



## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

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**Regular Meeting –via Zoom meeting # 813-9393-5888  
Monday, May 18, 2020  
6:00 p.m.**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Styron Sherrell called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and led the flag salute.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Whitaker, Johnson, Peretti, Gillespie, Morton, Linden and Whalen.

Absent: None

### **STAFF PRESENT**

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

### **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS**

Councilmember Morton would like to add discussion about increasing pay for the Mayor to tonight's agenda. Item will be added as 7B.

### **PROCLAMATIONS**

Mayor Styron Sherrell introduced National Public Works Week 2020 Proclamation. Mayor complimented the public works staff for their high level of commitment and quality of work. Thank you to all the public works staff for keeping Milton going.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Minutes Approval:
  - i. May 4, 2020 Regular Meeting
  - ii. May 11, 2020 Study Session
- b. Claims Approval:
  - i. Approval of the checks/vouchers/disbursements numbered 66983 to 67035 in the amount of \$459,326.67.
  - ii. Approval of the payroll disbursement of May 5, 2020 in the amount of \$252,048.03.

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

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **A. Budget Amendment Ordinance 1986-20 Approval**

Finance Director Robbecke presented this item for a second time. This item was brought forward at the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting the first time. This ordinance amends the 2020 budget and reflects changes that have occurred since adoption of the original budget and first budget amendment. The proposed ordinance and accompanying Exhibit A update the monthly wage scale to reflect wage rates as detailed in the Milton Police Guild and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 483 contracts.

**MOTION** (Peretti/Whalen) "to adopt Ordinance 1986-20 amending the 2020 budget to update the monthly wage scale as detailed in Exhibit A." **Passed 7/0**

### **B. Increasing Mayor Wage (added item)**

Councilmember Morton presented this item. Mr. Morton stated that the Mayor's position is grossly underpaid due to the number of hours that are being worked and the work that is being done in the absence of a City Administrator on staff. Mr. Morton stated that this has been due for quite some time and that he did a rate study with cities of similar size and would like to share the information he found the next time there is an in-person council meeting.

Councilmembers thanked Morton for bringing this issue up and agreed that a pay increase is due for the Mayor's position and would welcome the chance to review and study this more in depth when the council is able to meet again under normal circumstances.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

### Councilmember Whitaker-

- Can't believe it's been 40 years since St. Helens erupted!

### Councilmember Linden -

- Happy to help more with salary schedule for the Mayor's position and to move the wage scale along.
- National Public Works week is timely. Thank you for all you do!

### Councilmember Johnson-

- Thank you to the citizens we have joining us tonight!
- Thank you to Richard Cosner for dealing with Police Foundation issues.
- Thank you to Director Afzali for answering my questions on metering.
- Thank you to Chief Hernandez for the daily Covid reports.
- Our Public Works staff is incredible. Landscapers are out and hopefully parks can open soon.

### Councilmember Gillespie-

- Nice to see you all and can't wait to get back to normal!

### Councilmember Morton-

- The parks are looking great, Milton Way is also looking good and people are noticing.
- Missing the face to face meetings, hope to be back to normal soon.
- Appreciate the Mayor and staff and all everyone is doing during this time.

### Councilmember Whalen -

- We are learning to adjust during these trying times.
- What is the status of the retaining wall at the school?

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

### Tony Hernandez, Police Chief-

- There are lots of unemployment fraud claims. Mayor is updating the website and Facebook with information about this.
- Our officers assisted with a homicide call involving two children in Fife. Thank your Officers and Fire Department when you see them.
- Thank you to the Police Volunteers, also, for your work.

### Nick Afzali, Public Works Director-

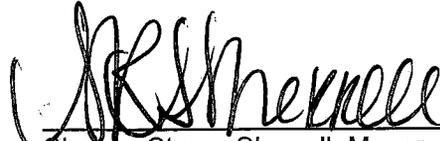
- We had a small incident on Milton Way and the flashing beacon was removed due to damage. Working with the Chief to review accident data for the last 10 years to see if the beacon is still needed.

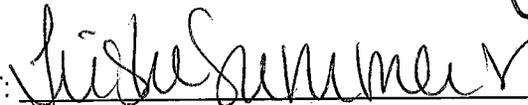
**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- The last 8-10 weeks have been very taxing, so I appreciate you recognizing me.
- All City offices will be closed on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day.
- Will keep you posted on June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.
- Thank you for continuing to Stay Home and Healthy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

  
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Shanna Styron Sherrell, Mayor

ATTEST:   
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City Clerk