

**FIFE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Fife City Hall
Council Chambers**

**Date: March 24, 2009
Time: 7:00 p.m.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION Mayor Johnson convened an executive session at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of Real Estate RCW 42.30.140 for approximately 50 minutes.

ADJOURNMENT Mayor Johnson adjourned the executive session at 6:50 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER AND
ROLL CALL** Mayor Johnson called the regular meeting of the Fife City Council to order at 7:03 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Richard Godwin, Glenn Hull, Butch Brooks, Barry Johnson, Rob Cerqui, Nancy de Booy, and Kim Roscoe.

Staff present: City Manager Steve Worthington, Assistant City Attorney Greg Amann, Finance Director Steve Marcotte, Police Chief Brad Blackburn, Public Works Director Russ Blount, Parks, Recreation & Community Services Director Kurt Reuter, Acting Community Development Director Carl Durham, Marketing Coordinator Laurel Potter, Administrative Assistant Andrea Richards, Financial Analyst Dave DeGroot, and Recording Secretary Valerie Gow.

**PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE** Councilmember Hull led the pledge of allegiance.

**CHANGES,
ADDITIONS OR
DELETIONS TO
AGENDA** An introduction of Mrs. Fife, 2009, was added to the agenda.

CITIZENS COMMENTS **Rick Stracke, 2422 Berry Lane E**, referred to the City's plans for a trail system and his concerns of a study and survey completed for extension of the Frank Albert Trail through his property without permission. Additionally, none of his neighbors were notified about a possible trail through the neighborhood. He complained about the City spending tax money on a survey prior to notifying citizens. Almost 4,000 surveys were sent out with only 180 surveys returned. The completed surveys indicated trails and parks are important for the City. None of his neighbors received a survey. Councilmember Godwin did visit his property, but it would have been nice for City representatives to ask questions about flooding that occurs up to the berm, which separates the properties. Much emphasis has been placed on restoring Wapato Creek. Impervious asphalt is planned for the remaining segments of the Frank Albert Trail. Impervious asphalt can leech petroleum products into the creek. He asked for the City to inform property owners of any plans, as well as scheduling a visit to view how unusable his property is for a trail.

City Manager Worthington advised that he and staff visited the area across the creek where the City owns property. The creek is located against the berm and

there is some significant construction issues associated with the placement of a trail. It wouldn't be impossible to place a trail in the area, but it would be a significant chore to undertake. He viewed Mr. Stracke's property from the northern side and it helped to provide a firsthand view of the issues associated with the area.

Carole Sue Braaten, 2410 Berry Lane East, referred to Councilmember Hull's previous comments concerning the high rate of school impact fees within the Radiance subdivision. The amount does not cover the cost of students in kindergarten or first grade. She purported that because the subdivision is targeted to younger families with school age children, the subdivision does have an impact on the Puyallup School District. She commented on the low return rate of the trail survey and asked whether the survey included questions about how citizens feel about trail placement across their property. She contended that if the question was not included within the survey, the results

Arbor Day Proclamation Mayor Johnson read a proclamation recognizing Arbor Day on March 24, 2009 in the City of Fife.

Mayor Johnson presented the proclamations to Mr. Coddington and Mr. Fietz.

**Trade Show Prize
Drawing**

Marketing Coordinator Laurel Potter reported on the attendance to two recent trade shows representing the City of Fife. A prize drawing was advertised in the City's booth and garnered approximately 700 entries. She introduced Moira Hurley, Sales Manager at the Tacoma Regional Convention Visitor Bureau (TRCVB).

The TRCVB partnered with the City on Fife for the Seattle Trade Show on January 23-24, 2009. Attendees entered to win Pierce County prizes. The second show was the Vancouver Outdoor Adventure Show on February 14-15, 2009 in Vancouver, B.C.

Mayor Johnson drew ticket submissions for the following prizes:

- Dinner for two at Emerald Queen Casino (3 drawings)
- Grand Prize: Two night stay at Baymont Inn & Suites in Grand Turret Suite, Dinner for two at Emerald Queen, Weekend car rental at Infinite of Fife.

Mayor Johnson thanked local businesses for donating prizes.

**Mrs. Fife 2009 – Jamicka
Jones**

Mayor Johnson introduced Jamicka Jones, Mrs. Fife 2009. Mrs. Jones reported she was selected to represent Fife at the Mrs. Washington State Finals in Moses Lake, WA on May 24, 2009. The pageant, in its 34th year, was created to recognize America's married women. The winner will represent Washington State in the nationally televised Mrs. America pageant in Tucson, Arizona for the Ms. World title. This year, the pageant is supporting the ambassador of music education award, a national platform for the National Association of Music Education. Efforts include convincing the Department of Education that music education should be equally accessible to all children. She asked the Council to consider signing petitions to keep music and arts in schools. A benefit concern fundraiser will be held on April 11, 2009 at The Corridor in Sea Tac, WA from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Ms. Jones said she is honored and privileged to represent the City of Fife, and appreciates the City of Fife supporting her run for the Mrs. Washington Pageant.

**COUNCIL DELEGATE
REPORT**

Councilmember Godwin reported on his attendance to the Rainier Communications Advisory Committee meeting.

Councilmember Hull reported that as the delegate to the Puyallup School District, he contacted a representative from the school district to work with the district on solutions regarding the annual school impact fee.

Councilmember Cerqui reported on his review of vouchers during the Voucher Review Committee with Councilmember de Booy.

Councilmember de Booy reported on her attendance to the Mayor's forum on the Mayor's behalf at Fife Flowers. There was good attendance by citizens with Councilmember Godwin also in attendance.

Councilmember Roscoe attended the Zootrek Authority Board meeting. The organization is facing similar budget concerns. Attendance is down and Zoo Lights attendance was impacted by the snowstorm. She will provide a full report at the next meeting. The next Fife School District Board is scheduled for March 30, 2009. She asked the designated alternate to attend on her behalf, as she's unable to attend the meeting.

Mayor Johnson attended the Pierce County Regional Council meeting. Members voted on projects for funding. Director Blount provided an excellent presentation on behalf of the City's project, Phase 2 of the 70th reconstruction. The project along with five others was forwarded for recommendation and consideration to the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC). He also attended the Puyallup River Task Force meeting. There may be potential funding for repairs to the decertified levee. The potential funding source involves a surface water management fee. More information on the source will be presented at future meetings.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTIONS

#1293; Approving ILA W/Pierce County Library District

Motion

Councilmember de Booy moved, seconded by Councilmember Hull, to approve Resolution #1293; Approving ILA with Pierce County Library District.

City Clerk/Finance Director Marcotte read the title of Resolution #1293:

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, authorizing an agreement with the Pierce County Library District regarding library services in the event of annexation.

City Manager Worthington reported the proposed local agreement sets forth conditions if the citizens of Fife vote to annex into the Pierce County Library District. At a future meeting, the Council could consider action to schedule a ballot measure. The proposed interlocal agreement sets a series of conditions

for the provision of services. The agreement will provide a clear understanding to voters of what they could anticipate in library services if annexation occurred following a successful election. The agreement provides for services through library cards and other outreach services of the district. Annexation to the district will result in a new tax, which would not be received by the district until April 2011. Following the first collection, the district will provide a 6,000 square-foot library in the City of Fife through a lease arrangement. Exhibit A lays out a series of conditions. At a future date, at the direction of the Library Board, a 6,500 square-foot library will be built by the district based on issuance of bonds or other action at the direction of the Library Board.

City Manager Worthington acknowledged the attendance of Library Director Neel Parikh and Deputy Director Georgia Lomax. Councilmember Hull assisted in the development of the agreement.

Ms. Parikh reported on the district's facility master planning process and how the district is considering larger facilities than previously discussed with the Council. It's likely the building will be larger when it's built. The Board of Trustees is pleased at the opportunity of working with the City of Fife. The library will make a significant investment in the facility and will borrow funds for the facility. It will take a minimum of 10 years for the tax revenue to repay the expense of outfitting and operating a library.

Ms. Lomax reviewed additional details pertaining to proposed lease space. She displayed several typical library floor plans for a 6,000 square-foot building.

Ms. Parikh responded to questions requesting clarification of the lease space versus the new building. The library will open a leased space in June 2011. The library will purchase a collection and install computers and furniture by securing a loan through a councilmanic bond.

Ms. Lomax reviewed the different types of space within a library and displayed photos of several libraries in the region of similar size proposed for the Fife library.

Councilmember Hull supported the proposal and commented positively on the agreement.

Councilmember Cerqui shared some concerns but supports libraries and prefers the City's current arrangement with the City of Tacoma Library. There appears to be no good barometer of tax dollars versus the return on investment. In terms of a property owner with a \$250,000 home, it would equate to \$100 annually for library service, which is a major amount during an economic downturn. Many people are facing foreclosures and other issues. He said he's asked several times for information on the costs for the City to build a library and then possibly enter into an agreement with the District to operate the library. He said he's also inquired about engaging in talks with the school

district for a possible library agreement. There were some discussions several years ago with the junior high school or expanding the high school library. He said he's not satisfied with the answers he received on those options. Councilmember Cerqui said he can't support another tax and is not convinced by the community or the Council that there is demand for a library. Additionally, he doesn't believe his questions were answered. There is also no guarantee within the agreement that there will be a library in Fife.

Councilmember de Booy indicated her major concern is increased taxation during a major recession as well as leasing space and paying into the district while they decide whether to build. That would entail another bond issue, which is another tax. She questioned whether the timing is right. She said she also hasn't been contacted by the community about the need for a library. She asked about the option of a Pierce County regional library for serving the local, smaller communities, which she supports as a future option.

Councilmember Roscoe said the issue is one that has created division within the Council, which is one of the reasons she appreciates serving on the Council. The Council is not of a unified position on all issues, which is what citizens want in their Councilmembers. This presents the opportunity for a sincere discussion. If the issue goes to a ballot, citizens will have an opportunity to vote on the issue. She said she likes the agreement as presented and believes the district will open a facility by June 1, 2011. However, the agreement also allows for the possibility that it might not happen. She recommended including a clause allowing for both parties to renegotiate in the event the district does not find a location that fits the criteria by June 1, 2011.

Councilmember Brooks noted that the issue before the Council is a proposed agreement between the City and the Pierce County Library District. If approved, the next process involves a public hearing and then the Council would vote to send the issue to a November ballot. The agreement speaks to library service in two phases. The first is securing a library card initially followed by an agreement to open a leased facility based on criteria. As Councilmember Roscoe addressed, the issue is what might occur in the unlikely event the district is not able to secure a leased space, as there is no specific commitment requiring the district to place a facility even though tax would be assessed. Eventually, the district will build a library financed through a district-wide bond issue. Councilmember Brooks said he'll support moving forward with the interlocal agreement.

Councilmember de Booy said can support the proposed agreement with an amendment as suggested by Councilmember Roscoe.

Mayor Johnson thanked library representatives for working with the City to meet its needs. He supports the agreement, but has some issues with the language concerning leases. However, the issue may be more about the timing of available lease space and the opening date. He supports the proposed

amendment to the agreement and fully supports joining the district, as students need a library. Teachers have repeatedly spoken to him about students suffering during summer months because of the lack of access to a library. He acknowledged some of the issue surrounding taxes.

Councilmember Godwin expressed concerns about the financial aspects of the proposal. He said he's a proponent for the City considering its own library rather than included within a district with little or no say. He said he'll likely support moving forward with the agreement but is concerned that the taxes will be much greater than the expense to the district.

City Manager Worthington clarified some issues raised by the Council. Staff prepared a study on different financing options for operating a library approximately one year ago. As the Council prepares for a hearing, citizens will want to know costs. Staff can provide a reasonable estimate of the alternatives. However, library service would need to be paid from the existing budget. Additionally, it will cost the City approximately \$1.5 million less than what the library can provide.

Mayor Johnson pointed out the funding source for a City library would come from the general fund for capital to build the facility with additional funds required for operations and equipment.

Ms. Parikh addressed questions and clarified that the cost of a new building would not be \$8 million but \$1.5 million. Regarding the agreement's intent, it was based on availability of appropriate lease space within the City, which may not be available.

Assistant City Attorney Amann advised the Council that both parties have the option of extending the agreement based on mutual agreement. Ms. Parikh agreed it would be beneficial to include a date to afford an opportunity for the district to contact the City for moving forward. She expressed willingness to extend the date.

Discussion followed between the Council and Ms. Parikh on some of the details of the agreement, type of visual aids available to the public prior to the ballot measure, Public Disclosure limitations, public outreach and public hearing for the ballot measure, local campaigns in support of the measure, and revision of language within the agreement.

Mayor Johnson recommended the following change to the agreement:

- Revise 2 (a) on page 1 in the last paragraph to state, "...rental space that PCLS determines is suitable for a branch library, PCLS will endeavor to provide a branch library of approximately 6,000 square-feet of leased space with the City commencing June 1, 2011. Should PCLS be unable to secure a facility to accommodate that opening date, PCLS and the

City of Fife will renegotiate a mutually agreeable date. Space shall be deemed suitable if it meets the criteria attached hereto as Exhibit A.”

Motion **Mayor Johnson moved, seconded by Councilmember Hull, to amend the motion to include the revised language within the agreement as offered.**

Public Comment **Carole Sue Braaten, 2410 Berry Lane East,** commented that citizens were barred from using the Pierce County Library. She advocated for library service with the City of Tacoma. Currently, library service within the district costs taxpayers \$187 per person if allowed to obtain a card. The City of Fife currently reimburses citizens to obtain a library card. She asked the Council to reconsider its decision and consider the burden to voters during a difficult economic time.

Motion **Motion carried unanimously on the amendment.**

Motion **Motion carried. Councilmembers de Booy, Cerqui, and Godwin opposed.**

City Manager Worthington advised that a public hearing will be scheduled on April 28, 2009 for consideration of placing a ballot measure on the November ballot.

**#1294; Authorize City
Manager to Enter into an
Agreement with Pierce
Conservation District**

Motion **Councilmember Cerqui moved, seconded by Councilmember de Booy, to approve Resolution #1294; Authorize City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Pierce Conservation District**

City Clerk/Finance Director Marcotte read the title of Resolution #1294:

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Pierce County Conservation District.

Acting Director Durham reviewed the proposed agreement to contract with the Pierce County Conservation District for services needed for review of habitat management, planting, and other critical areas plans throughout the City for private and public development. The contract cost of \$6,000 is the same as last year. There is no requirement for the City to utilize the district's services. Currently, only two cities participate in the program – City of Fife and Bonney Lake. More services are offered through the contract than in previous years at the same cost. The contract offers 40 hours of review time for projects.

Councilmember Godwin commented on the extensive list of services and

indicated he was somewhat amazed, as he didn't recall seeing much of the work completed by the district. He opposed the use of the Stream Team for any work in the Brookville Gardens creek restoration work and recommended striking item #1 on Attachment A related to work in Brookville Gardens Park, Stowe, and Sunrise at Radiance. The City has hired professionals to set the standards for restoration work.

Councilmember de Booy asked for staff's impression on the quality of work performed by the district. Acting Director Durham said he's worked with the district since 1989, and with any agency; the district performs well in some areas than in other areas. The district provided much assistance with the Jordan property and the Milgard site. It's likely the district needs funds, which is probably the reason for including additional services. However, the City is not obligated to use the services.

Councilmember de Booy inquired about other options available to the City. Acting Director Durham said the City doesn't have in-house expertise to undertake the work. There are numerous private firms that perform the work, such as natural systems design firms. The private sector may work harder at staying current.

City Manager Worthington cautioned the Council not to lose site of the value of the Stream Team for public outreach and education. Volunteers visit schools, provide information, and involve students from junior high and high schools, as well as coordinating volunteers within the community. The value is in public outreach. Stream Team volunteers were instrumental in completing restoration work at Wedge Park near Wapato Creek and 58th through a series of volunteer efforts. They have also been helpful to staff in review of plans. He said the City will not use the district's services for plan review unless directed to do so.

Councilmember Roscoe asked for staff's recommendation and whether the contract fills a need within the City. Acting Director Durham said he views the contract in several ways. The City's budget this year is constrained. The contract cost is \$6,000. There are tasks performed that are helpful, but not necessarily scientific or biologically necessary. The district assists in cleaning and removing invasive species and removes debris from streams. Regardless of skill level, all reviewers of documents and plan can find something. The district would provide staff with another set of eyes for review.

Councilmember Godwin said he's not opposed to the district but found the work last performed by the district to be unacceptable.

Councilmember Brooks said he will not support approving the agreement because of the lack of general funds that could be used elsewhere, such as hiring more police officers.

Mayor Johnson commented positively on the work of the Stream Team within

the community. He cited several projects involving Stream Team volunteers.

Mayor Johnson noted that staff understands that the district will not be used for development plan review, which is why he didn't amend the motion.

Motion

Roll call vote:

Councilmember Godwin – No

Councilmember Hull – No

Mayor Johnson – Yes

Councilmember Brooks – No

Councilmember Cerqui – Yes

Councilmember de Booy – Yes

Councilmember Roscoe – No

Motion failed.

**#1295; Approve 2nd
Amend with Pierce
County for Sanitary
Sewer Service**

Motion

Councilmember Cerqui moved, seconded by Councilmember de Booy, to approve Resolution #1295; Approve 2nd Amend with Pierce County for Sanitary Sewer Service

City Clerk/Finance Director Marcotte read the title of Resolution #1295:

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, authorizing an amendment to the Pierce County – City of Fife Sanitary Sewer Area Agreement, Contract No. 99-9992.

Director Blount reported the request is an adjustment of Fife's sewer service territory to include annexed areas and establishing the process for further revisions upon further annexations. The annexations include the Benthien Loop neighborhood and Pacific Highway East area of 62nd. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

Director Blount addressed several questions pertaining to several provisions of the agreement to the satisfaction of the Council.

Motion

Motion carried unanimously.

**CITY MANAGER
REPORT**

City Manager Worthington reported on the following:

- The City received notice that former Councilmember Fritz Lorne recently died. The City will send a Police Officer to his service as a representative of the City.

- Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) recently announced the City of Fife as an award winner for PSRC 2040 Vision recognizing the City's project on Valley Avenue and 20th. A Councilmember representing the City will receive the trophy for display at the City. The meeting will be held at the Benaroya Concert Hall in Seattle at the end of April.
- Staff is working to deploy technology with Council laptops and is moving forward with video streaming. Staff would like an opportunity to review the system with the Council on April 14, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. The City's web Q&A will also be implemented where citizens can submit questions.
- City Administrator Worthington is attending the Washington City Managers/Administrators Conference in Vancouver, WA later in the week.

**COUNCILMEMBER
COMMENTS**

Councilmember Godwin reported the Daffodil Parade is scheduled on April 4, 2009. Volunteers are needed on April 3 at 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.

Councilmember Brooks referred to previous comments about the potential trail system and asked whether the City has immediate plans for constructing a trail. City Manager Worthington replied that the trail is included in the Parks Plan. The area mentioned earlier has been considered for connecting segments of the trail, but based on the site visit he recently undertook with staff; it's likely the project is not a near-term project. Councilmember Brooks clarified that the City has no plans to build trails along Wapato Creek. City Manager Worthington added that the City owns property next to the trail on the north side. However, there is approximately a 200-foot gap between the City's properties. The City is not planning to connect the trail through anyone's property. Councilmember Brooks reported pervious asphalt does not leech oil into the ground.

Councilmember Cerqui inquired about the status of the Puyallup School District impact fees. City Manager Worthington said he's had a discussion with the Puyallup City Manager who informed him that the City of Puyallup has no near-term plans to adjust school impact fees. Councilmember Cerqui expressed disappointment with the policy because it creates a shortage for the school district.

Director Blount addressed Councilmember Cerqui's questions about the status of the construction work on 36th Street, which involves a temporary surface for working in the rain for trenching by utility companies. After completion of the utility work, the road will be regarded and paved with asphalt.

Councilmember Cerqui inquired about the status of contacting the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to post detour signs. Director Blount advised that staff is working on a series of priorities with the department

and plans to revisit the issue.

Councilmember de Booy thanked *Fife Free Press* for articles featuring activities occurring in Fife, including an article on WSDOT's decision not to install noise walls along Interstate 5. Councilmember de Booy reported on her upcoming attendance to the Regional Chamber of Commerce luncheon on April 1, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Mayor Johnson adjourned the regular meeting at 9:18 p.m.

RECONVENE TO WORKSHOP

Mayor Johnson convened the workshop at 9:29 p.m.

**Finance/Admin
Department Overview**

City Manager Worthington adjusted the workshop agenda because of time limitations.

Director Marcotte provided an overview of the Finance/Administration Department. The department is comprised of 10.7 FTEs, who are divided between Finance and Administration functions. The department provides much of the "back office" functions for the City with a budget of \$1,040,707 for 2009.

Director Marcotte reviewed staff positions and responsibilities.

The department supports the activities of the City by providing the following services; accounting, budgeting, treasury and banking, payroll, vendor payments, utility billing, cashiering, accounts receivable, records management, public records request, business licensing, Council agenda packets and other functions of the City Clerk, and passport applications.

Mayor Johnson inquired about the costs of administering the passport program. Director Marcotte said he's not able to quantify the costs. There is some training time with the State Department on passport application processing. Generally, the reimbursement rate of \$35 is reasonable based on the time required to process an application. The reimbursement rate was recently reduced from \$50. Volume of applications has increased based on new border crossing requirements.

Councilmember Brooks said the reviews are helpful. He asked to schedule some of the larger department budgets sooner rather than later. City Manager Worthington said smaller department were scheduled earlier to afford adequate time for departments to prepare for the briefings. He advised that he'll review the schedule of presentations for possible changes.

**Review 2009 Budgeted
Wage Dollar Savings**

City Manager Worthington reviewed budgeted 2009 positions that remain unfilled. After a review with Director Marcotte on the specific positions, it was

From Open Positions

determined approximately \$500,000 would be saved by not filling approximately seven budgeted positions that are included in the 2009 budget.

Councilmember Brooks asked how much of the projected savings is attributed to the Police Department. City Manager Worthington said the amount is approximately \$160,000. Councilmember Brooks asked whether the City can operate at the current level. City Manager Worthington affirmed the City can operate at the existing level, but having fewer employees means less work. The City can operate at a reasonable level of service. However, some areas may require additional help.

Councilmember Cerqui asked how many of the positions were newly created positions that were not filled. City Manager Worthington said the seven positions were previously filled positions in 2008. The City is still hiring for some positions, such as the red light clerk position because the position is funded from the program and is necessary to administer the program.

Councilmember Godwin asked how many of the seven positions are located within the Police Department. City Manager Worthington said two of the positions are within the Police Department. The department is down by three positions, but it's possible an activated reserve officer may be able to fill the third position. Police Chief Blackburn reported the reserve applicant is for Skagit County. City Manager Worthington confirmed the department has three position openings with another \$80,000 in savings for a total savings of \$580,000 in the 2009 budget.

Swim Center HVAC/Hot Water Tank Replacement

City Manager Worthington described the project for replacing the Swim Center HVAC, which will require cutting the roof and removing the equipment. There is also an opportunity to replace the 25-year old water heater, which is the size of a Volkswagen car. The budget includes \$250,000 for the work, budgeted from the lodging tax fund. Timing of the project is critical because of the time required to order the equipment and complete the project prior to the beginning of the summer season. An eight-week period is required for ordering one piece of equipment. Staff is confident of the updated cost estimates for the air handler, condensing unit, and the hot water heater.

Director Reuter advised that the total project cost is \$180,000 for the equipment with the total cost estimated by the structural engineer to be \$225,000, which includes other required work for removal of old equipment and installation of new equipment. Staff looked at ways to reduce costs associated with project management and lowered that amount to \$25,000 bringing the total to \$250,000.

City Manager Worthington said staff also explored looking at ways to spread the cost over several years. It's not the optimum solution, but it could work. The City could purchase the equipment and warehouse the equipment until needed. However, if the equipment should fail, a 10-week closure will be

necessary to replace the equipment.

Director Reuter provided a status report on the condition of existing equipment. The equipment has outlived its designated lifespan, but is well maintained. The hot water tank is beginning to reveal some stress cracks, which has been repaired and continues to function well.

Councilmember Godwin asked whether project management could be accomplished entirely by staff. City Manager Worthington advised that the elements involving the bid specs would require assistance from the consultant. Additionally, structural plans must be completed by a structural engineer.

Director Reuter reviewed the revised scope of work for reducing project management to approximately \$25,000.

Councilmember Brooks questioned the advantage of gas versus electric. Director Reuter said staff explored the cost differences and advantages. While there may be some savings in utility billings, the payback would take approximately 15 to 20 years to install a gas system.

Councilmember Brooks asked about the next logical replacement window if the project is delayed. Director Reuter said it would likely be at the end of the summer season, which will impact the Fife High School swimming program and PE program.

Councilmember Brooks asked about the confidence level of the projection for lodging tax funds during 2009. Director Marcotte reported lodging tax over performed in 2008 and is tracking well for 2009. Councilmember Brooks conveyed support for moving forward if the project can be completed by June 15, 2009.

Director Reuter answered questions on the steps necessary to remove the equipment through the roof, which will require a crane and dismantling of some of the equipment. Those costs are included within the budget. The pool will be closed for a period of three weeks.

Motion

Councilmember Roscoe moved, seconded by Councilmember Cerqui, to extend the meeting until 10:10 p.m. Motion carried.

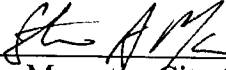
The Council expressed support for moving forward immediately with the project.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 10:08 p.m.



Barry D. Johnson, Mayor



Steve Marcotte, City Clerk/Finance Director

Prepared by Valerie Gow, Recording Secretary/President
Puget Sound Meeting Services