

Trisha Summers

From: Trisha Summers
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 2:43 PM
To: Michelle Robbecke
Subject: RE: Mayor Salary Study

I have thoughts. Call me

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From: Michelle Robbecke <mrobbecke@cityofmilton.net>
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From: Tony Hernandez
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To: Trisha Summers; Michelle Robbecke
Subject: Re: Mayor Salary Study

You can still send better sooner than later. Up to you !

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From: Trisha Summers <tsummers@cityofmilton.net>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 2:42:34 PM
To: Tony Hernandez <thernandez@cityofmilton.net>; Michelle Robbecke <mrobbecke@cityofmilton.net>
Subject: RE: Mayor Salary Study

What about sending to council early Monday morning and then screen share at the meeting? It's too late to include, packets went out yesterday

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Cc: Trisha Summers <tsummers@cityofmilton.net>
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I would include so public has time to view.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 10, 2020, at 2:01 PM, Michelle Robbecke <mrobbecke@cityofmilton.net> wrote:

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MAYOR COMPENSATION ALLOCATION AND FUNDING

Mayor Compensation Allocation

Mayor Compensation			City Administration Compensation			Total Mayor and City Administration Compensation		
Amount	Percentage	Fund	Amount	Percentage	Fund	Amount	Percentage	Fund
\$ 19,445	72.02%	General Fund	\$ 16,635	24.94%	General Fund	\$ 36,080	38.51%	General Fund
\$ 2,611	9.67%	Electric Utility Fund	\$ 18,576	27.85%	Electric Utility Fund	\$ 21,187	22.61%	Electric Utility Fund
\$ 2,751	10.19%	Water Utility Fund	\$ 10,905	16.35%	Water Utility Fund	\$ 13,656	14.57%	Water Utility Fund
\$ 1,912	7.08%	Stormwater Utility Fund	\$ 7,477	11.21%	Stormwater Utility Fund	\$ 9,389	10.02%	Stormwater Utility Fund
\$ 281	1.04%	Information Technology Fund	\$ 12,760	19.13%	Information Technology Fund	\$ 13,041	13.92%	Information Technology Fund
\$ -	0.00%	Vehicle Maintenance Fund	\$ 347	0.52%	Vehicle Maintenance Fund	\$ 347	0.37%	Vehicle Maintenance Fund
\$ 27,000	100.00%		\$ 66,700	100.00%		\$ 93,700	100.00%	

Allocations are based on a 2018 time study used for the 2019 Budget. A new time study will be completed in 2020 for use in the 2021 Budget.

Mayor Compensation Funding for 2020

Amount	Fund	Funding Source
\$ 18,040	General Fund	Annual amounts for wages and benefits are included in the 2020 Budget for positions that have not yet been filled or will not have a full year of compensation.
\$ 10,594	Electric Utility Fund	Wages and benefits as well as total expenditures are currently under budget by more than this amount.
\$ 6,828	Water Utility Fund	Wages and benefits as well as total expenditures are currently under budget by more than this amount.
\$ 4,694	Stormwater Utility Fund	Wages and benefits as well as total expenditures are currently under budget by more than this amount.
\$ 6,521	Information Technology Fund	Expenditures in this internal service fund are distributed among multiple funds based on calculated allocations.
\$ 173	Vehicle Maintenance Fund	Expenditures in this internal service fund are distributed among multiple funds based on calculated allocations.
\$ 46,850		

*Amount equals one-half of annual compensation amount.
(July 2020 - December 2020)*

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Don't forget, if you get any questions and answer them, **reply to All Council** so they all get the same info. Thanks 

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To: Michelle Robbecke; Tony Hernandez; Nick Afzali
Subject: Please review
Attachments: 7.13.20 Minutes.docx

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Same

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From: Nick Afzali
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 11:52 AM
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Looks good. No comments.

Nick

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From: Michelle Robbecke
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 12:55 PM
To: Trisha Summers
Subject: Mayor Salary Ordinances
Attachments: Mayor Salary Study Ordinance-Mayor Only.docx; Mayor Salary Study Ordinance-City Administrator (Clean).docx; Mayor Salary Study Ordinance-City Administrator (Redline).docx

Hi Trisha,

The ordinances for the Mayor's salary adjustments are attached. As we discussed, I created a new ordinance for the base salary portion of the Mayor's compensation and used the existing draft ordinance for the City Administrator portion of the Mayor's compensation. I made a few small changes to the existing draft ordinance for the City Administrator portion, so a redline version is also attached showing these changes. Also, please check the ordinance numbers to make sure they are appropriate. Thanks!

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From: Trisha Summers
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 1:39 PM
To: Michelle Robbecke
Subject: RE: Mayor Salary Ordinances

I forwarded to Scott and he can't look at right now. Said he'd get back to me by 10am tomorrow latest. I am putting packet together without and will have everyone review up to that point. Thx

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From: Trisha Summers
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 3:03 PM
To: Shanna Styron-Sherrell; Tony Hernandez; Nick Afzali; Michelle Robbecke
Subject: Preview
Attachments: July 20, 2020 Agenda Packet.pdf

Here is the packet so far...wanted to give you a jump on looking at it now. The Mayor salary study portion is with the attorney to review and he's having system issues and might not get to it until tomorrow morning. Please review what I have so far and let me know any changes. This really helps expedite things tomorrow so I appreciate it.

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From: Michelle Robbecke
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 3:41 PM
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Subject: Mayor Salary Agenda Items
Attachments: Agenda Items 6D & 6E.pdf

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From: Trisha Summers
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Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 7:06 PM
To: Robert Whalen
Subject: Please call me

I have serious concerns about this massive raise for our Mayor. I am hoping that this is not being fast tracked as it appears to be. I did not vote for this and I expect my representatives to be qualified and I don't see any qualifications that would justify a salary anywhere near what is being discussed. Please tell me I'm wrong.

Thank You,

John 253-651-5756

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From: MeChelle Smith <MeChelle.Smith@deutschfamily.com>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2020 11:44 AM
To: Trisha Summers
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Subject: 500% pay Raise for the Mayor

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From: Susan Johnson
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2020 4:19 PM
To: Romans8@comcast.net
Subject: Your Email

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I will like to answer paragraph 6.

Todd Morton did add it to the agenda at a May meeting. The Finance Committee did meet on this issue on July 8. There was a study session on July 13 to discuss the issue.

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Susan

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Subject: [External] Email re Mayor Salary

This communication originated from an external source and did not originate within DFWS.

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Sent: Sunday, July 19, 2020 10:47 PM
To: Trisha Summers <tsummers@cityofmilton.net>
Subject: Fwd: Mayor salary concern

Ms Summers,

I respectfully request that this email be forwarded to the entire city prior to Monday's council meeting

Thank you,

John

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: imjohnhutton@gmail.com
Date: July 17, 2020 at 11:36:05 PM PDT

To: sjohnson@cityofmilton.net

Cc: rwhalen@cityofmilton.net

Subject: Mayor salary concern

Council Member Johnson,

My name is John Hutton and I am a long time resident of Milton (28 years) I have served on the city's park commission and I have served this community in many ways over the years in all of the youth sports programs offered in our community.

I am writing to you with a serious concern that needs to be addressed immediately. It is my understanding that the council intends to raise the Mayor's salary dramatically this coming Monday. This needs to put on hold until the citizens have an opportunity to speak directly to the council in person when this Covid-19 crisis gets solved enough to allow in person council meetings.

I have several concerns about you taking this action during a world wide pandemic that has negatively affected many of our residents. Your process is flawed from the very start and the optics are horrible. Subordinates recommending their direct supervisor for a massive increase in compensation is ridiculous and not well thought out. Think about it Mrs Johnson, what do you think they might recommend? Of course they will advise you to do this. They are at risk of retaliation if they said no.

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Thank you for your time and your service to our community, feel free to write or call if you would like to discuss this further.

John Hutton
253-651-5756

Sent from my iPad

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From: cdaniels@mcclatchy.com <cdaniels@mcclatchy.com> **On Behalf Of** LegalsWest, MCC
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 10:31 AM
To: Trisha Summers <tsummers@cityofmilton.net>
Subject: Re: Please publish

Hello,

I have attached here the ad order confirmation. We will need a response no later than 7/21/2020 by 1:30 pm. If we do not receive a response this ad will automatically run on the 7/22/2020 as is. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Calandra Daniels
817-390-7547

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An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Milton, Washington, establishing a new base salary for the Mayor and the terms and conditions applicable thereto and providing for severability, an effective date, and for summary publication by ordinance title only.

Thank you!

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Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 3:21 PM
To: 'Peterson, Josephine'
Subject: RE: Mayoral salary

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The minutes from last night's meeting won't be made public until they are voted on and approved at the next meeting 8/3. Item 6D was voted on and unanimously passed. Item 6E was tabled to 8/3/20.

Councilmember Morton's email is tmorton@cityofmilton.net and Mayor's is ssyronsherrell@cityofmilton.net. You will probably have better luck emailing them, as their schedules will probably easier accommodate that. Thank you

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Trisha Summers

From: receptionist@mrsc.org
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 4:09 PM
To: Susan Johnson
Subject: MRSC Research Request Received

Thank you for contacting MRSC. Your research request was just received and as soon as we confirm your eligibility for our Ask MRSC service, we will assign your request to a consultant. Thank you.

Name: Susan Johnson
Email: sjohnson@cityofmilton.net
Jurisdiction: Milton
Title: Position 2
Phone Number: 2533345088
UrgencyLevel: Within 3 business days
UrgencyDetail:
Category: Legal

Inquiry: The City of Milton is meeting via zoom and for the first time last night had 15 citizens sign on. The hot topic is Mayor's Salary and Benefits. Did Proclamation 20.28 remove restrictions from the actions of Council ? I saw on the wssda.org site that Proclamation 20.28.7 extended the waivers and suspensions until August 1, 2020. It stated Proclamation 20-28.3 waives/suspends portions of the OPMA and PRA and the July Proclamation no longer restricts the action that boards may take during meetings. Boards are no longer restricted to action deemed "necessary and routine"... Does this apply to Cities? Does this mean a City may not take action on Salary information related to the budget. through a zoom meeting but must be held in a public setting? Thank you, sUSAJF Johnson Position 2

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Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 12:14 PM
To: Shanna Styron-Sherrell
Subject: Re: Mayor salary

Friday morning works for me. I'll call your office line.

Talk then,
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Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 8:37 PM
To: Michelle Robbecke
Cc: Shanna Styron-Sherrell
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Director Robbecke,

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Thank you. You can provide at council meeting to give you more time.

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

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Response: Yes, the current Governor's Proclamation 20-28.7 regarding the OPMA does not restrict the actions that may be taken by a governing board including City Councils. In fact, since June 1 and Proclamation 20-28.4 there is no longer a "necessary and routine" limitation, so your council may consider and take action on other city business including the budget, the mayor's salary, and other matters. Here is an excerpt from MRSC's COVID-19 FAQs explaining the history:

The Governor's emergency [Proclamation 20-28](#), issued March 24 and subsequently extended several times, prohibited agencies from taking "action," as defined in [RCW 42.30.020](#), unless those matters were necessary and routine or were necessary to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak and the current public health emergency. However, while [Proclamation 20-28.4](#) (issued May 29) extended most of the OPMA prohibitions and suspensions through June 17, 2020, including the requirement that meetings be held remotely, it removed the prohibition on taking "action." Effective June 1, agencies may resume taking "action" at meetings.

There is no distinction between actions that may be taken at a council meeting that is held remotely vs an "in-person" meeting. Both types of meetings are public meetings subject to the OPMA. Governor Inslee's [Proclamation 20-28](#), issued March 24 (and extended most recently through at least August 1 by the [state legislative leadership](#) and [Proclamation 20-28.7](#)), actually prohibits meetings in a physical location for those jurisdictions in Phases 1 and 2.

I trust this is useful to you. I recommend you consult with your city attorney if you need legal advice about this issue. Let me know if you want to discuss this response.

Linda Gallagher
Legal Consultant
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Trisha Summers

From: Susan Johnson
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 12:49 PM
To: brinearson@cityofportorchard.us
Subject: Elected Official salaries

Ms. Rinearson,

I am researching info on cites re salary commissions and elected official salaries.

Could you share with me the following:

1. Did Gig Harbor use a salary commission to determine elected official salaries?
2. How often does your council review salaries for elected officials and when was the last time the mayor received an increase?
3. Does your mayor receive benefits with the wages?
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From: Susan Johnson
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 1:09 PM
To: jasonw@sumnerwa.gov
Subject: Questions re elected official salaries

Mr. Wilson,

I am researching info on cites re salary commissions and elected official salaries.

Could you share with me the following:

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To: Susan Johnson
Subject: Elected Official Salaries

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Either we can add an item or maybe do council, director and mayor's reports between the salary study and public hearings? That's an idea too

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From: Michelle Robbecke
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 4:42 PM
To: Trisha Summers; Shanna Styron-Sherrell; Tony Hernandez; Nick Afzali
Subject: RE: Meeting for Monday

Sorry, I don't have anything.

Michelle Robbecke

Finance Director
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Thank you ma'am....I don't use Gmail a lot I use Hotmail.... but got me right in.
Thank you for resending

I truly believe there are a lot of citizens that aren't aware of this. I just found out a week ago neighbor just found out today.....

That is reason there were concerns.

I would think citizens of Milton would get to vote on this kind of position & raise...

Thank you

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