



MINUTES

City Council Regular Meeting

6:00 PM - Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Council Chambers, 15728 Main Street, Mill Creek, WA 98012

Minutes are the official record of Mill Creek City Council meetings. Minutes document action taken at the council meeting, not what was said at the council meeting.

A recording of this City Council meeting can be found [here](#).

The agenda packet for this City Council meeting can be found [here](#).

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pruitt called the meeting of the Mill Creek City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Boy Scout Troop 120.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present:

Pam Pruitt, Mayor

Brian Holtzclaw, Mayor Pro Tem

Vince Cavaleri, Councilmember

Mike Todd, Councilmember

Mark Bond, Councilmember

Jared Mead, Councilmember

John Steckler, Councilmember

Councilmembers Absent:

PRESENTATIONS

A. Check Presentation: 35th Ave SE Reconstruction Project Grant

Snohomish County Council Member Terry Ryan presented a \$50,000 grant to the City for reconstruction of 35th Ave SE.

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION

- B.** Robert Fletcher, a Mill Creek resident and member of the Parks HOA, asked Council to consider a tree and sidewalk replacement program to be included in the upcoming Capital Improvement Plan to address problems with the trees and sidewalks of the City owned planter strips. Mr. Fletcher left [written comments](#) and pictures of tree and sidewalk concerns with the Clerk to be entered into record.

Edward Stroman, a Mill Creek resident and member of the Parks HOA, asked Council to consider a tree and sidewalk replacement program to be included in the upcoming Capital Improvement Plan to address problems with the trees and sidewalks of the City owned planter strips. Mr. Stroman left [written comments](#) with the Clerk to be entered into record.

Anne Chamberlain, a Mill Creek resident, spoke on behalf of James Stibich asking Council to consider a tree and sidewalk replacement program to be included in the upcoming Capital Improvement Plan to address problems with the trees and sidewalks of the City owned planter strips.

John Turner, a Mill Creek resident, concurred with previous speakers and asked Council for help with this issue.

Herbie Martin, a Mill Creek resident, asked Council to consider allowing Mill Creek AMVETS Post 2018 free use of space in City Hall North. Mr. Martin provided a [letter](#) summarizing his comments.

Jon Ramer, a Mill Creek resident, spoke on behalf of AMVETS Post 2018 Commander Paul Fredrickson asking Council for permanent use of a vacant office in City Hall North for the Post.

NEW BUSINESS

C. Appointment to the Art & Beautification Board

Councilmember Bond announced that he and Councilmember Steckler interviewed Guy Armfield to fill one of the two vacant positions on the Board.

Councilmember Bond made a motion to appoint Guy Armfield to the Art & Beautification Board. Councilmember Steckler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Interfund Loan from the General Fund to the Surface Water Utility Fund

Interim City Manager Bob Stowe explained that a \$500,000 loan from the General Fund to the Surface Water Fund will account for the Sweetwater Ranch infrastructure failure, a rate analysis, and consultant design package that will address many of the surface water issues over the next several years.

Director of Finance Peggy Lauerman shared a [PowerPoint presentation](#) that gave an overview of the loan.

Councilmember Cavaleri made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-836 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MILL CREEK, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING FOR AN INTERFUND LOAN FROM THE GENERAL FUND NO. 001 TO THE SURFACE WATER UTILITY FUND NO. 401 IN ORDER TO FINANCE EMERGENCY REPAIRS AND ESTABLISHING THE TERMS FOR REPAYMENT OF SAID INTER-FUND LOAN. Councilmember Todd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for Current 2017-2018 Budget and Preliminary 2019-2020 Budget Estimates

Interim City Manager Bob Stowe introduced Director of Finance Peggy Lauerman to provide Council with an update on the biennial-to-date revenues and expenditures in comparison to the City's 2017-2018 amended biennial budget, and estimates of the 2019-2020 budget estimates.

Director Lauerman walked Council through a [PowerPoint presentation](#) that highlighted the budget schedule, 2017-2018 General Fund estimates and financial drivers, 2019-2020 budget outcomes, general fund estimates, revenue assumptions, operating expenditure estimates, salary and benefit considerations, personnel requests, and key CIP issues.

Council engaged in discussion.

- F. City Manager Rebecca Polizzotto Employment Agreement Termination (to be considered following the Executive Session)

CONSENT AGENDA

- G. City Council Meeting Minutes of August 2, 2018
- H. City Council Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2018

The minutes were removed from the consent agenda and will be brought back at a later date.

REPORTS

- I. Mayor/Council

Mayor Pruitt reported on the new FCC rules regarding 5G technology and asked Interim City Manager Bob Stowe to start looking into City preparedness.

- J. City Manager
 - Council Planning Schedule
- K. Staff
 - Farmers Market Recap

Council engaged in discussion.

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION

- L. Carmen Fisher, a Mill Creek resident, expressed concerns over the potential lack of parking if the Farmers Market is moved to Tuesday.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

(Confidential Session of the Council)

- M. At 7:25 p.m. the meeting recessed to executive session for up to 90 minutes. City Attorney Scott Missall was present during the executive session.
 - Discussion of the performance of a public employee per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)
 - Discuss potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

At 7:25 p.m. Councilmember Todd made a motion to extend the regular meeting up to 90 meetings. Councilmember Steckler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

- N.** At 8:35 p.m. the executive session concluded. At 8:40 p.m. the meeting reconvened to regular session.

Mayor Pruitt read a personal statement in support of former City Manager Rebecca Polizzotto.

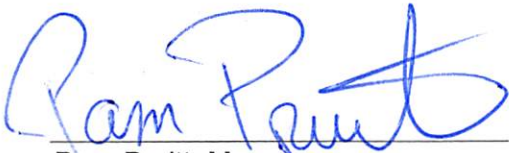
Extension of Interim City Manager Bob Stowe's contract will be brought to Council on October 9, 2018.

Councilmember Bond thanked staff for their hard work.

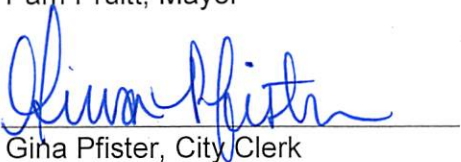
Councilmember Steckler made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-574 immediately terminating the Professional Services Agreement of Rebecca C. Polizzotto as Mill Creek City Manager and approving a separation agreement, each effective October 2, 2018. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no objection, Mayor Pruitt adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.



Pam Pruitt, Mayor



Gina Pfister, City Clerk