



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Monday – March 10, 2014
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Perry called the regularly-scheduled meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Perry, Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, Councilmembers Whalen, Manley, Ott, Morton, Zaroudny, and Jones

STAFF PRESENT

City Administrator Langford, City Attorney Park, Public Works Director Neal, and Finance Director Tylor

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS

None.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Speaker	Address	Comments
Susan Johnson	2307 8 th Ave	Administrator for NextDoor.com – geared toward neighborhoods rather than personal like Facebook.
Kathy Horton	Fife-Milton-Edgewood Chamber of Commerce	Announcing 3 rd annual Relay for Life on June 21-22 at Fife High School. Invites Milton to have a team or sponsor the event in some way. Leadership meetings for Relay for Life are held the 3 rd Wednesday of every month at Dacca Barn from 6:30 -7:30 pm She also thanked the City for the use of the Milton Activity Center for some meetings.

Leonard Sanderson	1201 24 th Ave Ct	The Seniors are hosting a fundraiser Wednesday night with St Patrick's day food prepared by the Mill Ridge chef – \$7 seniors/\$10 others Also, in addition to the dances held every Tuesday at noon, they are holding one this Saturday from 2-4p.m. – \$2
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CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of:

- A. Minutes
 - a. February 18 Regular Meeting
 - b. March 3 Special Meeting/Study Session (add Bio Park as present)
- B. Vouchers
- C. Porter Way Improvement Project – Close out and Acceptance

Councilmember Ott requested information on three items:

- Page 18 – Springbrook software \$1,228 monthly web payment fees – Director Tylor explained it is the cost for the interface between software and online utility payments.
- Page 22 – \$169.56 uniform jacket – Director Tylor explained this is weatherproof and reflective outerwear for the utility crew – she will report more details at the next meeting.
- Page 22 – \$84.70 – lodging at Little Creek Casino – Director Tylor and City Administrator Langford confirmed this was for a police officer training event scheduled at that location.

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, to approve the consent agenda as presented; **passed 7/0**.

PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Marijuana Moratorium

Mayor Perry opened the public hearing at 7:16 p.m.

City Administrator Langford provided some background and current status of this item.

Mayor Perry opened the floor to public comment, allowing each speaker the opportunity to speak twice if desired.

Speaker	Address	Comments
Dawn Land	2307 Fir Ct	Read prepared statement and turned in written copy for the record – is in opposition of allowing marijuana businesses in Milton – tax revenues far outweighed by other costs to the community
Jacki Stradder	1809 13 th Ave	Supports the moratorium – referred to the prior council report from Director Neal explaining that Milton is on the verge of moving to Tier 2 of electricity costs. Her rental property was home to a medical grow operation, and the power bill went from 359 to 3,871 kwh per month just to grow 15 plants. She is concerned how much of these costs will trickle down to residents. She doesn't see how the City will benefit with no sales tax and no B&O tax. She does not want to face brown-outs.
Bill Rowling	320 Birch St	Owner of Truck City CB on Pacific Highway. Business down 90% since the economic downturn. Believes Initiative 502 could be a good opportunity for him and for Milton. He offered a list of reasons his location is good for this purpose, including correct zoning, discreet industrial location, complies with state rules, children have no reason to be in the vicinity, Truck City is already a good citizen who hires local employees, vows to continue to improve the property, would like to bring sewer and natural gas to the area, wants to generate a good revenue stream for Milton, and will partner with community causes.
Jacquelyn Whalen	1605 13 th Ave	Supports the moratorium to allow for a thorough investigation of all the impacts – hopes to see more testimony at the Planning Commission level. Concerns include electric usages, tribal participation, economic benefit limited to sale tax (electric sold and retail), and the criminal impact.
Bill Rowling	320 Birch St	Responding to the concerns of power costs, he spoke with the Milton power company – there's a 7,000 volt wire right by them – a greenhouse of the size he is considering draws only 13 amps.
Linda Rutter	392 25 th Ave	Common sense says a small town like Milton would be better to not have these kinds of businesses due to the impact on the Police Department and traffic impacts.
Leonard Sanderson	1201 24 th Ave Ct	Supports medicinal use. Urges discussion to separate the different uses. Supports a moratorium until the federal and state laws get settled.

Susan Johnson	2307 8 th Ave	Believes in medicinal use – says location should be at the top of the discussions.
Leonard Sanderson	1201 24 th Ave Ct	Provided a printout from MRSC for the record.
Mike Rutter	392 25 th Ave	Explained the dramatic rise in crime in his neighborhood has been found by police to be due to drug abuse. Opposed to anything that will create an environment of crime, and supports a ban on marijuana businesses.
Dawn Land	2307 Fir Ct	Supports individual use for medicinal purposes, but still strongly opposes retail business in Milton – suggests inviting the police to speak on the issue.
Kathy Horton	FME Chamber	Point of information – on Military Road just past Five Mile Lake there's a medical dispensary.

Mayor Perry closed the public hearing at 7:49 p.m.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- Received notice from AWC that the current marijuana legislation that has been passed by Senate and is now in the House does not allow for local jurisdictions to receive funds.
- Three marijuana business applications have been received in Milton, and one of those has been withdrawn.
- Regarding the Interurban Trail landslide, a contractor is on site today for repairs, and work is underway for permanent repair.
- The T-Ball field was inspected last week, and benches have been ordered and should be here next week, and the backstops will be relocated as soon as the weather allows.
- The compliance officer checked in with several locations thought to be operating commercial parking businesses; all were happy to cooperate and have already complied.
- Doing a safety presentation with other officers at Heather Hills on Tuesday night.
- Regarding city staffing, two finalists will be interviewed next week for the financial supervisor position, and interviews are underway now for the administrative assistant position in Public Works.

City Attorney Park made a point of information – the marijuana permit applications that were received by Milton were not vested prior to the moratorium.

COUNCIL REPORTS

- Councilmember Zaroudny
 - Jack Chandler reported to her that the 9/11 Memorial is on hold waiting for New York contacts to say whether or not Milton will receive a piece.

- Stands in support of a moratorium on marijuana businesses until things at the state and federal levels are made clear.

City Attorney Park made a point of information – the federal government has issued some banking regulations, so it is now up to the banks to decide whether to take the related risks.

- Councilmember Manley
 - Supports a moratorium on marijuana businesses – doesn't want Milton to be poster child on this issue – wants more legal advice
- Councilmember Morton
 - Thanks to audience for speaking tonight – in favor of a moratorium due to so many unanswered questions
- Councilmember Ott
 - Attended the PCRC general assembly and provided printed information from it for those interested. Consensus of the assembly to urge legislators to restore funding to the Public Works assistance program and to finish SR167 from Puyallup to SR509. The guest speaker was a renowned architect – based on his presentation, Milton's visioning work is going in the right direction
 - Regarding marijuana land uses, it is a legal substance, and we have to regulate according to state laws – favors the moratorium until the state settles regulations
- Councilmember Whalen
 - Thanks to audience for speaking – encourages future participation
 - Requested statistics from East Pierce Fire – it's been several months since last updated
 - Appreciates the follow up on the commercial parking issue
- Councilmember Jones
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 - Passed on information regarding cooperation with neighboring police department
 - Favors the marijuana moratorium
- Mayor Pro Tem Taylor
 - Update on light bulb exchange – 12 residents have signed up
 - Representative Freeman has sent the City an email reporting that the City's request for capital funding has passed the House and is now waiting on approval from the Senate.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- She and City Administrator Langford met with Edgewood's City Manager and Mayor to discuss possible ways for the two cities to work together.
- Participating in the staffing interviews – all great candidates, making the hardest part picking the best person.
- Enjoyed this past weekend, as it is the first one in 2014 with no city obligations.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN (Mayor Pro Tem Taylor/Councilmember Ott) – Adjourned at
8:12 p.m.



Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa M. Tylor
Lisa Tylor, City Clerk