



Regular Meeting
Monday, December 2, 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: Councilmembers Whitaker, Morton, Ott, Gillespie, Linden, Johnson and Whalen

Absent: None

STAFF PRESENT

Police Chief Hernandez, Public Works Director Afzali, Finance Directors Dunford and Robbecke, Contract Senior Planner Brittany Port, City Engineer Jamie Carter, City Attorney Kari Sand and City Clerk Trisha Summers.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

(Ott/Whitaker)" I move to extend the meeting tonight until 10:00PM." **Passed 5,0**

SWEARING IN OF ELECTED COUNCILMEMBERS

Mayor Styron Sherrell administered the Oath of Office ceremony to newly elected councilmembers Jim Gillespie and Phil Linden. Councilmembers immediately took their seats at the dias after the oath.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION None

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Check Approval Process

- a. Minutes Approval:
 - i. November 18, 2019 Regular Meeting
- b. Claims Approval:

- i. Approval of the checks/vouchers/disbursements numbered 66192 to 66265 in the amount of \$842,342.30.
- ii. Approval of the payroll disbursement of November 20, 2019 in the amount of \$193,936.16.

MOTION (Whalen/Johnson) to approve the Consent Agenda. **Passed 7/0.**

PUBLIC HEARING for Second reading for Proposed 2020 budget

Mayor Styron Sherrell opened the Public Hearing at 7:08 PM.

There were no comments on the 2020 Proposed Budget.

Public Hearing was closed at 7:08 PM.

REGULAR AGENDA

A. 2020 Budget Ordinance 1979-19 Second Read

Finance Director Dunford presented this item for final approval. Ms. Dunford highlighted areas that had been updated since council reviewed on November 18th.

Council expressed they are happy with a clean and detailed budget.

MOTION (Ott/Morton) "to adopt Ordinance 1979-19 approving the 2020 Final Budget setting anticipated revenue, appropriating funding for expenditures, and authorizing staffing levels for 2020." **Passed 7/0**

B. Bridge Development I-5 Seattle

City Attorney Kari Sand opened the closed record hearing with the Appearance of Fairness questioning of councilmembers. Councilmember Whalen was asked to recuse himself by Councilmember Ott due to the fact that his spouse is the Chair of the Planning Commission and spoke at the October 31, 2019 Hearing Examiner meeting. Mr. Whalen left the meeting and will be called to return for council reports.

Councilmember Johnson was challenged by a party of record, Suzanne Vargo, for her ability to be fair based on comments that were made on social media. Councilmember Johnson advised that she said nothing about the project on social media and that she would bring proof of it to the next meeting. Councilmember Johnson did not recuse herself.

Councilmember Linden recused himself due to the fact that he, too, spoke at the October 31, 2019 Hearing Examiner meeting before he was elected into office. Council member Linden was asked to leave the dias but was able to stay in the audience since he was a party of record.

City Staff Brittany Port and Nick Afzali were given 30 minutes to review the Hearing Examiners recommendation with council.

The applicant was given 30 minutes to present to council a summary of the project consistent with the record as well. Applicant spoke for 20 minutes and held 10 minutes for rebuttal.

The parties of record (citizens) were also given a total of 30 minutes to comment on the Master Plan application and process. No new information was considered, only the information in the record was to be discussed.

Parties of record

Any person speaking on the Bridge Development I-5 project tonight can only do so if they were a party of record on October 31, 2019 at the Hearing Examiner meeting. Council cannot consider any new information and citizens have 30 minutes total.

Speaker	Comments
Betty Taylor	Betty would like to give her time of 4 minutes to Bruce Castle.
Bruce Castle	Bruce spoke about the time frame in which the notification process took place and that he doesn't believe it was fair. The subject of the Environmental Impact study and Hydrogeologic report was discussed and Mr. Castle pointed out the fact that they aren't included. The water wells and the issue of them possibly being contaminated was discussed.
Raymond Hermann	The amount of traffic coming through 5 th Avenue is going to be a problem to the kids waiting for busses and playing in the summer. There doesn't seem to be any police presence now. Disappointed and requests that council votes no on this project.
Joseph Barron	The road improvements don't fit and isn't impressed with the calculations provided by engineers. Feels that roundabout proposed will not work. Concerned that city will be opening itself up for lawsuits due to accidents.
Robert Gill	Worried about traffic and how residents will get out of their driveways. Worried about parking areas being taken away to widen road.
Suzanne Vargo	Spoke about truck trips and the fact that the number has changed from the beginning. Spoke about truck traffic and improvements to road from a level F to a level D. Spoke about the city not being transparent in the process. Spoke about wetlands, runoff and water wells. Asked the council for a no vote on this project.
Greg Amann	The City of Fife concurs with staff and applicant recommendations and Hearing Examiners decision that traffic impacts to Fife have been sufficiently mitigated.

Christy Journey	Opposes opening 5 th Avenue to truck traffic due to quality of life and depletion of home value. Roundabout will not accommodate trucks. No benefit to citizens and taxpayers of Milton besides traffic congestion and loss of a neighborhood.
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Council asked clarifying questions regarding the process and will continue the process on December 9th at the special meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Whitaker-

- Nothing to add

Councilmember Morton –

- Welcome to the two new council members and congrats! Thank you to Mark Hutson and Mary Tompkins for their service.
- The deicer seems to be working well and it's nice to have.

Councilmember Ott –

- Welcome to our two new council members.

Councilmember Gillespie -

- It's a pleasure to be here!
- Coats for Tots has kicked off. We are looking to get 40 coats to children in need. The deadline is December 15th. Sponsors welcome!

Councilmember Linden -

- Thank you to the voters for voting me in. I look forward to doing a good job for our city. Thank you to Mark and Mary for their service.

Councilmember Johnson-

- Welcome to our new colleagues and thank you to Mark and Mary for their service.
- Thank you to the citizens for coming to the meeting and sharing your thoughts.

Councilmember Whalen -

- Asked about being able to forward any info he has regarding Bridge project.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Nick Afzali, Public Works Director-

- There is a map on the website showing areas where deicing will take place. The product stays on streets for three days before it goes away.
- The signs for the truck routes are in and will be put up, thank you for your patience!

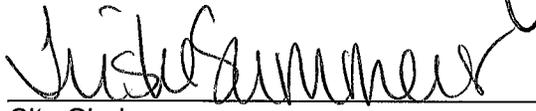
MAYOR'S REPORT

- Coats for Tots deadline 12/15/19
- Toy Drive for Fife High School going on now.
- The annual tree lighting is Saturday, December 7th at 3pm. Free crafts, chili, gifts and photos with Santa.
- Mayor and Public Works Director Afzali attended a transportation board meeting recently and asked that Milton not be forgotten.
- Happy Birthday Chief Hernandez

ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:



City Clerk



Shanna Styron Sherrell, Mayor

