



Regular Meeting  
Monday, November 18, 2019  
7:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Styron Sherrell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Councilmember Ott 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, Contract Senior Planner Brittany Port, City Attorneys Scott Snyder and Kari Sand and City Clerk Trisha Summers.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS**

(Whalen/Morton)” I move to extend the meeting tonight until 10:10PM.” **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 by council outside of the record. Council cannot comment and the topic will come to council for review on December 2, 2019.

Speaker	Comments
Betty Taylor	Inquired about revenue coming into Milton and that it won't cover the cost of the roundabout and that the property tax and jobs won't come into Milton. Employees won't spend money in Milton; Milton will not get the revenue but will get the headache. Inquired if the Mayor and Council understand the implications of the project. Asked for a 6 month or longer moratorium of the project to study it further.
Robert Johnson	Has raised a large family in Milton. A 60' easement is not enough to run trucks up and down the 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue. Noise decibels too loud.



	Worried about water being in danger and staff being distracted by the revenue and not the real issues. Does not want family exposed to diesel exhaust. Asked for a no vote or a moratorium. Insufficient notification system for a project this size and asked city of fix the process.
Robert Gill	5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue so busy you can't get out in the afternoons. Worried about the safety of kids and school busses with the added traffic. Speed limit on the road is 25 but people travel faster. Adding sidewalks will cut people off from their driveways. Would like to call for a moratorium and that Milton will not benefit from this project.
Bruce Castle	There are deficiencies in the revenue estimates and are not supported. There is a lack of a hydro-geologic report. Worried about the water situation and would like to see the report before the project is approved. Environmental impact study not done, no analysis of the water. Unidentified material on the site will be moved around near water wells and people should be worried about that.
Lynn Miller	Excluded from knowledge of project. Neighbors are shocked. All justifiably worried about the future of health and homes. Diesel fumes are serious for those with respiratory issues and children. Extra trucks and traffic will make it unlivable. Milton will not be a destination and the money from workers won't be spent here but we will get all the traffic, noise and pollution issues. Negative impact on residents and the city will be left holding the bill for expensive financial impacts when the developer is gone. Need a moratorium.
Ray Herman	There are already four-hour traffic jams daily that will only get worse with adding more trucks. Noise from diesel trucks is too loud and adding more trucks will be detrimental. Water pollution running into Hylebos could become an issue. Air pollution will increase with the added trucks. Asking for 6-month moratorium on the project.
Maxine Carpenter	Lives on narrowest point on 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue. Trucks all day long on 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue would destroy our way of life because we wouldn't be able to get out. Way of life is being sacrificed for money. Smell, noise and frustrated drivers will become the norm. The stream will become polluted with runoff and raise water level at Hylebos. Salmon and wetlands at stake.
Virginia Johnson	Moved here for a safe place to raise her family and for them to enjoy the outdoors. Will no longer be safe to play outside with all the added trucks polluting and driving up and down the street. Residents of 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue are being tossed aside. Vote no on this project.
April Elliott	New to the area and not completely against project. Is against the project being half completed and finished later. The notification process isn't being treated correctly. Worried the road won't be up to county standards. ADA and Stormwater standards need to be addressed. Wants to be able to use public transit and trail and adding the traffic will make that difficult. Safety precautions need to be in place for our children. Do this right the first time and not leave a mess behind.



Jack Chandler	This election year has been disappointing. Things posted on the internet have been unacceptable. Thank you to Mark Hutson and Mary Tompkins for their performance on the City Council. They should be commended for their service and hope council elect follows in their footsteps.
Rod Hash	Representing the Milton Police Foundation. Spoke about bears invoice needing to be paid and the President not paying the invoice. Spoke about the President wanting to hold a meeting, but the other members did not want to hold a meeting. President resigned due to conflicts of interest and political corruption.
Alice K	Representing the Milton Police Foundation. Spoke about history of the police foundation and their purpose of support the police department by sponsoring events and purchasing items for police. Spoke about the Chief of Police recently bringing up issues about council members being on the board of foundation. Never had any issues before with council members being on the board. Mentioned the council members in question were up for re-election.
Alan Sweat	Representing the Milton Police Foundation. Council members and President promoting gossip on Facebook. Letter from Milton Police Guild dissolving relationship with the Foundation. Stunned to be dismissed in this way without any discussion. Foundation is energized by this injustice and they are not done supporting the community. Turning efforts to support the 9/11 Memorial. Now have a board of 16 members and are excited to support that project.
Destynee Van Shipp	Bridge Development will affect all of our citizens. Read segment from website about the City of Milton and asked if the project is worth the sacrifice for the way of life in Milton.
Roger VonDoerhoff	Understand the financial impact that the Bridge project will bring. The residents are clearly saying No to the project. Encouraging council to consider other options: Golf course, wineries. Accept input from the community that all are in support of. Questioned the process about council not considering the public comments but not having any other chance to speak to council. Doesn't understand the process.
Margie Rose	Concerned about quality of life if the Bridge project happens. The quiet atmosphere will be replaced with grid lock. This project would cost more than our quality of life. Believes people would come and go and not spend their money in Milton. People working at new facility don't even make enough to live in Milton due to housing costs. Vote no on this project.
Sandy Hockett	Concerned for Seniors health issues and emergency vehicles not being able to get to them quickly due to the increased traffic. Minutes matter in an emergency situation. Moratorium is a good idea.
Leiter Hockett	Hospital access very important and traffic is a huge issue. Quality of air issue is a concern for those with health issues as well. Noise is already loud and will be louder with increased truck traffic.



Suzanne Vargo	Strong opposition to project. Promotes moratorium to research and study the project further. Suggests that council listen to the residents who have history and knowledge. Lack of transparency due to notification notices and signage. Concerned about aquifer and air quality. No risk management plan in the area is concerning. Emergency services will be an issue when traffic is increased. You need a moratorium and you must do one today. Be more thoughtful and respectful of this entire process. Do the right thing! Bridge's data is inconclusive.
Joseph Barrov	There is nowhere on 5 <sup>th</sup> that can be adequately widened. There are unsafe areas. Trucks need a minimum of 3 lanes wide. Demanding a moratorium on this project. The applicant is interested in money and not the quality of life. The way this was handled was legal but unethical. All should have been notified, not just the ones within legal distance.
Cynthia Carroll	Lives in Milton due to the small-town feel. Why are we turning it into an industrial city? Kick all of 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue out if you want to turn it into industrial because the way it is, we are not able to share it.
Christy Cedar	The vision for Milton hasn't changed in all the years and the GMA and Comp Plan policy and procedures hasn't changed either. We expect to still be included in the vision and planning of the development of the Lloyd's property that follows the vision for our city.
Hunter MacDonald	Questioned whether the city has considered widening the bridge and leasing tribal land. Are the warehouses really going to produce the tax revenue? Employees of the warehouses will go to the more local restaurants in other cities besides Milton. The employees won't spend money here or live here thus not contribution to the retail sales tax. Say no to this project.
Richard Cosner	Look at code and hold developer to standards. Require developer to develop to standards. The comp plan and zoning need to be worked on if we don't want big development. This should have been revised before now in order to keep development out because we are required to abide by our code. Start legislative changes now.
Grace Franich	Main concern with the Bridge project is health and safety. Would like to see free CPR, First Aid and AED devices free of charge due to the fact that it will take a long time for medical aid to arrive. May open the city up to lawsuits due to toxic water, toxic air or death while waiting for emergency services. Flooding issues will increase, and pollution will greatly increase. Hope you will do a moratorium. Most people are shocked this is even being considered.
John Emrick	The trucks will be increased but also the employee cars going in and out of the Bridge Development site. Concerned the city residents will have to pay for all the things the revenue from the project won't cover.
Jim King	Talked about the truck traffic and the ability to move the estimated 400 trucks through 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue and through a roundabout being very difficult at best. Asked council to vote their conscience.



## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Minutes Approval:
  - i. November 4, 2019 Regular Meeting
  - ii. November 12, 2019 Study Session
- b. Claims Approval:
  - i. Approval of the checks/vouchers/disbursements numbered 66119 to 66186 in the amount of \$98,759.15.
  - ii. Approval of the payroll disbursement of November 5, 2019 in the amount of \$223,047.51.

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

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Styron Sherrell opened the Public Hearing at 8:34PM.

Jacquelyn Whalen is in full support of new Planning Manager position in the budget. Reminded council to forecast in the future in 2020 budget and to please continue to support Milton Police Department with code enforcement. Mrs. Whalen also supports a microphone budget so that there are multiple microphones. Thanked Richard Cosner for recording council meetings and would like to see some more recording equipment included in budget.

Public Hearing was closed at 8:37PM.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **A. Bridge Development I-5 Seattle**

City Attorney's Scott Snyder and Kari Sand presented a slideshow to council detailing the process in which they are to review and consider the Bridge Development project. Council will have a closed record hearing on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Councilmembers were given printed binders containing the entire record this evening. The Hearing Examiner has not submitted a report yet.

Council asked clarifying questions regarding the process.

### **B. Ratify Finance Director – Michelle Robbecke**

Mayor Styron Sherrell introduced Michelle Robbecke to council and talked about the interview process and meeting with the Finance Committee. Mayor is confident that Michelle is a good fit for the Finance Director position and can start on November 25<sup>th</sup>. Tara Dunford will vacate the position on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Council members expressed their pleasure with meeting Michelle and welcomed her aboard.



**MOTION** (Whalen/Whitaker) "to ratify Michelle Robbecke in the position of Finance Director."  
**Passed 7/0**

**C. 2019 Budget Amendment #3 Ordinance 1976-19**

Finance Director Dunford presented this item to council. This item was discussed at the November 12<sup>th</sup> study session and it increases the 2019 budget to accommodate for expenditures in the general and street funds.

Council stated they are comfortable with the amendment and thanked staff for an explanation on the additional court costs.

**MOTION** (Ott/Whalen) "to adopt Ordinance 1976-19 amending the 2019 budget as outlined in Exhibit A." **Passed 7/0**

**D. 2020 Tax Levy Ordinance 1975-19**

Finance Director Dunford presented this item. This item was discussed in the November 12<sup>th</sup> study session. The ordinance pertains to the increase in regular levy only, not new construction. Amounts for the ordinance are provided by Pierce County.

Council expressed they are in full support of this housekeeping item.

**MOTION** (Morton/Ott) "to adopt Ordinance 1975-19 establishing the regular tax levy for properties located in Pierce and King counties for the year 2020." **Passed 7/0**

**E. 2020 Budget Ordinance 1979-19 First Read**

Finance Director Dunford presented this item. This item has been before council twice before and will come back again at the next meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup> for final approval. Dunford highlighted changes made to the budget since the November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting including reducing expenses in the Stormwater Capital fund and adjusting the property tax line items.

Council asked about annexation revenue and whether it would be received in 2020.

**F. Facility Use Fees Ordinance 1977-19 First Read**

Mayor Styron Sherrell presented this item to council and explained that this is a cleanup item by removing fees for rentals and administrative procedures and rules pertaining to rentals from code and instead having the code point back to the Fee Schedule and Facility Rental Agreements.

Councilmembers asked for clarification in the wording regarding guidelines for approval of facilities. Staff will revise and bring back to December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**G. Various Fee Ordinance 1978-19 First Read**

Finance Director Dunford presented this item and explained this is also a cleanup item to remove fees for business licenses and gaming licenses from code and have the code point back to the Fee Schedule.



Council expressed they are happy to see things continually being cleaned up in the code.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

### Councilmember Whitaker-

- It's nice seeing people come out and give their input at the council meetings.
- Chamber lunch last week was about veterans and was really nice.

### Councilmember Morton –

- Thank you to all who spoke this evening.
- Welcome to Milton, Michelle! I look forward to chatting with you.

### Councilmember Ott –

- Apologized for behavior at last council meeting and stated he didn't ask Chief Hernandez to have anyone removed.
- Spoke about council members representing Milton at non-council meetings without approval.

### Councilmember Tompkins-

- Welcome Michelle! We will miss Director Dunford.
- There are a few citizens who found they are blocked from the Facebook feed due to being blocked from page.

### Councilmember Whalen-

- Attended the City of Edgewood meeting and challenged a council member and was gaveled and the Mayor apologized. I am the council member that Mr. Ott is alluding to.

### Councilmember Johnson-

- It was so nice to hear all the voices during the Pledge of Allegiance tonight. Thanks to all who attended tonight.
- Thank you to the Police Foundation as well but remember there are two sides to every story.
- There will be a suicide awareness event on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm at the Veterans Memorial.

### Mayor Pro Tem Hutson-

- Thank you, veterans, for a great presentation. The Rangers would like to be part of the 9/11 memorial presentation next year.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

There were no Director Reports tonight.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

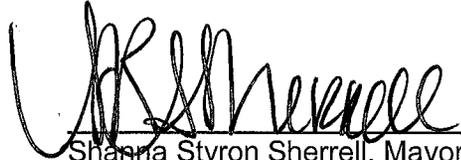
- Attended the Chamber lunch and they talked about hiring Vets and PTSD in the workplace. It was very eye opening.
- Thank you, veterans, for the Veterans Day service.
- Tree lighting is coming up on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.

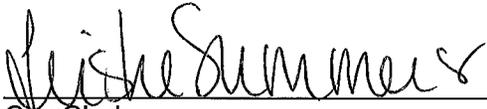


- There is a local 14-year-old in the community with cancer. His name is Brandon Way and there will be a benefit for him on November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5-8pm at Faith Family Church. Spaghetti feed and auction. If you can, please come.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

  
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Shanna Styron Sherrell, Mayor

ATTEST:   
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City Clerk

