



Regular Meeting –via Zoom meeting # 836-6487-7078
Monday, August 17, 2020
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Styron Sherrell called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

STAFF PRESENT

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

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

Motion (Whalen/Whitaker) “to remove item 7B from the agenda for tonight’s meeting.” **Passed 7/0**

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

All public comments that were submitted to the City Clerk will be attached to these minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Check Approval Process

a. Minutes Approval:

- i. August 3, 2020 Regular Meeting
- ii. August 10, 2020 Study Session

b. Claims Approval:

- i. Approval of the checks/vouchers/disbursements numbered 67348 to 67412 in the amount of \$631,827.21.
- ii. Approval of the payroll disbursement of August 5, 2020 in the amount of \$243,105.40.

MOTION (Morton/Gillespie) “to approve the Consent Agenda.” **Passed 7/0.**

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Styron Sherrell read the Proclamation for the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Utility Assistance Program Resolution 20-1936 Approval

Director Robbecke presented this item. The City was awarded \$237,900 from the Local Government Coronavirus Relief Fund administered by the Washington State Dept. of Commerce. The city will utilize funds to cover unanticipated and unbudgeted costs for public health and safety related to COVID-19. The City will also help citizens who have been negatively impacted by COVID-19 by providing assistance to eligible residential utility customers with up to \$300 per household to pay their utility bills. There will be an application process and funds will be awarded on a first come first served basis. The amount allocated to support the Utility Assistance program is \$50,000.

Council expressed that they were in favor of this item coming to them.

MOTION (Morton/Peretti) “to authorize the Mayor to sign the attached Resolution 20-1936, establishing a Utility Assistance Program and allocating CARES Act funds in an amount not to exceed \$237,900.” **Passed 7/0**

B. Council Procedures Resolution 20-1935 Approval

This item has been removed from the agenda for tonight’s meeting.

C. East Pierce-Community Building contract approval

Finance Director Robbecke presented this item to council. East Pierce Fire and Rescue has a temporary need for additional space during construction of a new fire station and has expressed interest in rental of the Community Building through August 31, 2022. The city has negotiated a short-term rental agreement that is amendable to both parties. The annual revenue in rent to the city is \$8,174 plus annual CPI. Tenant will be responsible for all utilities as well as routine maintenance and janitorial duties.

Council is glad to see this and are happy to be able to help out. This is a win/win for the community.

MOTION (Linden/Gillespie) “move to approve the attached Lease Agreement with East Pierce Fire & Rescue, detailing the terms and conditions by which the Milton Community Building will be utilized, and authorize the Mayor to execute said agreement.” **Passed 7/0**

D. East Pierce-Fire Station contract approval

Finance Director Robbecke presented this item to council. East Pierce Fire & Rescue is in temporary need of additional space during construction of a new fire station and has expressed interest in the rental of three additional office spaces in the fire station building through August 31, 2022. The annual revenue increase in rent to the city is \$1,434 plus annual CPI and an increased percentage of shared utilities.

Council is glad to be able to accommodate East Pierce Fire & Rescue.

MOTION (Peretti/Whalen) “to approve the attached Lease Agreement with East Pierce Fire & Rescue, detailing the terms and conditions by which East Pierce Fire & Rescue and the City of Milton will utilize the fire station building and authorize the Mayor to execute said agreement.”

Passed 7/0

E. Mayor Compensation Ordinance 1991-20 Approval

Finance Director Robbecke presented this item to council. The Mayor’s current compensation rate is \$2250 per month. This rate was established for the ceremonial or other regularly established duties of the position which is not consistent with a full time Mayor. To recognize the additional duties and efforts required for the position, a salary of \$72,000 per year with no medical or other benefits was suggested by City Council members at the August 10, 2020 study session. Current allocation in the 2020 budget affects the General fund, Water fund, Electric fund, Stormwater fund and Information Technology fund. It is recommended the Mayor perform a new time study to determine if the existing allocation reflects the current duties and responsibilities of the Mayor.

MOTION (Morton/Gillespie) “to repeal Ordinance 1988-20 and establish a new salary for the Mayor of \$6,000 per month or \$72,000 per year, consistent with a full time Mayor.” **Passed 7/0.**

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Whitaker-

- Glad we came together and gave increase to Mayor with the data we were given.
- Glad to see East Pierce contracts that we have passed and that we are able to help East Pierce.

Councilmember Linden -

- Appreciate everyone’s work and due diligence on the Mayor compensation.
- Yuma Street is confusing because the speeds change on it. Would it be possible to work with Edgewood on this?

Councilmember Johnson-

- Thank you to Director Afzali for offering to contact citizen on “net metering”. Also, thanks for email today regarding safety issues and walkers, it’s very dangerous.

Councilmember Gillespie-

- Thanks for all the staff and council effort that went into the Mayor’s compensation agenda item.

Councilmember Morton-

- Thanks to all staff and council for the info provided on Mayor’s compensation.
- It was sad to see last weekend go by without Milton Days. Worked at the park on the yarn collage this weekend.

Councilmember Peretti-

- I tip my hat the citizens for responding to the pandemic in the parks and on the trail. Federal way has had to shut down parks and Milton citizens are doing a great job and I appreciate that.
- Thank you to the council for working diligently on the Mayor’s compensation, it was good to hammer that out.

Councilmember Whalen -

- Thank you everyone for the willingness to work through tough issues and I'm proud to be a part of this group.
- For Director Afzali-are the tainted water issues due to construction in Edgewood?
- Rob McDonald has had an accident and prayers would be appreciated.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Tony Hernandez, Police Chief-

- There is an arson investigation on 10th in Milton. There were minor injuries of two officers involving a domestic violence case, but nobody hurt, and the fire was extinguished.
- Milton helped with a fire response off of 23rd today.
- Speeding up Taylor is an issue. People use Milton to escape other jurisdictions for crime committed there and the police are very busy with this issue.

Nick Afzali, Public Works Director-

- We submitted a TIB grant application for Porter Way widening between Fife Way and Milton Way. The cost is \$740,908 and we are asking for \$666,817. There is a 10% match.
- There is traffic "road runner" data collection taking place for speed, volume, gap, etc. There is also a license plate study happening. We will use these data to determine the type of traffic calming devices to install on Yuma Street in Milton.
- The corner of Kent street property is being made ready for more parking as part of new sidewalks on Kent Way project.
- WSDOT is closing I-5 on 8/28 and 8/29 for new overpass girders. Lots of traffic will be using Hwy 99 during this time.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Fall Council Retreat will be on a Thursday at 10AM either mid-late September or early October.
- Sad to not have Milton Days and truly looking forward to next year. National Night Out, the Craft Bazaar and Tree lighting are looking grim as well.
- OPMA extension lasts through September 1st so we will just go with the flow. Continue to do what you can to stay safe and healthy.
- Will update community on school lunch program and the CARES info.
- Detective Amy Camden is retiring on August 28, 2020.
- Thanks for the hard work on the Mayor compensation. Milton will continue to move forward in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Shanna Styron Sherrell, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk