Regular meetings of the Mill Creek City Council shall be held on the first, second and fourth Tuesdays of each month commencing at 6:00 p.m. in the Mill Creek Council Chambers located at 15728 Main Street, Mill Creek, Washington. Your participation and interest in these meetings are encouraged and very much appreciated. We are trying to make our public meetings accessible to all members of the public. If you require special accommodations, please call the City Clerk at (425) 921-5732 three days prior to the meeting.

The City Council may consider and act on any matter called to its attention at such meetings, whether or not specified on the agenda for said meeting. Participation by members of the audience will be allowed as set forth on the meeting agenda or as determined by the Mayor or the City Council.

To comment on subjects listed on or not on the agenda, ask to be recognized during the Audience Communication portion of the agenda. Please stand at the podium and state your name and address for the official record. Please limit your comments to the specific item under discussion. Time limitations shall be at the discretion of the Mayor or City Council.

Study sessions of the Mill Creek City Council may be held as part of any regular or special meeting. Study sessions are informal, and are typically used by the City Council to receive reports and presentations, review and evaluate complex matters, and/or engage in preliminary analysis of City issues or City Council business.

**Next Ordinance No.** 2015-802  
**Next Resolution No.** 2015-536

**December 1, 2015**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**FLAG SALUTE:**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION:**

A. Public comment on items on or not on the agenda

**NEW BUSINESS:**

B. Resolution Designating City of Mill Creek Agents for FEMA 4242-DR-WA Application for Disaster Assistance Funds  
(Rebecca C. Polizzotto, City Manager)
C. Legislative Priorities
(Councilmember Mike Todd)

REPORTS:

D. Mayor/Council
E. City Manager

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION:

F. Public comment on items on or not on the agenda

ADJOURNMENT
AGENDA ITEM: RESOLUTION DESIGNATING CITY OF MILL CREEK AGENTS FOR FEMA 4242-DR-WA APPLICATION FOR DISASTER ASSISTANCE FUNDS

KEY FACTS AND INFORMATION SUMMARY:
The City is actively seeking emergency disaster assistance funding for the wind storm event of August 29, 2015, designated by FEMA as disaster 4242-DR-WA. A requirement of the funding process is the detailed accounting and certification of labor, equipment, materials and contracts necessary to recover from the disaster. In addition, the funding assistance process requires an official designation, by resolution of the governing body, of an “agent” for the City to oversee the provisions of the public assistance funding contract.

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:
The Facilities, Parks and Recreation Department has been intimately involved in the cleanup and recovery efforts, and is best equipped to handle the details necessary to complete the FEMA disaster funding assistance process. Accordingly, the City Manager recommends the Council adopt the attached resolution appointing Facilities, Parks & Recreation Director Tom Gathmann as the City’s representative for FEMA disaster 4242-DR-WA and Public Works Supervisor Nathan Beagle as the alternative representative.

ATTACHMENTS:
Resolution appointing Facilities, Parks & Recreation Director Tom Gathmann as the authorized representative for the City of Mill Creek to obtain federal and state emergency disaster assistance funds and Public Works Supervisor Nathan Beagle as the designated alternate.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rebecca C. Polizzotto
City Manager
RESOLUTION NO. 2015 -

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MILL CREEK, WASHINGTON, DESIGNATING THE FACILITIES, PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR AS THE REPRESENTATIVE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY FOR FEMA DISASTER 4242-DR-WA ASSISTANCE FUNDING.

WHEREAS, the City of Mill Creek sustained significant damage during the wind storm of August 29, 2015; and

WHEREAS, said wind storm later received a Presidential Disaster Declaration, designated as 4242-DR-WA; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mill Creek submitted a Request for Public Assistance for disaster recovery costs related to disaster number 4242-DR-WA; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mill Creek desires to enter into a grant agreement with the Washington State Military Department and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for public assistance funding for disaster number 4242-DR-WA; and

WHEREAS, a requirement of a public assistance funding grant agreement is the designation by the City of an authorized representative and alternate.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILL CREEK, WASHINGTON, THAT:

Section 1. Tom Gathmann, Facilities, Parks & Recreation Director, is hereby appointed as the authorized agent for the City of Mill Creek for disaster 4242-DR-WA and Nathan Beagle, Public Works Supervisor, is appointed as the alternate agent for disaster 4242-DR-WA.

Section 2. The agent and alternate are authorized on behalf of the City of Mill Creek, to execute all contracts, certify completion of projects, request payments, and prepare all required documentation for funding requirements associated with disaster 4242-DR-WA.

Adopted this 1st day of December, 2015 by a vote of ______ for, ______ against, and ______ abstaining.

APPROVED:

PAM PRUITT, MAYOR
AGENDA ITEM: DISCUSSION OF 2016 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

KEY FACTS AND INFORMATION SUMMARY: The 2016 Legislative Session will convene in January. With the short (60 day) legislative session, it is important for the City of Mill Creek to focus on issues of importance for cities generally and Mill Creek specifically. The Economic Alliance of Snohomish County is developing a regional legislative agenda. See regional agenda from 2015 (attached). The goal is to complete this regional legislative agenda by the end of December; therefore, time is of the essence if Mill Creek is going to have input in the setting of these priorities.

In addition, Snohomish County Cities is also developing a legislative agenda specific to city issues. It is anticipated their agenda will be completed in December after the regional agenda is finalized. See SCC agenda from 2015 (attached).

Finally, the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) has also developed a set of legislative priorities for 2016; however, specific elements are not yet developed.

The goal for the December 1 council meeting is to discuss what Mill Creek would like to emphasize in the above referenced legislative agendas including whether there are Mill Creek specific issues or requests to be made under the umbrella of these legislative agendas.

Based on the attachments, each council member is asked to highlight the issues that he/she thinks are most important for Mill Creek, and our region, in order to provide input on the above agendas. Further, each council member is encouraged to identify additional topics he/she feels are important that are not presently listed in order to develop a message to use with our legislative delegation.

ATTACHMENTS:
2015 EASC Legislative Agenda
2015 SCC Regional Priorities
2016 AWC Legislative Priorities

Respectfully Submitted:

Rebecca C. Polizzotto
City Manager
Snohomish County is a critical center and driver of Washington State’s 21st century technology-based economy. We ask that you support the following strategic capital and program investments that will help sustain Washington’s leadership in America’s new economy.

**TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE**

*Invest in World-Class Systems*
- A statewide multimodal transportation package that includes at least $1 B for Snohomish County or 10% of any revenue package
- Port of Everett rail investments to facilitate movement of key export cargo —
  - Capital funding for a double rail siding — $3 Million
  - Funding from the Freight Rail Assistance Program to construct a rail connection to the mainline — $1.3 Million
- Transit funding through the Regional Mobility Grant program to support core of State’s aerospace manufacturing; Community Transit: Seaway Transit Center — $6.8 M, Snohomish County: Mukilteo Park & Ride — $2.7 M
- Enact legislation to allow local transportation, including transit, revenue options and a 2016 ballot measure to fund Sound Transit 3 extensions.

**EDUCATION & WORKFORCE**

*Invest in the Workforce of Tomorrow*
- Everett University Center program expansions - WSU and University Center partners request to add new FTE/degree programs in WSU-software engineering, WSU-sustainable ag/food systems, WSU-STEM Academy, CWU - Aviation Technology — $4.5 M
- Capital funding for a permanent facility for the Everett University Center — $61 M
- UW Bothell - capital funding for predesign of a new Academic STEM building — $500,000
- Capital funding to renovate Snohomish County’s Carnegie Bldg. for Rapid Recidivism Reduction Program — $1.6 M
- Support “Early Start Act”, which aims to increase the quality of childcare and preschool programs

**COMPETITIVENESS**

*Invest in Globally Attractive Manufacturing Communities*
- Reauthorize High Technology B&O Credit for R&D Spending and High Technology Sales & Use Tax Deferral/Waiver incentives
- Support legislation — “Providing for property tax exemption for the value of new construction of industrial/manufacturing facilities in targeted urban areas”

**MANUFACTURING**

1st
1st in concentration of manufacturing jobs with 64,000 direct jobs, and 750+ companies. 2nd in aerospace manufacturing employment with 43,000 direct jobs and 215+ companies.

**TECHNOLOGY**

2nd
2nd in the number of technology-based jobs, with over 66,000.

**WAGES**

5 billion
$5.5 billion in wages supported by manufacturing and aerospace.

Expresses regional priorities from:
Snohomish County is a critical economic center for Washington State. To properly support this vital region we are asking for the state to partner with us to implement the following key priorities:

**TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE**

- Support a statewide multimodal transportation funding package that protects and grows the State's key economic drivers, such as the Snohomish County North Puget Sound Manufacturing Corridor, while supporting effective reforms that improve ROI for projects.
- Support an expanded multimodal transportation system in Snohomish County.
  - Continued support for Community Transit SWIFT II
  - Support expanded Sound Transit 3 – via Paine Field to Everett Community College/WSU
- Develop a funding strategy for freight rail investments maximizing use of existing regional rail systems that eliminate at-grade crossings and expand short-line rail capacity.
  - Support improvements to the Eastside Railroad corridor
- Improve the Port of Everett's ability to transport and handle a variety of strategic cargo through capital investments in dock, rail, and surface transportation improvements.
- Maintain sufficient funding in support of state Public Works Assistance Account (PWAA), Transportation Improvement Board (TIB), County Road Administration Board (CRAB), and Regional Mobility Grant programs.

**EDUCATION & WORKFORCE**

- Support Everett University Center under WSU leadership to add new degree programs and provide a permanent facility for the Everett University Center.
- Provide appropriate capital and program funding for UW Bothell, Everett CC and Edmonds CC to expand STEM programs.
- Continue funding and support of WA STEM and regional STEM networks.
- Support locating of Advanced Composites Center in Snohomish County as the State's advanced manufacturing hub.
- Implement innovative approaches treating mental health disabilities and homelessness that enable citizens to fully participate and succeed in the local workforce as well as contribute to the community.

**COMPETITIVENESS**

- Maintain aerospace and other high-tech business incentives.
- Maintain a balanced rational approach to water-quality human health criteria (i.e. fish consumption rates) in proposed standards.
- Undertake strategies to improve broadband access and quality, including wireless services, particularly to underserved and rural areas.
- Protect local economic development organizations' state funding (i.e. protect funding for ADOs like EASC).
- Provide local options and tools to local governments and agencies to fund infrastructure that enables economic development; for example Value Capture Financing.

Expresses regional priorities from:

- Economic Alliance
- Port of Everett
- Snohomish County
- Evergreen Council
- Regional Mobility

**ECONOMY**

2nd in the state for Gross Regional Product at $36.2 billion, driven by $22.7 billion in exports.

**EDUCATION**

Highly ranked educational system including 6 universities, 10 community & technical colleges, and home to a regional STEM network.

**JOBS**

Highest percentage of jobs tied to international trade in Washington State at 60% of our workforce.
Snohomish County Cities, a collaboration of all 20 cities and towns in the county, is working to partner with our State Legislators to advance policies and secure funding that will ensure Snohomish County remains a strong economic center in Washington State.

**FISCAL HEALTH**
- Maintain and restore existing state-shared revenues used by cities to provide local services, including: restore diverted liquor taxes, remove cap on liquor profits, and honor promises made for streamlined sales tax.
- Protect cities from unfunded new or increased regulatory requirements. Resist transferring responsibility for services or programs to cities without accompanying funding mechanisms.

**TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE**
- Pass a statewide, multimodal, transportation investment package to include $1 billion for Snohomish County or 10% of any package.
- Restore the Public Works Trust Fund for local infrastructure programs.

**EDUCATION & WORKFORCE**
- Provide adequate funding for education. Cities are strong only if we have good schools; schools are strong when they are supported by healthy cities.
- Provide expanded funding for STEM networks. Provide capital and operating funding for the University Center in Everett (WSU).

For more information about Snohomish County Cities’ regional priorities, please contact:

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**TECHNOLOGY**
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Washington’s 281 cities and towns are where most residents live, learn, work, and play. Working together, we need to make a concerted and assertive effort to ensure every legislator knows that the state is only as strong as its cities and towns.

**Infrastructure**
**Halt the diversion from critical infrastructure programs to help cities grow and prosper**

City infrastructure systems are a critical part of a larger network that serves and benefits the entire state. Diversion from programs that support basic local infrastructure means that communities cannot affordably maintain and secure new infrastructure. We need to reboot, and potentially reformulate this partnership. The state’s abandonment of these programs cannot be the only option.

**Fiscal Sustainability**
**Ensure sufficient and flexible revenue for essential city services**

The current method of funding city services is fundamentally broken. Many available revenue options are either constricted, restricted, or unpredictable. Cities need stable revenue streams to provide essential services such as public safety, infrastructure, and environmental protection to our growing population.

**Emergency Responsiveness**
**Help cities prepare for and address impacts of natural disasters and other emergencies**

As a result of recent experiences with devastating wildfires, landslides, and other emergencies, cities need better ways to address emergency management. Examples include greater ability to coordinate response and enhance communication in emergencies, and the authority to ban fireworks sales and use during dangerous conditions.

**Public Records**
**Strengthen the Public Records Act in response to changing technology and burdensome requests**

Cities support open and transparent government and continue to seek the best ways to meet this commitment. Unfortunately, there are a growing number of requestors who monopolize resources with broad, voluminous, commercially-driven, or retaliatory requests that do not provide a public benefit proportionate to the taxpayer dollars needed to fulfill these requests. Cities need additional tools to resolve conflicts outside the courtroom and the authority to charge a reasonable fee for electronic and commercial requests. We also need to address the impact changing technology has on public records.

**Human Services, Homelessness and Affordable Housing**
**Enhance the provision of much needed human service programs to address issues that drive increased homelessness and public safety costs**

Cities believe that investment in the state’s human services network is necessary. Greater access to mental health and substance abuse services is essential. Cities throughout the state are grappling with affordable housing shortages and homelessness. Together with the state, counties, and other partners, we need to develop strategies to address housing shortages and homelessness in cities of all sizes and locations.

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