

CITY OF MUKILTEO, WASHINGTON
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

November 23, 2015

City Council Chambers – 11930 Cyrus Way

- RECEPTION** The Mayor and Council hosted a reception honoring retiring Councilmembers Grafer and Vanderwielen for their years of service to the city.
- CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Gregerson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the flag salute.
- ATTENDANCE** Mayor/Councilmembers
Mayor Gregerson, Council President Champion, Council Vice President Lord, Councilmembers Grafer, Cook, Wheeler, Vanderwielen, Schmalz via telephone.
- City Staff
Management Services Director Phillips, City Attorney Summerfield, Finance Director Volesky, Policy Analyst Liias, Community Development Director Love, Recreation & Cultural Services Director Berner, Fire Chief Alexander, Assistant City Engineer Swisstack, Assistant Fire Chief McMahan, Planning Manager Pickus, and City Clerk Keefe.
- AGENDA ORDER** Council President Champion added a discussion item of the Pacific Seafood Development Agreement.
- Pacific Seafood Development Agreement Discussion – Initiated at meeting (AB15-106)**
Planning Manager Pickus offered the Council the definition and process of a development agreement and its advantages to the city, an update on the development agreement with Pacific Seafood, the current phase of the project, what happens next, and answered questions from Council.
- Council President Champion asked that conceptual drawings of the project be sent to Council.
- Alissa Andersson, Mukilteo, expressed concerns about the poor sidewalk conditions in the neighborhood; increased traffic the operation will generate; public notice of the project.
- Mishelle Moore, Mukilteo, presented photographs to Council of the project area and surrounding neighborhood; stated there is no buffer between industrial and residential in the area, and poor signage in Mukilteo.
- Veva Haffenden, Mukilteo, concerned about the overall traffic situation in Mukilteo; damage large freight trucks do to city roads; and urged for all zoning changes to go through the Planning Commission for study prior to adoption.
- Sherwood Sage, Mukilteo, also concerned about additional traffic problems the project will generate and the lack of alternate routes; hours of operation of the business; reduction in surrounding home values; and asked the Council to consider the long-term effects of the project on the residents of Mukilteo.
- Irene Muirhead, Mukilteo, also concerned with safety issues the project presents to the neighborhood with increased freight truck traffic; their weight on the roadway, and their exhaust; and odor from the plant itself.

Donald Woods, Mukilteo, concerned about 24-hour operation, lighting and noise at the facility, increased traffic and exhaust the plant will generate.

Charlie Pancerzewski, Mukilteo, noted representatives of Pacific Seafood and Sector 3 recently attended an Economic Development Committee meeting; is also concerned about the effect of freight trucks on city roads and lack of tax revenue from the business.

Diane Cooper, Mukilteo, member of Wise Investment in Transportation Task Force, is concerned about traffic and would like traffic counted on 44th Avenue West, and urged for alternate traffic routes.

Pam Madison, Mukilteo, concerned about Saratoga Development project and additional traffic it will generate when people move in.

Planning Manager Pickus answered additional questions from Council.

Mayor Gregerson urged the public to continue to submit their concerns to Planning Manager Pickus until the January 11, 2016 Council Work Session.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. 2016 Preliminary Budget (AB15-96) – *continued from November 16, 2015*

Mayor Gregerson opened the public hearing.

Policy Analyst Liias presented three sales tax forecast scenarios: high, medium, and low for Council to consider and provide direction to staff on which scenario to adopt in the 2016 budget. Considerable discussion and questions from Council followed.

Finance Director Volesky provided a list of expenditure reductions and a new revenue item that would provide for a balanced budget if the medium sales tax forecast scenario is adopted. Discussion and questions from Council continued.

Charlie Pancerzewski, Mukilteo, opined that revenue sources other than sales tax should also be reviewed and referred Council and staff to the email he sent earlier in the day.

Sherwood Sage, Mukilteo, was concerned that the building permit for Pacific Seafood is a done deal and would like to see improvement in communication between Council and staff.

Council President Champion asked City Attorney Summerfield for confirmation the City is in compliance with all RCWs regarding preliminary budgets, which she will provide on November 30, 2015.

Motion: To continue the public hearing on the 2016 Preliminary Budget to November 30, 2015.
Made by: Lord
Seconded by: Vanderwielen
Action: PASSED unanimously

Mayor Gregerson called for a ten-minute break at 9:33 PM. Councilmember Vanderwielen left the meeting at 9:33 PM. The meeting was reconvened at 9:44 PM.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS
continued**

**2. 2016 Property Tax Levy Adoption Resolution 2015-31 (AB15-105) – continued from
November 16, 2015**

Mayor Gregerson opened the public hearing.

Policy Analyst Liias and Finance Director Volesky answered questions from Council.

There was no public comment.

Motion: To close the public hearing.
Made by: Lord
Seconded by: Wheeler
Action: PASSED unanimously 6-0

Motion: To bank the unused 0.251% annual increase.
Made by: Lord
Seconded by: Wheeler
Action: PASSED unanimously 6-0

Motion: To approve Resolution 2015-31 levying the 2016 General Property Tax
Levy and add the unused 0.251% annual increase to the City's banked
capacity.
Made by: Lord
Seconded by: Wheeler
Action: PASSED unanimously 6-0

**3. 2016 EMS Tax Levy and Substantial Need Resolutions 2015-32 and 2015-33 (AB15-
107) – continued from November 16, 2015**

Mayor Gregerson opened the public hearing.

Charlie Pancerzewski, Mukilteo, opined if the EMS Tax Levy is needed since the budget
shows monies are being transferred from the EMS fund to the General Fund.

Motion: To close the public hearing.
Made by: Champion
Seconded by: Lord
Action: PASSED unanimously 6-0

Motion: To approve Resolution 2015-33 Emergency Medical Services Tax Levy
Substantial Need for 2016 and Resolution 2015-32 Emergency Medical
Services Tax Levy for 2016.
Made by: Champion
Seconded by: Grafer
Action: PASSED unanimously 6-0

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.

These minutes are excerpts from the Council proceedings. An audio recording of the meeting was made.

Prepared by:



Janet Keefe, City Clerk