



Regular Meeting
Monday, November 4, 2019
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

STAFF PRESENT

Police Chief Hernandez, Public Works Director Afzali, Finance Director Dunford and City Clerk Trisha Summers.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

MOTION (Whalen/Johnson) “to potentially extend the regular meeting by 20 minutes after tonight’s Executive Session to finish regular business.” **Passed 7/0**

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Attorney Scott Snyder reminded council that any comments heard tonight concerning the Bridge Development I-5 Seattle project are not to be considered outside of record. Council cannot comment and the topic will come to council on November 18, 2019.

Speaker	Comments
Maxine Carpenter	Lives in the vulnerable area of the Bridge Development project and is worried about being “wiped out”. Why didn’t she get notified of any meeting? The 200-300 block is narrow, and they are the ones in jeopardy with this project. Why not 378 th straight to 99 instead and then not put roundabout in? Wouldn’t have to redo any road then.

Cynthia Carroll	Live in bottleneck and don't see how the road is going to be widened without taking yard. Concerned about truck traffic. Will be greatly impacted.
Bruce Castle	Attended the 10/31/19 meeting which he heard about on the Moccasin Telegraph. Saw the timeline of the project and that SEPA stakeholders were notified well ahead of time. Anemic notification is insulting and has been poorly done; doesn't help anyone. Why can't the project documents go to the Milton library for all to view? There was only one comment on the SEPA checklist describing pollution/contamination at the site and it said, "none are known to exist." Nothing is available as to the past environmental site assessment.
Christy Journey	Have not seen anything addressing the nature preserve or wetlands on the other side of it if the road is widened. City of Milton purchased property years ago, put stream back to regular channel and volunteers planted several trees in the area to eliminate flooding on 5 th Avenue. Residents should have been notified a traffic study was done to open up truck traffic on 5 th . People are going to lose homes to traffic circle and haven't been notified.
Juan Silva	New to the neighborhood but sees lots of trucks and traffic now. Traffic will be a big impact when the project opens.
Robert Johnson	Is aware of the notification process and suggests that council change the process by ordinance. Truck traffic on 5 th is illegal now and police do a good job of enforcement for the most part. If 65' trucks start running up and down that road, it will be felt while he is in bed. Considered the lower end of Milton truck traffic circumstances just like you did when you recently changed the truck route. When this is up for vote, remember the city charter that says we are a residential community! Regarding fee schedule, if the city sends out notification to those that have alarms it would be easier to know to pay for the alarm registration fee.
Jim King	19-year resident of Federal Way and a registered vendor having done lots of work in Milton. What were you thinking were the possible benefits of this project? Traffic is already bad and will get worse. Would love to know the thought process. Encouraged all residents to take every legal action they can to prevent this project.
Margie Brubaker	Milton resident since 1943 and this is the worst proposal in all those years. Who has made the decision to accept this proposal? Traffic is already bad around Wild Waves and Costco and will get unbearable. The proposers only care about their project and not the entire city. It's not fair to the 5 th Avenue residents. Keep the whole city in your mind when voting on this!
Joseph Barone	Has serious reservations about being able to control truck traffic on 5 th Avenue when it can't even be controlled on Milton Way. Truck route signs haven't been changed so drivers don't know they can't use routes or don't even know signs are there.

Betty Taylor	Attended the 10/31/19 meeting and is curious how much revenue the City of Milton will receive from the proposed project and how many jobs are expected? Will the revenue come into Milton whether the road stays the same or does it have to be changed in order to receive revenue?
Jim Gillespie	Thanks to everyone who helped with Operation Clean City Green City on October 19 th . We only had 35 bags of trash, so things are improving. We have been awarded the adoption of the highway from the cemetery to 70 th . Thanksgiving food drive is kicking off and will be donated to the Fife Food Bank and Toys for Tots will kick off December 1 st . Toys will benefit the local community.
Jacquelyn Whalen	Thankful that staff has evaluated costs and please make sure to keep on task to raise next year as well so that Milton stays current with fees vs costs. In full support of the technology fee as well.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Check Approval Process

- a. Minutes Approval:
 - i. October 7, 2019 Regular Meeting
 - ii. October 14, 2019 Study Session
- b. Claims Approval:
 - i. Approval of the checks/vouchers/disbursements numbered 66015 to 66118 in the amount of \$597,983.57.
 - ii. Approval of the payroll disbursement of October 4, 2019 in the amount of \$233,182.66 and October 18, 2019 in the amount of \$192,407.26.
- c. Administrative Contract – 2020 SCORE Jail contract
- d. Administrative Contract – South Sound 911
- e. Administrative Contract – Sunnyside Jail Contract

MOTION (Morton/Tompkins) to approve the Consent Agenda. **Passed 7/0.**

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

A. Events Committee Appointment

April Balsley introduced applicant, Mari Pepping, to the council. Mari is interested in getting involved in the city and has attended a few meetings and is a good fit for the Events Committee.

Council expressed their thanks to Mari for wanting to volunteer and stated the importance of volunteers to the City of Milton.

MOTION (Johnson/Whalen) “to appoint Mari Pepping to the Events Committee for a term to expire May 2023.” **Passed 7/0**

B. Park Board Appointment

Jamie Carter introduced applicant, Heather Dufalo to the council. Heather has attended a couple meetings and is interested and excited to be using her Geography background to help on the Park Board.

Council thanked Heather for stepping up and joining the Park Board and are excited to have her join.

MOTION (Morton/Johnson) "to appoint Heather Dufalo to the Park Board for a term to expire December 2020." **Passed 7/0.**

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Styron Sherrell opened the Public Hearing at 7:38PM. No comments were made. Public Hearing was closed at 7:39PM.

Finance Director Dunford explained that a public hearing is required for the current expense budget which includes those activities primarily funded by taxes. Public testimony on revenue sources including possible increases in property tax can be taken at this time.

No members of the public spoke, and Mayor closed the meeting at 7:39PM.

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Tax Levy 2020 Ordinance 1975-19 First Read

Finance Director Dunford presented this item and explained to council how the property tax calculation is done.

Council mentioned that the increase looked minimal but had no other comments.

B. Fee Schedule Update – Resolution 19-1925

Finance Director Dunford presented this item to council, highlighting the fees that have been increased and giving explanations as to why. Fees have not been updated in many years. Public Works Afzali spoke about the addition of a new technology fee which will be assessed on plan review, civil review and building permits to help cover costs of updating software, computers, printers and training that is needed in the planning and building departments.

Council asked clarifying questions about business licenses, false alarm fees and the technology fee.

MOTION (Whalen/Morton) "to adopt Resolution 1925-19, the updated Fee Schedule, as presented." **Passed 7/0**

C. Project Acceptance of Well 10 – Phase 2 Construction

Public Works Director Afzali presented this item to council. Director Afzali explained that the project is now complete and the process to move forward with the release of retainage needs to happen as the final step.

Council was happy to hear the project was done and thanked Public Works on their work on the project. Clarifying questions were asked regarding number of wells and growth of the water system.

MOTION (Ott/Whalen) “to accept the Well 10 (Phase 2-Construction) project as complete and to move forward with the process to release retainage to Equity Builders LLC.” **Passed 7/0**

D. Project Acceptance of Milton Way Pedestrian Improvements

Public Works Director Afzali presented this item to council. This is a housekeeping item for the project that was finished in April 2018. Final acceptance should have come to council at that time, but it was overlooked. This project was federally funded so there is no retainage to release but final reports will need to be filed with Department of Revenue, Department of Labor & Industries and Employment Security to close out the project.

Council noted that this project improved the city tremendously and thanked Public Works for their work on it.

MOTION (Ott/Whalen) “to accept the Milton Way Pedestrian Improvement (Construction) project as complete. This was a federally funded project, \$CM-3288(001), LA 8220, therefore there is no Retainage to release.” **Passed 7/0**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Styron Sherrell adjourned the regular meeting to an Executive Session at 8:30PM for planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the City Council during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) for approximately 30 minutes.

Mayor concluded executive session and reopened regular meeting at 8:57PM.

COUNCIL REPORTS

- Councilmember Whitaker- nothing to add
- Councilmember Morton – Attended VFW dinner for the first time, it was very nice. Congrats to Mari and Heather for their appointments and thank you for volunteering!
- Councilmember Ott – VFW dinner was nice, and it was good to see several council members there. The Veterans Day ceremony is 11/11 at the park. Thank you to Richard Cosner for help on the event. Hope to see you all there.
- Councilmember Tompkins-Thank you to the Planning Commission for having council at your meeting, your agenda was amazing. Also attended VFW dinner and it was wonderful.
- Councilmember Whalen- Trucks coming down Milton Way still, they are moving through and not stopping to do business in Milton. Addressed council about how public was recently addressed, doesn't support intimidation and mistreatment of residents.

- Councilmember Johnson- noted a correction to the minutes from 10/7 and asked for the change to be made. Pierce County Human Services allotted 90 million in their budget, 1.2 million for Veterans.
- Mayor Pro Tem Hutson-VFW dinner was successful, a good cause!

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Police Chief Hernandez

- No report

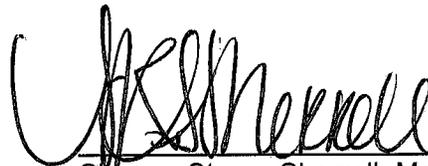
Public Works Director Afzali and Finance Director Dunford left the meeting when the Executive Session started.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- We will go through the process to change signs and notify people of the truck route change, but it will take time, be patient.
- The study session will be on 11/12 since offices are closed 11/11 for Veterans Day.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.



Shanna Styron Sherrell, Mayor

ATTEST: 

City Clerk