



STATE OF WASHINGTON
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

In the Matter of Enforcement Action
Against

David Strader, Council Member for City of
Milton

Respondent

PDC Case 100925

Notice of Administrative Charges

I. JURISDICTION

1. The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has jurisdiction over this proceeding pursuant to Chapter 42.17A RCW, the state campaign finance and disclosure laws; Chapter 34.05 RCW, the Administrative Procedure Act; and Title 390 WAC. These charges incorporate all related exhibits by reference.

II. ALLEGATIONS

2. PDC staff alleges that David Strader, a City of Milton Council Member, violated RCW 42.17A.205 and .700 for failure to timely and accurately file Candidate Registration (C-1) and Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1) reports, as required by law.

III. FACTS

3. Respondent David Strader was a first-time candidate for public office in 2021 seeking the office of City Council Member, Position 5, in the City of Milton, Washington. Respondent David Strader submitted his Declaration of Candidacy on May 21, 2021, to the appropriate election(s) office, declaring his candidacy for City of Milton Council Member, Position 5.

4. On May 28, 2021, Respondent David Strader submitted his Voters' Pamphlet statement to the King County Elections office as a candidate for City Council Member, Position 5, in the City of Milton.
5. On June 14, 2021, Respondent David Strader voluntarily submitted a signed Notice of Termination of Campaign Statement to the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) staff. In the Statement, he represented that he would not accept the office. He also represented that if he were to be elected and accept the office, the PDC could conduct enforcement for his failure to file statutory reports required by RCW 42.17A.
6. On October 25, 2021, Respondent David Strader contacted the PDC to notify staff that he missed the deadline to get his name off the ballot and wanted to know what the penalty would be if he accepts the office.
7. On November 1, 2021, Respondent David Strader successfully filed/submitted his Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1) and Candidate Registration (C-1). Both the F-1 and C-1 reports were filed approximately 149 days late, and were therefore not available to voters until one day before the Election Day.
8. On November 9, 2021, PDC staff received a complaint that was filed against Respondent David Strader regarding his prior termination of candidacy and his failure to timely file the required F-1 and C-1 reports.
9. On November 30, 2021, PDC staff received a response to the complaint from Mr. Strader.
10. On January 3, 2022, Mr. Strader was sworn into office as the new City of Milton Council Member for Position 5, and he took office the same day.

IV. LAW

RCW 42.17A.205 Campaign Registration. "Every candidate shall file a statement of organization with the commission. The statement must be filed within two weeks after organization or within two weeks after the date the committee first has the expectation of receiving contributions or making expenditures in any election campaign. Any material change in information previously submitted in a statement of organization shall be reported to the commission within ten days following the change."

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RCW 42.17A.700: Statement of Financial Affairs. “Within two weeks of becoming a candidate, every candidate shall file with the commission a statement of financial affairs for the preceding twelve months.”

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 12th day of January 2022.

Electronically Signed Peter Frey Lavallee

Peter Frey Lavallee, Executive Director
Public Disclosure Commission



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BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION
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In RE COMPLIANCE WITH
RCW 42.17A

PDC Case 100925

David Strader, Respondent

Report of Investigation

I. Background, Complaint(s) and Allegation(s)

- 1.1 Respondent David Strader was a first-time candidate for public office in 2021 seeking the office of City Council Member, Position 5, in the City of Milton, Washington. Respondent David Strader submitted his Declaration of Candidacy on May 21, 2021, to the appropriate elections' office, declaring his candidacy for City of Milton Council Member, Position 5.
- 1.2 On May 28, 2021, Respondent David Strader submitted his Voters' Pamphlet statement to King County Elections office as a candidate for City Council Member, Position 5, in the City of Milton.
- 1.3 On June 14, 2021, Respondent David Strader voluntarily submitted a signed Statement of Termination of Campaign Statement to the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) staff. In the Statement, he represented that he would not accept the office. He also represented that if he were to be elected and accept the office, the PDC could conduct enforcement for his failure to file statutory reports required by RCW 42.17A.
- 1.4 On October 25, 2021, Respondent David Strader contacted the PDC to notify staff that he missed the deadline to get his name off the ballot and wanted to know what the penalty would be if he accepts the office.
- 1.5 On November 9, 2021, PDC staff received a complaint that was filed against Respondent David Strader regarding his prior termination of candidacy, and his failure to timely file the required Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1) and the Candidate Registration (C-1) reports. (**Exhibit 1**).

- 1.6 On January 6, 2022, the PDC held an Initial Hearing (Case Status Review Hearing), after opening a formal investigation for PDC Case 100925 concerning Respondent David Strader.

II. Investigative Findings

- 2.1 RCW 42.17A.205 requires candidates to file a statement of organization with the PDC “within two weeks after organization or within two weeks after the date the committee first has the expectation of receiving contributions or making expenditures in any election campaign. Any material change in previously submitted in a statement of organization shall be reported to the commission within ten days following the change.”
- 2.2 RCW 42.17A.700 requires every candidate to file a statement of financial affairs with the commission for the preceding twelve months “within two weeks of becoming a candidate” disclosing personal financial information.
- 2.3 As noted above, on June 14, 2021, David Strader voluntarily submitted a signed Statement of Termination of Campaign Statement to the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) staff. In the Statement, he represented that he would not accept the office. He also represented that if he were to win and accept the office, the PDC could conduct enforcement for his failure to file statutory reports required by RCW 42.17A. (**Exhibit 2**).
- 2.4 On November 1, 2021, one day before the 2021 General Election Day, Respondent David Strader filed/submitted his Candidate Registration (C-1) and Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1) reports. Both reports were required to have been filed no later than June 4, 2021, and were filed approximately 149 days late, one day before the 2021 General Election (**Exhibit 3**).
- 2.5 On November 30, 2021, PDC staff received a response to the complaint from Respondent David Strader (**Exhibit 4**).
- 2.6 On December 29, 2021, PDC staff sent an email to Respondent David Strader with follow-up questions based on his response to the complaint that was received by staff on November 30, 2021. Specifically, PDC staff asked Mr. Strader if after signing the Notice of Termination of Candidacy Statement and withdrawing his candidacy on June 14, 2021, if he:
- (I) Engaged in any campaign activities to support his candidacy?
 - (II) Met with, emailed, called or texted any voters of the City of Milton requesting that they vote for him or support his candidacy?
 - (III) Produced/printed any political advertisement (campaign information/literature/signs or other materials) related to his candidacy?
 - (IV) Posted any information about his candidacy on social media platforms?
 - (V) Engaged in any of those activities between June 14, 2021, when he completed the Notice of Termination of Campaign Statement and October 20, 2021? AND
 - (VI) What factor(s) prompted him to get back into the race after signing a Notice of Termination of Candidacy Statement.
- 2.7 On December 30, 2021, PDC staff received a response to the follow up questions sent to Respondent David Strader on December 29, 2021. Mr. Strader indicated that he did not engage in any campaign activities to support his candidacy after signing the Notice of Termination of Campaign Statement. In his response to the last follow-up question, “What

factor(s) prompted you to get back into the race after signing a Notice of Termination of Campaign Statement?" Respondent David Strader stated: "Several incidents at City Council meeting in the fall (listed below) resulted in my reevaluating my decision to not disclose my personal finances on the F-1 form, which was the reason I withdrew. As each incident occurred, my sense of lack of 'fair play' increased and eventually it overshadowed my privacy concerns, and at the November 1st meeting I had finally had enough. After the meeting I filled out the C1 and F1 forms, and the morning of November 2nd I called the PDC and followed up with an email." (**Exhibit 5**).

- 2.8 On January 3, 2022, Respondent David Strader was sworn into office as the new City of Milton Council Member (Position 5), and he took office the same day.
- 2.9 PDC staff find that Respondent David Strader violated RCW 42.17A by failing to file the required statutory reports in a timely manner, as required by law. The late filed C-1 and F-1 reports were not available to the City of Milton voters/public until one day before the November 2, 2021, General Election.

III. Scope

- 3.1 PDC staff reviewed the following:
- The complaint and exhibits filed against Respondent David Strader.
 - Responses from Respondent David Strader.
 - PDC database for statutory reports filed by Respondent David Strader.

IV. Statutes and Rules

- 4.1 **RCW 42.17A.205:** Campaign Registration. "Every candidate shall file a statement of organization with the commission. The statement must be filed within two weeks after organization or within two weeks after the date the candidate's committee first has the expectation of receiving contributions or making expenditures in any election campaign. Any material change in information previously submitted in a statement of organization shall be reported to the commission within ten days following the change."
- 4.2 **RCW 42.17A.700:** Statement of Financial Affairs. "Within two weeks of becoming a candidate, every candidate shall file with the commission a statement of financial affairs for the preceding twelve months."

Respectfully submitted this 12th day of January 2022.

Electronically Signed Erick O. Agina

Erick O. Agina, Compliance Officer
Public Disclosure Commission

List of Exhibits

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|-------------------|---|
| Exhibit #1 | Complaint filed against Respondent David Strader |
| Exhibit #2 | Statement of Termination of Campaign Candidacy signed by Respondent David Strader |
| Exhibit #3 | C-1 and F-1 Reports filed by Respondent David Strader |
| Exhibit #4 | November 30, 2021, Response to the Complaint from Respondent David Strader |
| Exhibit #5 | December 30, 2021, Response to Follow-up Questions from Respondent David Strader. |

Respondent Names
David Strader
Complainant Name
Richard Cosner
Complaint Description
<p>Richard.cosner reported via the portal (<i>Tue, 9 Nov 2021 at 4:27 PM</i>)</p> <p>I submit that Mr David Strader orchestrated his withdrawal to cause the other candidate to feel unopposed during the campaign season and that he continued to campaign in person or through others (with his knowledge) while knowing that he would reconsider his candidacy termination.</p> <hr/> <p>Richard.cosner replied (<i>Wed, 10 Nov 2021 at 10:18 AM</i>) To: "PDC Support" cdc@cdc.wa.gov External Email</p> <p>It was also noted by other candidates that Mr Strader continued filing documents with King Co. Elections after his termination letter.</p> <p>I am waiting additional documents from King and Pierce Co. Elections.</p> <p>Richard Cosner</p> <hr/> <p>Richard.cosner replied (<i>Thu, 11 Nov 2021 at 8:22 AM</i>) To: "PDC Support" cdc@cdc.wa.gov External Email</p> <p>Ms Blacksmith, sorry hit send too soon. Below are my comments in response to your email.</p> <p><i>I will continue with the RCW 42.17A.205 allegation.</i></p> <p>Specifically his reconsideration of candidacy date is in question.</p> <p>I allege that the candidate failed to notify the PDC after terminating his candidacy on 14 Jun 21 that he actually reconsidered his withdrawal as of 19 Jul 21 (which is when King Co Elections required Candidate information for the Voters Pamphlet). By submitting the documents to King Co Elections for the Voters Pamphlet he acknowledged that he was a candidate still running an election campaign. According to PDC records Mr Strader was in contact with PDC on 25 Oct 21 and 2 Nov 21 in regards</p>

to his reconsideration with the PDC well beyond the 10 day notification requirement for the change

I will withdraw the WAC 390.32.010 allegation until I receive documentation from King and Pierce Co Elections. I understand that I will have to refile that portion at a later date.

Thank you and my apologies for any confusion.

Richard Cosner

What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?

The alleged violation impacts the election process and continuity of a fair and impartial election. Candidates that mislead the public for political gain, profit, or for other reasons, create a distrust and fragment our election processes.

List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found

Candidate went door to door after 14 Jun 2021 (Notice of Termination of Candidacy) in Milton with other candidates who were running for office.

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

All residents in Milton who received partner solicitations from other candidates or groups supporting him during the campaign season between 14 June 2021 and 2 Nov 2021.

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that information provided with this complaint is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Statement of Termination of Campaign for Public Disclosure Commission Purposes Only

Name:

Office Sought:

Jurisdiction:

1. I have terminated my campaign prior to completing a Declaration of Candidacy with the Secretary of State or a county elections office and will not campaign for my election. I will not solicit or accept campaign contributions, monetary or in-kind. I will not make campaign expenditures, including from personal funds.
2. Once I have completed a Declaration of Candidacy with the Secretary of State or a county elections office, I understand that this statement is not an official withdrawal from the campaign, which can only be done with the appropriate elections office, and not with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC). The following will apply:
 - A. If elected, I will not accept the office.
 - B. I understand that if I terminate my campaign; do not campaign for my election; do not solicit or accept campaign contributions, monetary or in-kind; do not make campaign expenditures, including from personal funds; and if elected, do not accept the office, the PDC will not conduct enforcement for my failure to file the reports required by RCW 42.17A.
 - C. I understand that if I win and accept the office, the PDC will conduct enforcement for failure to file reports required by RCW 42.17A.

Typed Name or Signature:

Date Submitted or Signed:

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION
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Email: pdcc@pdc.wa.gov

Financial Affairs Disclosure - Washington State Public Disclosure Commission

David Strader

Spouse or registered domestic partner: Jacki Strader

davidlstrader@gmail.com

Covering May 21, 2020 - May 20, 2021

Candidacies:

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER - CITY OF MILTON * - 2021 General

* Unless otherwise indicated, all reported information pertains to David Strader.

Submitted date: 11/1/2021

Certified by: David L. Strader

Email: davidlstrader@gmail.com

Phone: 206-501-6625

SUBMISSION HISTORY

Income

Reportable income, including wages, tips, sales commissions, stock options, non-investment retirement income and miscellaneous income such as legal judgments, rental property income, etc.:

SIS Inc

221 W. Galer St

Seattle, WA 98019

Earned by: David strader

Income: \$0 to \$29,999

Type: SECURITY OFFICER

Federal Government

7600 Sand Point Way NE

Seattle, WA 98115

Earned by: Spouse or registered domestic partner

Income: \$100,000 to \$199,999

Type: EDITOR

U.S. Coast Guard

Earned by: David strader

Income: \$0 to \$29,999

Type: Defined benefit plan

State of Washington LEOFF2

Earned by: David strader

Income: \$30,000 to \$59,999

Type: Defined benefit plan

Rental Income

Milton, WA 98354

Earned by: David strader; Spouse or registered domestic partner

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Income: \$0 to \$29,999

Type: Rents collected

Assets

Financial assets and interest income are reported from bank accounts, insurance policies, broker-directed investment accounts, self-directed investment accounts and other financial assets:

WA State Deferred Compensation 457 plan

6835 Capitol Blvd SE

Tumwater, wa 98501

Account owner: David strader

Type: securities in a 457 plan

Value: \$200,000 to \$499,999

Fidelity

PO Box 770001

Cincinnati, oh 45277-0050

Account owner: David strader

Type: IRA in securities

Value: \$100,000 to \$199,999

Thrift Savings Plan

PO BOX 979004

st. louis, MO 63197-9000

Account owner: Spouse or registered domestic partner

Type: 401k in stock and bond funds

Value: \$200,000 to \$499,999

Vanguard

P.O. Box 982901

el paso, tx 79998-2901

Account owner: Spouse or registered domestic partner

Type: IRA

Value: \$100,000 to \$199,999

Real estate

Real estate owned in the state of Washington:

Pierce County

Legal description: Section 05 Township 20 Range 04 Quarter 44 MILTON HEIGHTS:

MILTON HEIGHTS L 71

Owned by: David strader; Spouse or registered domestic partner

Assessed value: \$200,000 to \$499,999

Mortgage held by: Verity Credit Union

11027 Meridian Ave N #102

Seattle,, WA 98133

Original amount: \$100,000 to \$199,999

Current amount: \$0 to \$29,999

Security given: refinance/no security given

Payment terms: 10 years at 3.375%

Pierce County

*Legal description: Section 05 Township 20 Range 04 Quarter 44 MILTON HEIGHTS:
MILTON HEIGHTS L 70*

Owned by: David strader; Spouse or registered domestic partner

Assessed value: \$100,000 to \$199,999

Pierce County

*Legal description: Section 05 Township 20 Range 04 Quarter 44 MILTON HEIGHTS:
MILTON HEIGHTS L 57*

Owned by: David strader; Spouse or registered domestic partner

Assessed value: \$200,000 to \$499,999

Mortgage held by: Verity Credit Union

11027 Meridian Ave N #102

Seattle,, wa 98133

Original amount: \$100,000 to \$199,999

Current amount: \$100,000 to \$199,999

Security given: Refinance

Payment terms: 30 years at 4.875%

Pierce County

*Legal description: Section 05 Township 20 Range 04 Quarter 44 MILTON HEIGHTS:
MILTON HEIGHTS L 69*

Owned by: David strader; Spouse or registered domestic partner

Assessed value: \$200,000 to \$499,999

Mortgage held by: Verity Credit Union

11027 Meridian Ave N #102

Seattle,, wa 98133

Original amount: \$100,000 to \$199,999

Current amount: \$0 to \$29,999

Security given: Refinance

Payment terms: 15 years at 5.5%

Debt

There is no debt owed in excess of \$2,400.

Business associations

There is no business ownership, nor is there involvement as an officer, director or general partner.

Lobbying activity

Compensation received for lobbying activities:

No qualifying lobbying activity was done.

David I. Strader

Dave Strader
Po Box 1465
Milton, WA 98354
davestrader4milton@gmail.com
253 926 3495

Registration Filed

Candidate
Mini Reporting
Submitted date: 2021-11-01
Certified by davidlstrader@gmail.com
2021
STRAD—934

Candidacy

David I. Strader
City Of Milton *
City Council Member
Position CITY COUNCIL MEMBER Position 5
davestrader4milton@gmail.com

Bank Information

Navy Federal Credit Union
15815 Meridian Ave E
Puyallup, WA 98375
To schedule books review contact davestrader4milton@gmail.com

Officers

Attachments

Name	Description
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PDC #100925 - David Strader response

To assist in my reply, I have put in bold the allegation by Mr. Cosner with my response below.

I submit that Mr David Strader orchestrated his withdrawal to cause the other candidate to feel unopposed during the campaign season and that he continued to campaign in person or through others (with his knowledge) while knowing that he would reconsider his candidacy termination.

I do not know how to answer the first part other than to state that my actions during this campaign were not orchestrated. This process is all new to me, and I am continuing on a learning curve to understand it. I have never spoken with the other candidate to lead him to believe anything. Also, the deadline withdraw from the ballot had passed (May 24, 2021).

Regarding the second part, I did not campaign in person or through others, much less with the plan to reconsider my candidacy termination. I called the PDC on October 25, 2021 to evaluate my options and consequences. On the evening of November 1, 2021, I submitted the C1 and F1 forms. The morning of November 2, 2021 I called the PDC to formally withdraw my notice, and I then submitted an email stating the same.

It was also noted by other candidates that Mr Strader continued filing documents with King Co. Elections after his termination letter.

The one and only document I filed with King County elections was filed on May 28, 2021 (attachment 1). I received two emails from King County In July and August regarding submitting information for the voter's pamphlet, and I did not respond to either email (attachment 2 and 3).

I will continue with the RCW 42.17A.205 allegation. Specifically his reconsideration of candidacy date is in question. I allege that the candidate failed to notify the PDC after terminating his candidacy on 14 Jun 21 that he actually reconsidered his withdrawal as of 19 Jul 21 (which is when King Co Elections required Candidate information for the Voters Pamphlet). By submitting the documents to King Co Elections for the Voters Pamphlet he acknowledged that he was a candidate still running an election campaign. According to PDC records Mr Strader was in contact with PDC on 25 Oct 21 and 2 Nov 21 in regards to his reconsideration with the PDC well beyond the 10 day notification requirement for the change.

My information was submitted to King County Elections on May 28, 2021, and I was a candidate when the information was submitted. Nothing was submitted to King County after that date. My call to the PDC on October 25, 2021 was to ask if it was possible to reconsider my withdrawal and information regarding the enforcement action process. I was told that if was reconsidering I should complete the forms and advise them as soon as possible. I submitted the F-1 and C-1 forms on the evening of November 1, 2021 and called the PDC on the morning of November 2, 2021. They advised me to submit an email stating my intentions, which I did.

List of evidence

Candidate went door to door after 14 Jun 2021 (Notice of Termination of Candidacy) in Milton with other candidates who were running for office.

I never went door to door either before or after 14 June 2021 in Milton with other candidates who were running for office.

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

All residents in Milton who received partner solicitations from other candidates or groups supporting him during the campaign season between 14 June 2021 and 2 Nov 2021.

I know of no partner solicitations from other candidates or groups supporting my candidacy. If any exist they were created without my knowledge.

**ATTACHMENT #1**

Dave Strader <davestrader4milton@gmail.com>

Local Voters' Pamphlet Filing Confirmation - Dave Strader

1 message

election.operations@kingcounty.gov <election.operations@kingcounty.gov>

Fri, May 28, 2021 at 12:54 PM

To: davestrader4milton@gmail.com

Cc: election.operations@kingcounty.gov

Dear Dave Strader:

You have successfully submitted your local voters' pamphlet information for the 2021 Primary Election with King County Elections.

Here is the information you submitted:**Ballot information**

City of Milton, Council Position No. 5
Dave Strader

Education and occupation information

Education: AA in Business, Graduate of the US Coast Guard Chief's Academy.
Occupation: Retired Law Enforcement and U.S. Coast Guard

Statement

I've lived in Milton for 28 years, and I know that still makes me a "newcomer" :) -- most of my neighbors have grown up in Milton -- but it is with their encouragement that I am running for city council. Milton struggles with the same issues again and again: effective leadership, future development, and appropriate infill development in existing neighborhoods. We all enjoy the small-town feel and look of Milton, and I believe Milton needs to focus on a cohesive strategic plan as our best chance at keeping it. We need to be proactive rather than reactive, and everyone should be involved in the process. I would like to see community listening sessions with the public before big issues are discussed at council meetings, so public input is first, not last. I pledge to listen to your concerns -- it would be my honor to serve you.

Photo**Campaign contact information****Exhibit #4**
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This information will be published on our website and in the King County Elections Local Voters' Pamphlet.

Mailing address: PO BOX 1465, MILTON, WA 98354

Phone: (253) 926-3495

Email: davestrader4milton@gmail.com

Website:

Important information for candidates

Withdrawal of local voters' pamphlet submission: A candidate may withdraw their local voters' pamphlet information by submitting a [signed request](#) that their information not be printed. This request must be submitted no later than Friday, May 28, 2021, at 4:30 p.m.

Campaign contact information updates: Campaign contact information listed above will be published in the local voters' pamphlet. Candidates have until Monday, June 14, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. to make updates to their campaign contact information.

Sincerely,
Election Services
King County Elections
206-296-1565



kingcounty.gov/elections



ATTACHMENT #2

Dave Strader <davestrader4milton@gmail.com>

Reminder: General Election Voters' Pamphlet Submission

1 message

Election, Services <Election.Services@kingcounty.gov>

Thu, Jul 29, 2021 at 8:45 AM

To: "davestrader4milton@gmail.com" <davestrader4milton@gmail.com>

Dear Dave Strader:

We have not yet received your voters' pamphlet submission for the General Election. Your voters' pamphlet submission for the general election must be received by our office **no later than Friday, August 6, 2021, at 4:30 p.m.** There will be no exceptions for late submissions.

When you are ready, submit your materials at kingcounty.gov/elections/file-my-vp. You will need:

- Your Voter ID number: 104495
- Your candidate statement - review the [Candidate Manual](#) for guidelines on formatting. Word limits are listed in the [Offices Subject to Election](#)
- Your candidate photo - review the [Candidate Manual](#) for photo guidelines
- Your campaign contact information, if any (email, web address, phone number)
- A valid email address and phone number

Frequently Asked Questions

- **I already submitted a statement for the primary election do I need to submit a new statement?** Only if you want to submit a new statement. If we don't receive a new submission for you we will use the information you provided for the primary election.
- **I'm on the primary election ballot and won't know if I will be on the general election ballot, do I still submit a statement?** Yes, you should still submit a statement for the general election. Your statement will only appear for the general election if you are on the ballot.

Please contact us via email at election.services@kingcounty.gov or call 206-296-1565 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Election Services
King County Elections
206-296-1565

kingcounty.gov/elections

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ATTACHMENT #3

Dave Strader <davestrader4milton@gmail.com>

Reminder: General Election Voters' Pamphlet Submission

1 message

Election, Services <Election.Services@kingcounty.gov>

Fri, Aug 6, 2021 at 1:10 PM

To: "davestrader4milton@gmail.com" <davestrader4milton@gmail.com>

Dear Dave Strader:

We have not yet received your voters' pamphlet submission for the General Election. Your voters' pamphlet submission for the general election must be received by our office **no later than today, Friday, August 6, 2021, at 4:30 p.m.** There will be no exceptions for late submissions.

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Election Services
King County Elections
206-296-1565

kingcounty.gov/elections

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D Strader

reported via email

Thursday, December 30, 2021, at 10:37 PM

To: "PDC Support" <pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov>

External Email

Hello! Here are my responses to your questions along with an attachment with clarifying documents.

1. **Did you engage in any campaign activities to support your candidacy?** No.
2. **Did you meet with or email, call or text any voters or citizens of the City of Milton requesting they vote for you or support your candidacy?** No. The only email I replied to was on November 2nd after I had filed the paperwork and notified the PDC. And in that email I didn't ask that they vote for me or support my candidacy. I only answered the question they asked (see attached).
3. **Did you produce or print political advertising (i.e., information/literature/yard signs or other materials) related to your candidacy to the City of Milton voters after withdrawing your candidacy?** No
4. **Did you post any information about your candidacy on social media platforms?** No – I don't have social media accounts. However, in case it's relevant, my wife in September mentioned my withdrawal in her online blog (see attachment) and her blog can be found at www.notmymartyr.com.
5. **Did you engage in any of those activities between June 14th when you completed the Termination of Candidacy and October 20, 2021?** No.
6. **What factor(s) prompted you to get back into the race after signing a Notice of Termination of Candidacy?**
Several incidents at City Council meetings in the fall (listed below) resulted in my reevaluating my decision to not disclose my personal finances on the F1 form, which was the reason I withdrew. As each incident occurred, my sense of a lack of "fair play" increased and eventually it overshadowed my privacy concerns, and at the November 1st meeting I had finally had enough. After the meeting I filled out the C1 and F1 forms, and the morning of November 2nd I called the PDC and followed up with an email.

A. September 7, 2021 City Council meeting, during the citizen comment period, a citizen made a comment that seemed to be election-related, then submitted to the city clerk a typed copy who attached it to the meeting minutes (see attachment).

B. September 20, 2021 City Council meeting, during the citizen comment period, my wife attempted to give City Council information on an issue that concerned her, but the Mayor told her it violated council policy (see attachment). My wife, after reading the agenda, realized the topic was an agenda item up for a vote that evening, and decided to speak again when it was discussed. She mistakenly made a comment during the agenda item just before it (as noted in the minutes), and then restated her comment again at the appropriate time. The Mayor asked Council if they would like to discuss her concern or move forward with the vote. They moved forward with the vote.

C. November 1, 2021 City Council meeting, during the citizen comment period, two citizens made election related comments, and this time they were derogatory toward the non-incumbent candidates (see attached). My wife, who spoke after them, added at the end of her comment that she didn't think it was appropriate to allow political statements at council meetings. Council was silent.

Please advise if you require additional information. I'm happy to clarify any questions you may have.

Sincerely,
Dave Strader

On Wed, Dec 29, 2021, at 5:25 PM PDC Support <pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov> wrote:

Mr. Strader,

I am the compliance officer assigned to this matter/complaint for further review. I will be your point of contact moving forward.

Thank you for sending a response to staff. In reviewing the complaint and your response to the complaint, specifically the allegation regarding you "went door to door...with other candidates who were running for office," and in your response, you stated that "you never went door to door either before or after 14 June 2021 in Milton with other candidates who were running for office."

I have just a few follow-up questions for you to assist staff in our review.

After signing the Notice of Termination of Candidacy and withdrawing your candidacy:

1. Did you engage in any campaign activities to support your candidacy?
2. Did you meet with or email, call or text any voters or citizens of the City of Milton requesting they vote for you or support your candidacy?
3. Did you produce or print political advertising (i.e., information/literature/yard signs or other materials) related to your candidacy to the City of Milton voters after withdrawing your candidacy?
4. Did you post any information about your candidacy on social media platforms?
5. Did you engage in any of those activities between June 14th when you completed the Termination of Candidacy and October 20, 2021?
6. What factor(s) prompted you to get back into the race after signing a Notice of Termination of Candidacy?

Please respond to the above questions by the close of business on Friday, December 31, 2021.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Erick O. Agina
Compliance Officer
Public Disclosure Commission
360.586.2869

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Washington State law established email as the PDC's official means of communication as of June 7th, 2018 (RCW 42.17A.055). Filers have a duty to amend their reports within 10 days of any material changes, such as new email addresses. Please ensure your email address is up to date.

To respond, please reply to this email.

Washington Public Disclosure Commission
<http://www.pdc.wa.gov>
1.360.753.1111

**Question 2 Attachment**

Dave Strader <davestrader4milton@gmail.com>

Re: Before I Vote

1 message

Dave Strader <davestrader4milton@gmail.com>
To: REDACTED for privacy

Tue, Nov 2, 2021 at 11:05 AM

Dear Redacted for privacy,

I wish I could give you a "yes" or "no" answer, but it's more complicated than that. I don't believe in mandatory vaccinations for everyone, but I do believe in order for us to get to the other side of this we have to do something, I don't support letting it burn unchecked through the population. So we have to count on people making good decisions about doing their best not to spread the disease. I believe private businesses should decide what they want for their business and then the consumer can choose to patronize that business or not. But businesses also have the obligation to protect both their employees and the public, which makes it complicated. I don't believe those who choose not to be vaccinated or who can't be vaccinated should lose their right to free assembly or movement. These are my personal beliefs, but as a retired police officer, I understand that laws are made that I may not personally agree with, and then the process to change them rests either with the courts (constitutionality) or the legislature (modifying the law).

I still believe in the United States form of government, and, though it may be slow and appear ineffective at times, it's the best system in the world. Thanks for reaching out, and I apologize for not responding sooner.

Best,
Dave

On Mon, Nov 1, 2021 at 7:34 PM REDACTED wrote:

Dave,

I read your statement in the King County Voters' Pamphlet, and you certainly sound qualified.

But before I cast my vote, I would like to know what is your position on the issue of mandatory vaccinations and vaccine passports?

Redacted for privacy
Milton, WA

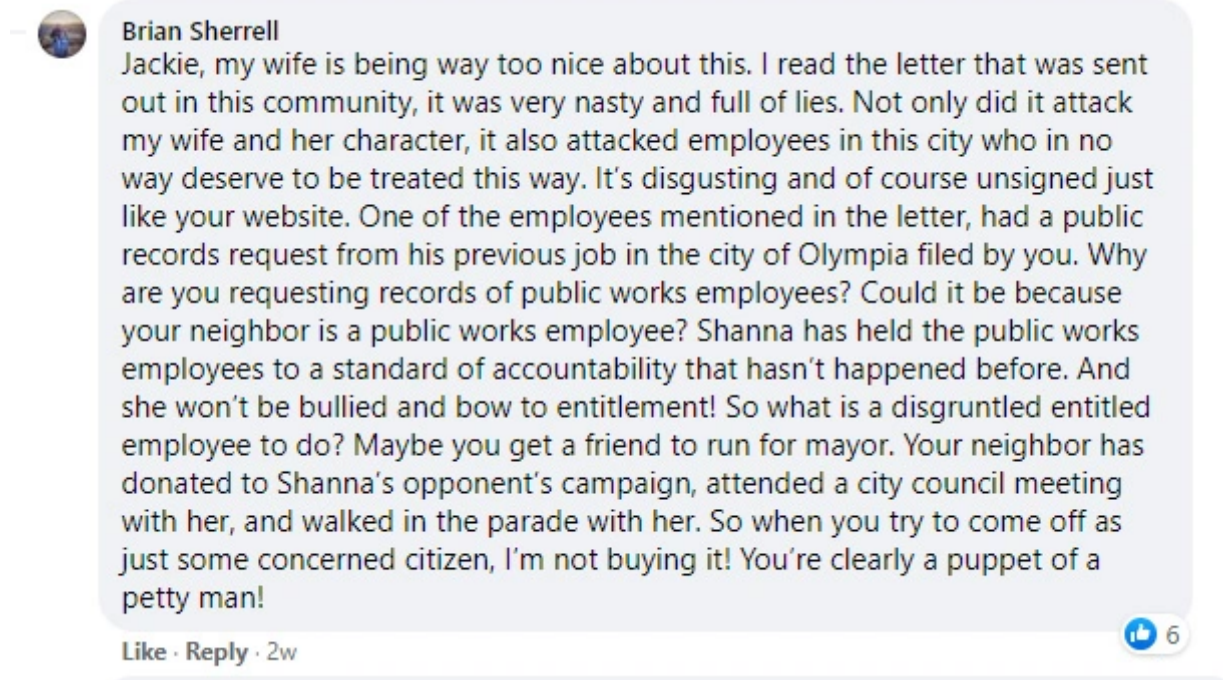
QUESTION 4 ATTACHMENT

She's Not My Martyr

Welcome to Milton, Washington: Where integrity, transparency, and trust should always matter

UNCATEGORIZED

#7 Mayor's Husband's Facebook Post



Date: September 21, 2021 Author: Be Informed —

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Brian Sherrell

Jackie, my wife is being way too nice about this. I read the letter that was sent out in this community, it was very nasty and full of lies. Not only did it attack my wife and her character, it also attacked employees in this city who in no way deserve to be treated this way. It's disgusting and of course unsigned just like your website. One of the employees mentioned in the letter, had a public records request from his previous job in the city of Olympia filed by you. Why are you requesting records of public works employees? Could it be because your neighbor is a public works employee? Shanna has held the public works employees to a standard of accountability that hasn't happened before. And she won't be bullied and bow to entitlement! So what is a disgruntled entitled employee to do? Maybe you get a friend to run for mayor. Your neighbor has donated to Shanna's opponent's campaign, attended a city council meeting with her, and walked in the parade with her. So when you try to come off as just some concerned citizen, I'm not buying it! You're clearly a puppet of a petty man!

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Here is the Facebook post I referenced in post #6.

First, I have never sent an unsigned letter in my life, and I don't know anything about the sender of the letter he mentions. However, my husband received an anonymous letter this weekend, and based on the contents, it may be from the same source. The letter was mailed in mid-August to our PO Box, which we rarely check.

My husband was a candidate for Milton City Council, but he decided against running after realizing the amount of information made public on the F-1 form. He has been a victim of employment identity theft (the person would change jobs whenever we caught up with him). It took weeks to secure his information, and so we're very careful about providing detailed information, especially financial, and certainly not online for everyone to see. He notified the PDC in early June, but missed the deadline to have his name removed from the ballot or the voters pamphlet.

Whoever wrote the letter that my husband received is clearly concerned about Milton and appears to be familiar with the workings of the city. Since there's no way to verify the source, I'm not publishing it here.

Second, why is he calling me out about my public records request with the City of Olympia (he states "employees", but it's only one employee) like it's a bad thing. They are allowed by law, and anyone who supports transparency should support them. Also, who told him about my request? I can think of only two people: his wife or Mr. Sloan. And why does my request appear to personally bother him?

Third, yes, I have a neighbor who is a public works employee. He has worked for the City of Milton for over 15 years, and he has lived in Milton his entire life. He is as laid back as they come, and is not the person Mr. Sherrell describes. He also supported Mr. Sherrell's wife during her campaign for Mayor. So why does he find what he's doing to be a problem now?

Maybe he isn't aware of the **Milton Employee Handbook**, which states:

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POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

Employees shall not use or authorize the use of City facilities, property or assets for working on campaigns for the election of any person to any office or for the promotion of, or opposition to, any ballot proposition, except as authorized by the provisions of RCW 42.17.130.

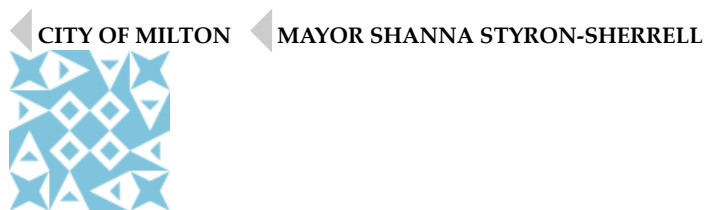
What types of activities are prohibited under this policy?

City employees are prohibited from using their official position to unlawfully influence, interfere with, or affect the results of an election. Therefore, no employee or group of employees, while representing themselves as City employees, shall campaign for or against any political candidate or ballot measure, or endorse or oppose a political advertisement, broadcast, statement, or campaign literature except as allowed by state and federal law.

Nothing in this section prohibits a City employee from personally supporting or opposing any candidate for public office during off-duty hours.

So his outrage appears to be misplaced. When the Milton City Council increased the mayor's salary, one of the reasons given was that it would attract additional qualified candidates, and it did. Surely he doesn't believe his wife is entitled to the position, and she should run unopposed until she decides to leave office? That's not how our political system works.

And last, I agree with him about one thing, just as his wife "won't be bullied and bow to entitlement", neither should anyone else.



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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting –via Zoom meeting # 880-1680-7500

Monday, September 7, 2021

7:00p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Styron Sherrell called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and Councilmember Whitaker led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Johnson, Whitaker, Peretti, Ceder, Morton, and Linden.

Absent: Whalen

MOTION (Morton/Johnson) “to excuse Pro Tem Whalen from tonight’s meeting.” **Passed 6/0**

STAFF PRESENT

Police Chief Hernandez, Finance Director Robbecke, Planning Manager Stahlnecker, Utility Supervisor Sloan, and City Clerk Summers.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

Councilmember Johnson asked to pull the minutes for August 16, 2021, to review her vote on the SSHA³P agreement. Councilmember Johnson did not verbalize a no vote but wants to have the minutes reviewed to see if her vote can be changed.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

- *Bruce Castle – 12th Ave Ct*, Mr. Castle is inquiring about the hydrogeology report that was going to be produced as part of the Bridge Development project. Does the city have the report? Mr. Castle also commented that he didn’t understand how the revised Milton Wellhead Protection Program could have happened without the hydrogeology report.
- *Richard Cosner- 7th Ave*, Mr. Cosner spoke about positive things happening in Milton to counteract the current negative complaints. A copy of Mr. Cosner’s talking points was given to Clerk Summers to include in the minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Check Approval Process

- a. Minutes Approval:
 - i. August 4, 2021, Budget Retreat
 - ii. August 16, 2021, Regular Meeting
- b. Claims Approval:

I thought about speaking out against negative complaints in the community. Instead, I would like to thank the Mayor and Council for all the good things in Milton!

In remembrance of the Alder Ridge Fire, I would like to remind everyone that the Mayor Elect, our current Mayor, worked tirelessly with the Mayor Pro Tem, Police Chief, Fire Chief, countless emergency organizations, and volunteers until every resident was safe and receiving community support that poured into Milton, without compensation.

Our Budget has been a thorough and highly visible document since 2018. Council and citizens can see all the items up front and whether they thought an item was good or bad, it was public and not hidden in a budget line.

City Staff and Employees are exceptional! Recognitions, advancements, and concerns are addressed appropriately through the Unions with fair and equal policies for everyone.

Boards and Commissions, met regularly, updated plans, sent proposals to Council, requested changes to the Milton Municipal Code, and ensured Milton maintained its infrastructure. We are fortunate in that we do have the budget to attract professional staff looking for opportunities in small towns like us. The city will always face challenges with state directives, union negotiations, taxes, bonds, municipal and agency agreements, and more. Yet, Council managed to do all this without the city falling into ruin as some have projected.

The Mayor and Council were forced into a Health Emergency that hasn't been seen in over a hundred years. They managed to address business issues, private organizations, citizens, and county, state, and federal entities forcing policies on the city to conduct day to day operations. Supported grant applications and provided grants and federal aid for those affected by COVID. All well beyond any experience level out there, and the city benefitted!

Let's remember all the good things that happened in Milton, playground improvements, sidewalk additions, roadway improvements, grant applications and approvals, ceremonies, community activities, awards, employee recognitions, ball field improvements, updating the Milton Code, businesses moving into Milton, electric utility improvements, water utility improvements, and many other great things in Milton.

If there is a concern about something in the city; act before it becomes negative! Go to Council meetings, read the agenda, voice your opinion, gain the knowledge to make informed decisions, join a Board or Commission, volunteer. Will they always agree with you? No, but if they don't and you are informed, attend regularly, and know what actions are being taken as a whole, you might understand more about their decision!

Instead of being the person who wasn't there to change the outcome for TODAY! Be the person who is there to change the outcome for TOMORROW!

QUESTION 6, Item B



Regular Meeting –via Zoom meeting # 823-6468-0199

Monday, September 20, 2021

7:00p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Styron Sherrell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Councilmember Peretti led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

STAFF PRESENT

Police Chief Hernandez, Finance Director Robbecke, and Planning Manager Stahlnecker, Contract Senior Planner Port.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Jacki Strader, 13th Avenue- has results of a public record request done on an employee from City of Olympia. Asked if it was appropriate to share with Council. Mayor informed Ms. Strader it wasn't appropriate and told her how she could share her findings with Mayor and Councilmembers. Ms. Strader addressed council, incorrectly, following item 7B to broach this topic once again. Ms. Strader addressed council a third time following item 7C and requested the Utility Superintendent position not be removed until council has a chance to review documents, she is giving them. She has a staffing concern.

Jacquelyn Whalen, 13th Avenue-supports staff action on Ordinance 2037-21 but wanted to bring to Council's attention that the public was not able to speak about the previous topic of Ordinance 2038-21 outside of the public hearing. Ms. Whalen spoke following item 7C about conversations she had with Mr. Afzali before his retirement about the need for a Capital Projects Manager for the major traffic and development projects happening.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Check Approval Process

a. Minutes Approval:

i. August 16, 2021, Regular Meeting

September 20, 2021 City Council meeting, citizen comment

At the September 20, 2021 city council meeting at the beginning of the public comment period, the Mayor read the following statement (first time read before citizen comment period):

So from time to time I think it's important just to remind participants of council procedures. So the purpose of a public comment period at this meeting is for the public to inform the council about their views on matters before the council. It is not intended to debate and discuss with the public and additionally our council procedures do not allow for impertinent or slanderous remarks. Members of the audience are allowed to comment on any items relating to the agenda or other topics. We kindly ask that you state your name and address for the record and that you limit your comments to three minutes.

Jacki Strader I'm not sure now if this will be appropriate (then states address for record). Three weeks ago a public records request I did with the City of Olympia on a city employee who I won't name was divulged on Facebook for whatever reason, I don't know. I now have the results of that investigation, the request, and so I thought you might be interested in it. I don't know if this is the forum or if there's another forum. I know I couldn't meet with you privately because that's a violation of the Open Meetings Act so (then she holds up the stack of papers).

Mayor: I think that what you're going to speak about is against our council procedures.

Jacki: Okay.

Mayor: I recommend an email to council would be appropriate or you can call me or any of the council members.

That ended the citizen comment period. The other citizen comment was made during an agenda item.



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting –via Zoom meeting # 829 5088 0233

Monday, November 1, 2021

7:00p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Whalen called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Councilmember Peretti led the flag salute. Mayor Styron Sherrell is absent tonight.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

STAFF PRESENT

Police Chief Hernandez, Finance Director Robbecke, and City Clerk Summers.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

Pro Tem Whalen asked to move the Police Car items up to item 7A from 7D after the Consent Agenda due to Sgt. Hume presenting it and the fact that he has already worked a full shift.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Frances Hall, 11th Ave-Spoke about living in Milton and the wonderful community it is. Spoke about not always agreeing with leadership but always becoming involved in community events. Spoke about campaigns that are currently happening where candidates are disparaging, lying and mailing out anonymous flyers. Encouraged those running for office to be honest and forthright. Encouraged voters to do their homework and show they really care for Milton.

Bruce Castle, 12th Ave Ct-Spoke about Hydrogeologic Assessment for the Bridge Development project provided to him via public record request. The document is lacking and disappointing. The basic flaw in the document is that it doesn't answer the question that it sets out to answer. Mr. Castle is concerned that not any soil or water has been examined for contaminants.

Sandy Hockett, 10th Ave-Lived in Milton for 30 years and has learned community here. The elections in this city have been degrading. The new people running are unknown by the majority of the city. Doesn't appreciate the flyer that was mailed out on behalf of the citizens of Milton when her friends, family and spouse, being citizens of Milton, don't agree with. The flyer was anonymous and not transparent and did not represent the thoughts of the community. Speaking for the future, would like to see more transparency in an election and will be watching to see how this election goes.

Jacki Strader, 13th Ave-August 2nd council meeting had Robinson Noble in attendance and there was supposed to be a retest of source samples planned. Have looked through minutes

and not found the results of that retest. Will the results be presented at a future meeting? Also, isn't a council meeting supposed to be a political free zone? Didn't know people were allowed to speak about election.

Jacquelyn Whalen, 13th Ave-Spoke about upcoming budget expenditures. Troubled to see 'Wayfinding' over pedestrian crossings, becoming a tree city, proper and a sufficient number of microphones. There are many needs over live streaming meetings. Cabinets are needed in the Planning Department and important infrastructure needs. Code changes need to be done. Timer for citizens at the podium is needed. Asked Council to reevaluate expenses in this upcoming budget and think about these needs.

Tom Boyle, 9th Ave-Spoke regarding Pacific Highway traffic, accidents and fatalities. Would like to see traffic calming and police presence on Pacific Highway. Would also like to see the speed limit lowered.

Richard Cosner, 7th Ave-Spoke regarding lowering speed limit on Pacific Highway. Sent letter to the Mayor regarding this issue and has not heard back yet. Hopes that council will consider lower the speed limit on this dangerous road.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Check Approval Process

- a. Minutes Approval:
 - i. September 29, 2021, Regular Meeting
 - ii. October 22, 2021, Study Session
- b. Claims Approval:
 - i. Approval of the checks/vouchers/disbursements numbered 69275 to 69305 in the amount of \$298,719.27.
 - ii. Approval of the payroll disbursement of October 20, 2021, in the amount of \$147,166.80.

MOTION (Ceder/Morton) "to approve the Consent Agenda." **Passed 7/0.**

PUBLIC HEARING

Called to order 8:20 pm, out 8:25

Tonight's public hearing is regarding the 2022 Revenue Sources. The public hearing is scheduled to take public testimony on revenue sources including possible increases in property tax. This is the opportunity for citizens to ask questions and comment.

Jacquelyn Whalen, 13th Ave-Inquired about a Levy LID lift as a revenue source. Is there a way to include grants in revenue sources?

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Police Car Purchase

Police Chief Hernandez and Sgt. Russ Hume presented this item to Council. The 2021 Asset Replacement and Capital Improvement Fund Budget includes an expenditure in the amount of \$55,000 for the scheduled replacement of police vehicles. An additional amount of \$60,000 is requested to replace Vehicle #322, a 2019 Ford F150 that was totaled in a collision at no fault of the Police Department. The City will be reimbursed by WCIA insurance proceeds for the replacement of this vehicle.

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November 1, 2021 Citizen Comments:

Francis Hall. My family history with the city of Milton spans over five generations and 80 years. My grandparents brought my uncle home from the hospital. My parents brought my sister and I home and my husband and I brought our children home from the hospital to live in Milton. So you asked why do families come to live in Milton and stay a lifetime born here, die here. Why living in Milton is so important. I say it brings us back to our childhood, our families, our neighbors and our wonderful community. It's going to school functions, church, local stores, organized events such as truck or treat, santa runs and when our community needed to change because of covid our leaders and volunteers rapidly stepped up to organize food for our seniors and families quickly adapt our tree lighting to bring community and a santa parade along with that distribute senior care packages and meals for those sheltering in place. Personally, I spent thousands of hours volunteering to give back to our communities so other generations could have the same childhood just my mother, my siblings, my sisters and my children and one day their children.

Over the years. I have not always agreed with every decision leadership has made. But what I have done is become involved with the city, supporting our leaders by volunteering and attending council and study sessions. Respect comes from showing up and caring and building knowledge is what's best for the city.

But that said, that brings us back to what's happening with this election. Is this the kind of community we strive for when persons running for mayor and council go out and deliberately disparage other candidates, hide from public access, mail out flyers that are outright lies and place non campaign signs in front of other running mates signs going down busy streets. If you can't win an election by telling the truth and having the knowledge you need to answer tough questions, then maybe wait until you're fully involved in the community then run. From what I see running and winning an election is easy, but lack of integrity and knowledge, you will surely rapidly become exposed. I will never forget a couple of months ago, running into a wannabe council member holding his signs, talking about the other candidate that could not tell me what council seat number he was running for. Do your homework. Knowledge should come from fact. Show you really care and do what's best for Milton.

Sandy Hockett. I don't really have anything to say. I'm just, we're just here at the election time and I guess, I've lived here for almost 30 years now and this is in my whole life where I learned what community means and that's what Milton

has been to me. It has taught me community friends, neighbors, neighborhoods. Um, I devote some time occasionally to different things that the city might need help with. I'm happy to when I can, I have a lot of friends and good neighbors and I feel very, very fortunate for that.

But whichever way this election goes, I just, I don't know what's happening to the elections in this city. It really seems like it's been degrading and I just don't want it to happen again. So I guess I'll just speak now. There is a group of new people running that really a large part of this city and I can say that because I have been here almost 30 years and I'm kind of a social person and I do know a lot of people and I reach out to people and they don't even know who these people are that are running. I know very, very little about these people that are running. I sure would have liked to have known more. I've had things mailed to my house in my name saying that this is from the citizens of Milton well excuse me, I'm a citizen, my husband's a citizen, my neighbors and friends are citizens and none of these people, including myself and my husband agreed with the things that were on this. It was mailed out to us. I don't appreciate someone speaking up in my name thank you. Saying that this is what we think because it is not true. Nobody asked me and there's no name signed on it. It doesn't say who it's coming from. There's very little transparency going on with this election and I have appreciated the transparency that this city and its officials have had in the past. I hate to see that go away. So I guess I'm really just speaking for future, whichever way this goes, we'll be watching.

Jacki Strader On August 2nd the council meeting had someone from Robinson Noble, doing a water quality report and there was a retest that was going to be scheduled and I've looked through the minutes and haven't seen it. I don't recall it being done or mentioned. I'm just asking has it been done? Will someone from Robinson Noble be coming back and presenting the results of the anomalies tests that were in those certain wells?

And I guess the other thing I want to say is, and maybe I'm wrong, my understanding was the council meetings were supposed to be like a political free zone. I didn't know people were allowed to get up and make statements about elections. Thank you.