



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Monday – April 14, 2014
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Perry called the regularly-scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilmember Morton (**Motion** to excuse (Whalen/Taylor) – **Passed 6/0.**)

STAFF PRESENT

City Administrator Langford, City Attorney Park, Public Works Director Neal, and Finance Director Tylor, City Clerk Bolam, Finance Tech Dabson, Officer Kidwell

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS

None.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None.

PRESENTATION

A. Wellness Committee

Finance Tech Dabson presented information regarding the City's Wellness program, saying she is pleased and proud to announce that the City has earned the 2014 Well City Excellence Award, resulting in a 2% discount on the City's medical insurance premiums for 2015. Thank you to City Council and Mayor for support.

She explained that the criteria to earn the award increases from year-to-year, and the City would not have earned the award with the support and participation of directors and

executive staff. Furthermore, in order to earn the award for 2015, two things are needed:

1. Must address 2 of the 3 areas of concern highlighted from the annual employee survey through AWC – stress, depression and weight. The Wellness Committee is already working on this, beginning with an employee survey to explore ways to address these areas.
2. Must increase support and participation among elected officials, employee spouses, and the community. If these groups are committed to healthy living, then our employees will also be. The Committee will be inviting these groups to join in the activities of the Wellness Committee.

Officer Kidwell presented a proposal to install stairs, increasing access to the Interurban Trail, saying this would help toward meeting several Wellness initiatives.

Council expressed support for the Wellness Committee and the plan for the stairs in particular. Director Tylor thanked Finance Tech Dabson for her participation on the Wellness Committee and reporting to AWC for award eligibility.

The Mayor expressed appreciation to the Wellness efforts, which have resulted in earning this award 3 years running, and saving the City about \$30,000.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of:

- A. Minutes
 - a. March 17 Regular Meeting
 - b. April 7 Special Meeting/Study Session
- B. Claims Approval

Councilmember Zaroudny received clarification on two vouchers, numbers 55014 and 55016.

MAYOR PRO TEM TAYLOR MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to approve the consent agenda. **Passed 6/0.**

REGULAR AGENDA

- A. 1st Quarter Financial Report

Director Tylor presented the report, explaining that overall both revenues and expenses are right about 25% for the year, in line with expectations. She expounded on a few line items.

Councilmembers expressed appreciation for the format of the report.

- B. Street Vacation Petition

Director Neal explained that the City had received a petition from landowners in March requesting that the City relinquish a section of right-of-way to their ownership. She explained the code requirements that have been met, the process needed to complete the transaction if approved, and some complicating factors yet to be worked out.

City attorney Park said that this is not a typical vacation request due to the location lying on a city boundary, among other items.

Councilmember Whalen said that the circumstances of this location make this a reasonable petition, and would like to see any funds that may be received for this put toward pedestrian safety improvements.

Speaker	Address	Comments
Leonard Sanderson	1201 24 th Ave Ct	Says the property to the east was Pierce Co, and the county's standard was 30' roadway, even though Milton's has been 60'. Calculation – he gets different figure and slightly different value than shown in packet materials. City may not own the street – might have a perpetual easement. There would be a \$350/year real estate tax difference from a transaction.
Jacquelyn Whalen	1605 13 th Ave	The advantage of this transaction to the property owner will be enough land for at least one and maybe two additional single-family residences.
Leonard Sanderson	1201 24 th Ave Ct	Each lot is just under 17,000 sf – not small lots.

City attorney Park clarified that, regardless of whether the city owns the right-of-way or has an easement, the City has equal rights for compensation.

C. Acceptance of Department of Commerce Grant for LED Streetlights

Director Neal announced that the City has received official notice of a grant award of \$217,600, which will allow Milton to convert all street lights to LED at no cost to Milton citizens.

COUNCILMEMBER OTT MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to accept the Department of Commerce Energy Efficiency grant for the LED Streetlight Retrofit Project in the amount of \$217,600 and authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary documents.

Councilmembers expressed appreciation for the initiative and effort to secure this grant.

Director Neal said the decision hasn't been made whether to have city staff or an outside contractor do the work.

The motion was voted on and passed 6/0.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- An all-city employee meeting was held recently with department reports new employee introductions.
- The Mayor has accepted an invitation and will be speaking at the Cambodian New Year celebration.
- There's a possibility of receiving some donated carpet for the office space remodel.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmembers expressed appreciation for the "show-and-tell" of the vector truck and the employee's expertise prior to this council meeting.

- Councilmember Whalen
 - Noticed that the T-Ball fields are coming along nicely – anxious to see kids use it and the new benches.
 - Frustrated with East Pierce Fire District – still no statistics and hasn't been getting commissioner's packets. The District needs to understand its obligation to the City of Milton.
 - Notices some extremely dirty intersections, particularly at Oak/13th, where stormwater has dislodged dirt/debris from the side of the street.
- Councilmember Jones
 - Kudos to Public Works employee Glen Baker. Councilmember Jones' neighbor had a water issue one evening and Glen was at his house at 8am to help out.
- Councilmember Zaroundny
 - A warm welcome to new City Clerk Katie Bolam.
- Councilmember Manley
 - The Interurban Trail is so nice; is there a plan for its continuance to Edgewood? Director Neal answered that city sidewalks connect for the time being; the trail continuation is on the TIP, but is currently unfunded.
- Councilmember Ott
 - Asked if the mudslide on Interurban Trail is completely fixed. Director Neal answered that the emergency repairs are completed and the permanent revision to the storm water system is starting soon.
 - Asked about progress on the possibility of moving the street light near 17th/Alder. Director Neal answered that it will be addressed as part of the LED street light project.
 - Community members have mentioned to him they are pleased to notice the increased presence of police officers.
 - Asked about the current police reserves status. City Administrator Langford answered that, of the 4 reserves Milton had, 1 went to Seattle, 2 are actively working, and 1 will graduate from the academy in May. The Department may recruit another to replace the 1 who went to Seattle.
- Mayor Pro Tem Taylor
 - CFL light bulb exchange is up to 30 homes in Heather Hills. He likes the lighting much better.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Appreciates the tractor show and tell and Wellness presentation; she likes the opportunity when employees can share.
- T-ball park benches are installed; she's impressed with the accomplishment given the extreme rain. Grass was planted, but it might not sprout; if not, they will do it again after T-Ball season.
- Encourages participation in Park Appreciation Day April 26.
- Encourages participation in the Shredding Event April 26.
- Encourages participation in the Skate Park Spaghetti Celebration on May 2, with proceeds going to the Event Committee for Milton Days.
- Encourages participation in Senior Center's Rummage Sale April 26-27.
- Attended the Port of Tacoma breakfast – to stay competitive with Canada, they must quit competing with the Port of Seattle and join together.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn (Whalen/Taylor). Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:



Katie Bolam, City Clerk