



Regular Meeting
Monday, November 20, 2017
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Johnson, Hutson, Tompkins, Ott, Morton, and Boyle

Absent: Mayor Perry

STAFF PRESENT

Police Chief/City Administrator Hernandez, Finance Director Garrison, City Attorney Cameron, Public Works Director Peretti, and City Clerk Bolam

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

Councilmember Tompkins requested the addition “Approval of a Rental Fee Waiver” – Mayor Pro Tem Whalen added as Item 7A.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Speaker	Comments
Kevin Ringus	Mayor is absent and therefore derelict in her duties – suggests that she be replaced upon election certification

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes – Approval of the minutes of:

1. November 6, 2017 Regular Meeting
2. November 13, 2017 Study Session

B. Claims Approval:

1. Approval of the checks/vouchers numbers 62556-62603, and voided check number 2550, in the amount of \$83,308.18.

2. Approval of the payroll disbursement of 11/5/2017 and related checks numbered 62524-62526 and 62541-62555, in the amount of \$255,627.6

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, to pass the Consent Agenda. **Passed 7/0.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. 2018 Preliminary Budget

Mayor Pro Tem Whalen opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 pm.

Director Garrison explained the new budget document, reflecting proposed changes from the last meeting, and introduced the public hearing.

Speaker	Comments
Richard Cosner	Expressed appreciation for the efforts that went into the budget – wholeheartedly supports the police department – would support a levy
Jim Heddlesten	Instead of trying to find new ways to get money out of citizens, reevaluate the goals and bring them down to the realm of what can be afforded – don’t need the city to pull more out of his pocket – council’s responsibility is to try to conduct business and keep in mind what needs to be done and not what you want – our city, our money – depend on Council to keep within the budget, not to stretch the budget

Public Hearing closed at 7:10 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Approval of a Rental Fee Waiver

April Balsley, Chair of the Event Committee, reviewed the two successful events so far this year, and encouraged everyone to come to the upcoming Tree Lighting.

Requested approval for a one-time use of the MAC for a CD release party for Uptown 4, in response to their past free performances on behalf of the City. The Uptown 4 intends to donate half of the proceeds to the Event Committee.

COUNCILMEMBER TOMPKINS MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Hutson, that, in response to the recent performances that Uptown 4 has provided to the City of Milton free of charge, to waive the rental fee of the Milton Activity Center for one event called “Launch Party” in December.

Speaker	Comments
Jim Heddlesten	This is something that will benefit the City – there should be no doubt in anyone’s mind that this is a good thing – this is a good reason for a bandstand in the park

The motion was voted on and passed 7/0.

B. Ordinance 1st Read – 2018 Final Budget

Director Garrison explained the 1st Read process of this Ordinance. The numbers will change with Council's discussion between now and the adoption.

Council requested a change in the order of the funds listed on the Ordinance to match page 21 of the Preliminary Budget. Director Garrison explained the reason for the order of the two documents. Consensus to match the Ordinance to page 21.

Speaker	Comments
Jacquelyn Whalen	Thank you to staff and Council for including a new column for the Projected Beginning Balance – crucial for clarity – quite distressed to see a \$5m loss over all the funds

C. Ordinance 2nd Read/Adopt – Property Tax Levy

Director Garrison explained that this is the 2nd read on this ordinance, and prior to the 1st read, the Pierce County Assessor's representative presented to Council. There are no changes regarding valuations as of this date, so all calculations are the same as the 1st read.

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Boyle, to adopt the attached Ordinance establishing the regular tax levy for properties located in Pierce and King counties for the year 2018.

Speaker	Comments
Jacquelyn Whalen	Referred to the paper handed out last meeting by Director Garrison supporting the ordinance – suggests including that paper in the ordinance next year – Director Garrison handed out copies and explained the process again.

The motion was voted on by Roll Call vote, and passed 7/0.

D. Ordinance – Setting Compensation for the Municipal Court Judge and Judges Pro Tem

Chief Hernandez explained the need for this ordinance, and invited Judge Allen to address Council, who explained things and answered Council's questions.

COUNCILMEMBER OTT MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Tompkins, to waive the 1st read, accept this as the 2nd read, and approve the attached ordinance establishing compensation for the judge and judges pro-tem for the years 2018-2021. **Passed 7/0.**

E. Resolution – Judge Contract Renewal – 2018-2021

COUNCILMEMBER TOMPKINS MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Hutson, to approve the attached municipal judge's contract with Sandra L. Allen for 2018-2021, and authorize the Mayor to execute the same. **Passed 7/0.**

F. Contract Approval – City of Sunnyside Jail Services

Chief Hernandez explained this housekeeping item, as it reflects an annual increase in bed rates for jail services. He answered Council's questions.

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, to authorize the Mayor to sign the attached Interlocal Agreement with the City of Sunnyside for the purpose of establishing the terms and conditions pursuant to which the City will transfer custody of inmates to Sunnyside Jail. **Passed 7/0.**

G. Contract Approval – Yakima County Jail Services

Chief Hernandez explained this housekeeping item, as it reflects an annual increase in bed rates for jail services.

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Whalen, to approve the attached contract with Yakima County, increasing the Bed Rate for 2018 as shown, and creating a 5-year perpetual agreement. **Passed 7/0.**

H. Contract Amendment – SCORE Jail Services

Chief Hernandez explained this housekeeping item, as it reflects an annual increase in bed rates for jail services.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Tompkins, to approve the attached amendment to the contract with SCORE, increasing the Bed Rate for 2018 as shown. **Passed 7/0.**

I. Contract Amendment – Metro Animal Control Services

Chief Hernandez explained this housekeeping item, as it reflects an annual increase in per capita rates for animal control services. Director Garrison explained the calculation for the increase to the City.

Councilmember Boyle expressed discontent with the cost for these services, especially at a time when the City is looking at ways to save money. Some discussion ensued.

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Hutson, to approve the \$.05 per capita base rate increase for 2018 animal shelter services provided by Metro Animal Services through the City of Sumner Police Department.

Speaker	Comments
Jim Heddlesten	Remembers all the discussion when this contract was first passed when he was on council. Animal control doesn't exist.

The motion was voted on and passed 5/2 (Boyle/Johnson)

Mayor Pro Tem Whalen called a recess at 9:05; back to order at 9:12pm.

J. E.L. Associates Final Payment Follow-Up

Mayor Pro Tem Whalen explained a hand-out from MRSC, explaining that it is not often that a contract is agreed to without a scope of work, but it is allowable. For future contracts, he hopes to see Council make certain there is such a scope of work. Councilmembers expressed agreement.

Speaker	Comments
Shanna Styron Sherrell	Referred to the termination date and 7 days notice, she suggests paying a pro-rated amount.
Jim Heddlesten	Told by a mayor long ago, the Mayor decides who does what on city staff, that the only recourse that Council has is by control of the budget. At termination, Council modified the budget. Not in favor of paying more money.
Richard Cosner	MRSC has done a paper on the funding of economic development – read from paper regarding non-profit use
Kevin Ringus	Even though this consultant worked under the Mayor's direction, the city shall pay "dependent on work performed" – without proof of work performed, the bill is not due

City Attorney Cameron expressed his legal advice that Council pay the invoice. Discussion ensued.

MAYOR PRO TEM WHALEN MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Tompkins, to release check #62516 in payment to E.L. Associates as the final payment for services rendered under the City's contract with the consultant. **Passed 4/3** (Johnson/Morton/Boyle)

K. 2018 Preliminary Budget Review

Mayor Pro Tem Whalen opened the budget review with Public Works. Director Peretti led Council through the appropriate budget pages, beginning on page 35 of 117 of tonight's budget handout.

Speaker	Comments
Richard Cosner	Parks Fuel line item concern
Jacquelyn Whalen	Question regarding EPFR plan checks – Director Peretti answered that Milton collects the fee

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Chief Hernandez

- Crime update
- Edgewood will be discussing police contract in coming weeks

Director Garrison

- Auditor completing on-site time tomorrow

COUNCIL REPORTS

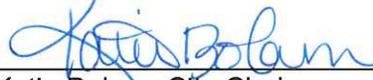
None.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is a Special Meeting on Monday, Nov. 27, dedicated to budget review. The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 p.m.


Debra Perry, Mayor **PROTEM**

ATTEST:


Katie Bolam, City Clerk