



Regular Meeting -via Zoom meeting # 868-5014-7174  
Tuesday, September 8, 2020  
7:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Styron Sherrell called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Linden

**MOTION** (Johnson/Whitaker) "to excuse Councilmember Linden from tonight's meeting." **Passed 6,0**

**STAFF PRESENT**

Police Chief Hernandez, Public Works Director Afzali, City Engineer Jamie Carter and City Clerk Trisha Summers.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS**

None

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

There was no public comment submitted.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Check Approval Process**

- a. Minutes Approval:
  - i. August 17, 2020 Regular Meeting
- b. Claims Approval:
  - i. Approval of the checks/vouchers/disbursements numbered 67413 to 67509 in the amount of \$389,326.65.
  - ii. Approval of the payroll disbursement of August 20, 2020 in the amount of \$189,395.90.

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

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## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **A. Yuma Street Acceptance**

This item was presented by City Engineer, Jamie Carter. The project, contracted with Tucci and Sons, Inc, was completed and inspected in January 2020 and is now ready for Council acceptance.

Council commented that they are glad to see the project come in under budget and that we are one step ahead by doing the intersection/sidewalk portion on this project.

**MOTION** (Peretti/Johnson) "to accept the Yuma Street Overlay as complete and release the retainage to the Contractor, subject to proper releases from the State of Washington." **Passed 6,0**

### **B. Council Procedures Resolution 20-1935 Approval**

Mayor Styron Sherrell presented this item to Council. This item is coming to council for the fourth time tonight. The changes have been made per all previous discussions and input from council.

Council commented that they like the cleaned-up version of this document.

**MOTION** (Gillespie/Whalen) "to adopt Resolution 20-1935, updating the procedures for the conduct of council meetings, proceedings and business." **Passed 6/0**

### **C. Pierce Transit Board**

Mayor Styron Sherrell introduced Mayor Kim Roscoe of Fife joining us tonight to speak about her run for a seat on the Board of Commissioners of Pierce Transit. Ms. Roscoe spoke about her experience and why she was interested in the position.

Council asked about how the cities have been split up for representation compared to how they used to be split up.

**MOTION** (Whalen/Whitaker) "to move to cast the City of Milton's vote for Mayor Roscoe of the City of Fife to serve as a member of the Board of Commissioners for Pierce Transit." **Passed 6/0**

### **D. Exempt Policy Update Resolution 20-1937**

Mayor Styron Sherrell presented this item. The exempt policy hasn't been updated for a couple years and that update was minimal. The purpose of the update of this policy is to include an increase for uniform allowance for working Police Chief and also provide for city apparel at the Mayor's discretion for city Directors. Items pertaining to benefits and leave were also removed from the Employee Handbook and put into this policy where it belongs using the same format as the Collective Bargaining Agreements.

*\*The resolution was incorrectly presented as 19-1937 but has been corrected to properly represent the year in which it belongs.*

Councilmember Johnson inquired about the city logo being on city apparel.

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**MOTION** (Johnson/Peretti) "to adopt Resolution 20-1937 updating the Exempt Employee Policy regarding uniform allowance, leave accruals and benefits for exempt employees." **Passed 6/0**

#### **E. West Milton Ballfield Contract Approval**

City Engineer Jamie Carter presented this item. Six companies were solicited, and one quote was received for irrigation for the West Milton Ballfield. The cost for this is \$80,000 plus tax and it includes all necessary machinery, labor and parts to complete the irrigation system. This does not include the water meter or wiring for the control box which can be done by city public works department crews.

Council asked questions regarding the warranty for parts and maintenance of the ballfield.

**MOTION** (Morton/Peretti) "to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with R. E. Sides Landscaping, Inc. for \$87,920.00 which includes applicable sales tax to install a complete irrigation system at the West Milton Ballfield." **Passed 6/0**

#### **F. Temporary Meeting Start Time Change Ordinance 1992-20 Approval**

Mayor Styron Sherrell presented this item. Due to the fact that the meetings are still being held virtually, it was proposed to start an hour earlier to operate more efficiently during this Emergency Order.

Council would rather start council meetings one half hour earlier rather than an entire hour earlier.

**MOTION** (Morton/Gillespie) "to amend the motion to start council meetings at 6:30PM rather than 6:00PM during this Emergency Order." **Passed 6/0**

**MOTION** (Johnson/Whalen) "to adopt the attached Ordinance 1992-20, establishing a temporary meeting start time at 6:30PM during the Governor's Emergency Proclamation 20-28 and all extensions of that order." **Passed 6/0**

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

#### Councilmember Whitaker-

- Hope you all had a wonderful Labor Day.
- My heart goes out to all families affected by the fires. Appreciate all the first responders.

#### Councilmember Johnson-

- Thank you Fire and Police. Welcome to the two new police officers!
- My heart goes out to all affected by fires.

#### Councilmember Peretti-

- Appreciate seeing the council together tonight.
- Welcome to the two new police officers.
- My heart goes out to all over the fires.

#### Councilmember Gillespie-

- Regarding the fire at Porter Way and 99, kudos to the officers who helped out with that for controlling the scene last night.

- Participating in the Great Cycle Challenge in September to fight childhood cancer. Urges anyone interested to get involved thru the end of September.

Councilmember Morton-

- Thanks to the first responders dealing with the fires right now, we appreciate you.
- Congrats and welcome to the two new officers.
- Congrats to Amy Camden on her retirement.

Councilmember Whalen -

- Will not repeat what all have said but I concur.
- May not be here next Monday due to traveling.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

Tony Hernandez, Police Chief-

- Last night we were very lucky there were no injuries, only minor property damage. Mayor and I responded; the Mayor opened up the MAC to accommodate those who needed a safe place to go. The Mayor met with a fire victim who lost his outbuilding.
- Milton PD responded to Fife with a pedestrian vs vehicle collision.
- Thank you, Milton, for being so supportive of the PD. It really helps to attract officers when they know the community is so supportive.

Nick Afzali, Public Works Director-

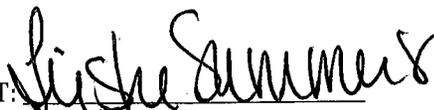
- Reviewed Yuma Street with council using a chart for answering about speeding issues. Will be watching and coordinating with neighboring jurisdictions to help with this.
- Trees and branches were falling last night. Five homes were without power but were restored by 4AM after being out since 11PM last night.

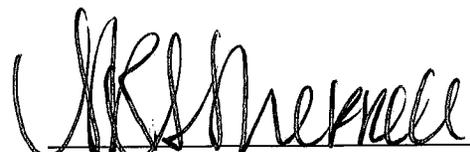
**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- OPMA has been extended through October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 9/11 Memorial has been delayed due to Covid, but it will be celebrated next year for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- VFW will be renting the MAC to hold their meetings but is getting rent waived due to the ceremonies they perform for the city.
- Food distribution is going on through October 27<sup>th</sup> from 12-1pm each Tuesday.
- Please continue to follow current Covid mandates especially at the skate park and parks.
- I was able to help out at the fire last night and was very impressed with the police work. The homeowner was extremely happy with them also.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

ATTEST:   
City Clerk

  
Shanna Styron Sherrell, Mayor