10/20/2017 and related checks numbered 62410-62420, and 62501, in the amount of \$190,357.53.

Council asked several clarifying questions.

Regarding the invoice for EL Associates – removed from Consent (Johnson/Morton) – Mayor Perry added as Item 7E.

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Whalen, to pass the Consent Agenda minus the E.L. Associates payment. **Passed 6/0.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. 2018 Revenue Sources

Director Garrison explained the public hearing. Mayor Perry opened the Public Hearing at 7:26 pm.

Speaker	Comments
Jacquelyn Whalen	Referred to the sheets showing tax revenue historic actuals, it's troubling that they are not consistent with the budget; referred to letter regarding a \$300,000 shortfall, which is a huge impact – how to avoid future shortfalls – is the City asking for the maximum it can ask for?
Kevin Ringus	Referred to Sept 5 Budget Amendment – ending fund balance for 2017 showed \$6,121,218. When looking at same account items in revenue projections, beginning fund balance becomes \$9,685,694. No explanation as to where this income is to be derived from. Comparing revenue sheet to proposed budget, another \$22,000 difference, most of it in the general fund. Not sure where the money is coming from, but if the city can't start the year accurately, we won't get very far with expenses
Richard Cosner	Just paid \$4,000 to Anne Sears to look over this, and just in revenues for taxes, there's 16 lines, 9 of them weren't considered – big difference – paid her a lot of money for her suggestions, and over half of them are not being followed

Public Hearing closed at 7:31 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Ordinance 1st Read – 2018 Tax Levy

Director Garrison explained this item and the necessity to file by November 30. The final assessments are not in from the counties at this time (only preliminaries, which is what this is based on), but an amendment can be filed in January if necessary. Council asked clarifying questions; Director Garrison answered according to the Pierce County Assessor-Treasurer's representatives' advice and presentation from the last meeting.

Speaker	Comments
Robert MacDonald	The \$1.47 vs \$1.60 – doesn't understand the 18% – wants to see on the board, the equation, how that adds up – 18% of what?
Richard Cosner	Referred to documentation from Pierce County...suggests amending the resolution to make it more clear – are we including new construction, improvement to property, etc? (Answer = no.) So, shouldn't we? (Answer = no, but the certification that the City sends in does include it, so it will be included in the final numbers.)

B. 2017 Asphalt Overlay Award

This item was deleted from the agenda.

C. Fire Station Building

City Attorney Cameron explained the inclusion of this item on the agenda and referred to the legal memorandum set at the dais prior to the meeting.

Speaker	Comments
EPFR Chief Backer	Read a letter into the record detailing potential results of an eviction from the fire station building.

8:18 pm – Mayor Perry recessed the meeting to Executive Session for approximately 30 minutes for the purpose of discussing a prospective course of action and potential litigation with legal counsel as per RCW 42.30.110.

9:04 pm – Mayor Perry called the meeting back to order.

Mayor Perry announced that the parties of East Pierce Fire & Rescue and the City of Milton have agreed to meet with a shared mediator to reach a solution.

D. 2018 Preliminary Budget

Councilwoman Johnson explained her purpose in adding this discussion item to tonight's agenda, specifically how ending fund balances and beginning fund balances equate. Director Garrison explained that there is a year-end budget amendment yet to come (as done every year). Therefore, the next year's budget uses projected numbers. The first budget amendment in the new year will similarly adjust to actual numbers. Discussion ensued.

E. E.L.Associates Invoices

Councilmember Johnson explained that she would like to see the actual accomplishments covering the October invoice. Mayor Perry said that city staff would check into this.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Whalen

- Appreciates the budget discussions tonight

Councilmember Hutson

- Recognizing Leonard Sanderson's passing – he moved here in 1952, and spent 15 years in the nursery/floral business, 32 years in the banking industry, 7 years on the Fife school board as President, 10 years as Councilmember, Mayor for 9.5 years total in three different terms, past-President of PCCTA, President North Pierce County Coalition, and more.

Councilmember Johnson

- Privileged to meet with Leonard recently, and getting to know Poppy now.

Councilmember Boyle

- Referring to Leonard's accomplishments, they are well-known – he graduated from Fife HS with Councilmember Boyle's grandmother
- Men's health awareness month in November
- Complaint regarding pre-7am dumpster emptying noise
- Attended neighborhood watch meeting, learning how to keep potential hiding places to a minimum
- Mark your calendars for the upcoming Tree Lighting on Dec 2

Councilmember Morton

- Leonard was a great asset to the community, and he will be missed
- Appreciates the audience – welcome

Councilmember Ott

- Prayers and thoughts extended to Leonard's family
- Appreciates community participation in the recent VFW Poppy Drive
- This Saturday at 11:00 am is the Veteran's Day celebration at the Veteran's Memorial

Councilmember Tompkins

- Been working with senior board putting a facebook page together and entertainment, trying to increase membership
- Many stories about Leonard – reminded of his newsletters – he loved Milton
- Thanks to everyone for the hard work on the budget – looking forward to the process to come

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Remembers Leonard and his extensive community service
- Lots of work spent on the budget with the directors – looking forward to the budget process
- Heather Hills bazaar this weekend

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.



Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:



Katie Bolam, City Clerk