



## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, April 15, 2019**  
**7:00 p.m.**

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Styron Sherrell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Councilmember Whalen led the flag salute.

### ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilmember Tompkins

**Motion** (Morton/Johnson) to excuse Councilmember Tompkins **Passed 6/0**

### STAFF PRESENT

Police Chief Hernandez, Finance Director Dunford, Public Works Operations Superintendent Sloan, Surface Water Compliance Inspector Carter, Senior Planner Brittany Port and City Clerk Trisha Summers

### ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

None

### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Speaker	Comments
Jack Chandler	Inquired about contractor being held responsible for potholes that have been fixed and are now sinking. Several intersections have communications boxes that are tagged with graffiti. Can the city do anything to cover up those boxes and make them more presentable? Inquired about the disposition of the Community Center.

Jim Gillespie	March of Diapers was a huge success. Thank you to Police Guild, Councilmembers Whalen, Johnson and Morton and the community of Milton for their help. 158,000 diapers were contributed.
Tom Boyle	Appreciates all Council and staff. Thank you to Planning Commission for his recent appointment and the progress in the city is exciting. Welcome to the two new police officers. Police presence on the weekends is noticeable. Thank you for extra patrol. The new street signs look great!
Richard Cosner	There has been an increase in traffic at Porter and Highway 99 backing up to 5 <sup>th</sup> and sometimes 7 <sup>th</sup> . Can a stop sign be placed around that area? Building the substation cannot wait, it must happen now. Can the city investigate subsidy program for those on fixed incomes?
Paula Gehrke	Read letter to the Council regarding user agreement for the Milton Activities Center.
Kevin Ringus	Milton has been enjoying its Electric utility rates for years and now it's time they are increased to make necessary improvements to maintain our lifestyle.
Rob Dufalo	Look at keeping control of the utility and be mindful of rates in the future.
Jacquelyn Whalen	Supports raising rates and stop kicking the can. Proud and grateful to own the Electric utility. Thank you to Mayor and Finance Director for finally taking this on and trying to move it forward.

## **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

### **A. Reappointment to the Civil Service Commission**

Mayor Styron Sherrell explained that Frances Hall was previously appointed to fill a position that was vacant for a few months and would now like to reappoint Frances for a full term.

Councilmembers thanked Frances for her commitment and are happy to have her for a full term.

**MOTION** (Whalen/Johnson) to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Frances Hall to the Civil Service Commission for a term to expire March 2025. **Passed 6/0**

### **B. Appointment to the Park Board**

Mayor Styron Sherrell explained that Rob Dufalo has lived in Milton for over 20 years and has expressed a desire to serve on the Park Board. Mr. Dufalo has attended two park board meetings and would really like to dig in and help the city move forward.

Councilmembers expressed their thanks to Mr. Dufalo and welcomed him.

**Motion** (Morton/Johnson) to approve the Mayor's appointment of Rob Dufalo to the Park Board for a term to expire December 2023. **Passed 6/0**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **A. Check Approval Process**

- a. Minutes Approval:
  - i. March 18, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes
  - ii. April 8, 2019 Study Session
- b. Claims Approval:
  - i. Approval of the checks/vouchers/disbursements numbered 65024 to 65162 in the amount of \$579,251.25.
  - ii. Approval of the payroll disbursement of March 20, 2019 in the amount of \$186,266.25.
  - iii. Approval of the payroll disbursement of April 5, 2019 in the amount of \$204,117.58.

**MOTION** (Morton/Hutson) to approve the Consent Agenda. **Passed 6/0.**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **A. Shoreline Master Program Ordinance 1963-19**

Explanation of this item was covered by Senior Planner, Brittany Port.

Brittany Port explained the Shoreline Master Program update changes in a PowerPoint presentation to council. A closed record public hearing was held as required by the MMC for legislative actions.

Council asked a few clarifying questions regarding cost of small cities to keep maintaining the plan updates and commented that the update looked good and thanked Ms. Port for her work on it.

**MOTION** (Ott/Johnson) "to approve Ordinance 1963-19, adopting the amended Shoreline Master Program and amendments to Milton Municipal Code 18.12 **Passed 6/0**

### **B. Hill Creek Annexation Resolution 19-1919**

Senior Planner Brittany Port presented on this item. The annexation was originally brought to council last year, but it wasn't done correctly and now the process needs to be started over. The attached Resolution is to establish notice of intent and set a public hearing date.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions about the process for annexation and that this is a win/win for the city.

**MOTION** (Ott/Whitaker) "to adopt the attached Resolution stating the Council's intent to annex to Milton the unincorporated area of King County known as Hill Creek and setting a Public Hearing date of May 6, 2019 as required under RCW 35A.14.295." **Passed 6/0.**

### **C. Decant Facility-Change Order #1**

Stormwater Compliance Inspector Carter presented on this item. During permitting, Pierce County wanted a new sewer line to be installed due to proximity to well #10. The design is safe, but all involved would like to add the extra safety factor.

Council had questions regarding the original budget and why it hadn't been caught at the time of original design.

**MOTION** (Morton/Whalen) "to authorize the Mayor to sign Change Order #1 for the changes to the original design for construction of the Decant Facility." **Passed 6/0.**

**MOTION** to extend the Council meeting to 9:30pm (Johnson/Morton) **Passed 6/0**

### **D. Electric Utility Rate Increase Ordinance 1964-19 1<sup>st</sup> read**

Finance Director Dunford presented Ordinance 1964-19 for its first read. The item has been previously brought to council on March 18<sup>th</sup> and April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Dunford explained that the increases to the Electric utility are necessary to fund the substation replacement and restore an adequate fund balance. The opt out fee for automatic meter reads was also reintroduced.

Councilmembers commented that the fees, while nobody likes to increase them, are understandable to move forward with a new substation. Councilmembers also expressed that they would be voting for what the citizens of Milton want to see happen, not themselves.

### **E. Budget Amendment Ordinance 1962-19**

Finance Director Dunford presented this item. The proposed amendment updates the wage scale to remove the Municipal Services Administrator and replaces it with a City Engineer, brings the Public Works Director and Finance Director salary ranges to match that of the Police Chief salary range and corrects Police pay rates that are printed incorrectly on the wage scale.

Police have been being paid correctly but the rates didn't get carried over from the CBA to the wage scale correctly.

Councilmembers commented about supporting the changes and that they make sense. Council appreciated the corrections. Councilmember Ott expressed that he is not comfortable making the Public Works and Finance Directors the same pay scale as the Chief of Police.

**MOTION** (Morton/Whalen) "to adopt Ordinance 1962-19 amending the Monthly Wage Scale as outlined in Exhibits A, B and C." **Passed 5/1.**

### **F. Sound Cities Association**

Mayor Styron Sherrell presented on this item. Council has discussed whether to continue membership in SCA, weighing its benefits. Mayor and Council are not able to attend meeting often but were informed that SCA is still able to help the city with its needs by keeping the professional policy analysts informed of such needs.

SCA was able to recently help Milton secure some funding for its trail system because of Mayor's conversation with SCA administration about those needs.

Council discussed that staying with SCA makes sense and they look forward to any representation that SCA can provide Milton.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilmember Whitaker

- Spaghetti feed at Dave's for funeral expenses of two local Safeway employees.
- Thank you to new volunteers, Frances Hall and Rob Dufalo.

Councilmember Morton

- Congrats to Frances and Rob!
- Way to go to Jim Gillespie on the diaper drive, 158,000 diapers is amazing
- Disappointed to see seniors are leaving the MAC

Councilmember Ott

- Congrats to Frances Hall and Rob Dufalo, there are top notch volunteers in Milton
- Spring Clean-up is around the corner
- Police Calls seem to be up at Safeway again

Councilmember Whalen

- Mechanical boxes are covered with appliques in other cities, may be something for Milton to investigate?
- The spaghetti feed at Davis is May 10th

Councilmember Johnson

- Glad to be back in USA! Was watching last council meeting from Mexico.
- Would like to see a Milton logo on the dais. Would be nice for those viewing from home.
- We could contact the high school for an art contest to do applique art to cover the mechanical boxes.
- There is quite a bit of graffiti coming into town.

Mayor Pro Tem Hutson

- Sad to see Milton Senior Society leave
- Army Ranges are in town on April 25<sup>th</sup> at Mill Ridge Village

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

Police Chief Hernandez

- Car Wash was robbed recently
- Graffiti along Milton Way
- Vehicle prowling at 24-hour fitness
- Murder trial has started

- Christ Alexander is going to work in Lakewood
- Negotiations will start in the coming months
- Last week Sgt. Luckman participated in a PTA ice cream social as community outreach

Finance Director Dunford

- Nothing to report

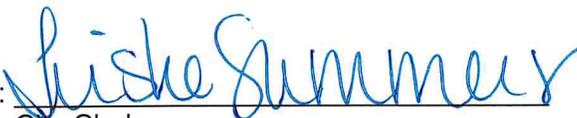
**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Surprised by the senior letter and has been transparent to them during the entire process of trying to reach an agreement.
- Lunch program will continue but repairs are needed in the MAC.
- Longhorn BBQ and Safeway Gas are coming to the city.
- Spring Clean-up/Shred event are next week.
- AWC Conference is approaching and if council wants to attend, please let me know.
- Event Committee bingo night is June 1<sup>st</sup> to raise money for Milton Days. Vendor and Sponsor forms are coming into the city.
- A peanut butter drive to help benefit IBEW is on for the month of April. Collection bin is at City Hall.
- The gift of property on 23<sup>rd</sup> that was offered to the city long ago has been rescinded. The family who currently owns the property is keeping it and selling it.
- Carson Trey Styron Foundation Annual dinner is May 11<sup>th</sup> at Emerald Downs from 2-9PM. Ticket cost is \$60.00.
- Permits have been dropped off at the city for the development of Lloyd's property.
- Permits have been dropped off for the School and Church developments also.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

  
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 Shanna Styron Sherrell, Mayor

ATTEST:   
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 City Clerk