

**FIFE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Fife City Hall
Council Chambers**

**Date: April
13, 2010
Time: 7:00
p.m.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

**Godwin Johnson Hull Cerqui de
Booy Alveshere**

The following members were present: Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem Brooks, Councilmember Alveshere, Councilmember de Booy, Councilmember Hull, Councilmember Godwin, and Councilmember Cerqui.

Staff Present: Steve Worthington, City Manager, Greg Amann, Assistant City Attorney, Russ Blount, Public Works Director, Brad Blackburn, Chief of Police, Kurt Reuter, Parks and Recreation Director, Senior Planner Bev Boyle, Andrea Richards, Confidential Administrative Assistant, and Cindy L Dunn, Acting Deputy Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor ProTem Cerqui led the pledge of allegiance.

**CHANGES, ADDITIONS OR
DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

Councilmember Hull moved, seconded by Councilmember Godwin, to approve to remove items 6A Daffodil Float Recognition and 6E Fife Lions Club Recognition/Easter Egg Hunt Event under Special Presentations. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS COMMENTS
(Items not on the agenda)

There were no citizen comments at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Hull moved, seconded by Councilmember Alveshere, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Date:
March 16, 2010 Study Session
March 20, 2010 Budget Retreat
March 23, 2010 Council Meeting

March 16 Minutes

March 20 Minutes

March 23 Minutes

Approval of Vouchers: Payroll:
#466149 - 46667 \$600,009.51
Claims: # Claims: #78949 -
79135 \$907,842.64

Payroll Voucher

Claims Vouchers

Set a Special Meeting for April 20, 2010 Study Session

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Daffodil Float Recognition (Worthington)

Daffodil Float Recognition

Removed from agenda

Proclamation Domestic Violence Awareness Day (Worthington)

Proclamation Domestic Violence Awareness Day

Mayor Johnson read the Domestic Violence Awareness Day Proclamation declaring April 26, 2010 as Domestic Violence Awareness Day. He introduced Susan Adams, Director of the Crystal Judson Family Center to accept the proclamation.

Susan Adams thanked the City and Mayor and Council for the proclamation and recognition and then she spoke about the

Center and gave information as to the vital role community members can play in helping to end domestic violence.

**Proclamation Parks
Appreciation Day (Reuter)**

Proclamation Parks Appreciation Day

Mayor Johnson read the Proclamation for Parks Appreciation Day declaring April 24th as Parks Appreciation Day. He invited Kurt Reuter, Parks & Recreation Director to accept the Proclamation.

Kurt Reuter thanked the City, Mayor and Council and stated that the City of Fife is again participating in the annual "Parks Appreciation Day" an event observed throughout Pierce County. The City is one of many jurisdictions across the county that participates in this all volunteer cleanup activity. The City of Fife is proud to be a part of this regional event that helps educate our citizens about the important role public parks play in our communities. The City will hold an event at Fountain Memorial Park on April 24th including weeding, pruning and flower planting with the help of local volunteers and service organization.

**Proclamation Arbor Day
(Reuter)**

Proclamation Arbor Day

Mayor Johnson read the Proclamation for Arbor Day declaring April 24th as Arbor Day. He invited Kurt Reuter, Parks & Recreation Director to accept the Proclamation.

Kurt Reuter thanked the City, Mayor and Council and stated that the City of Fife is again recognizing Arbor Day as a special day of commemoration in our community. Over the years and around the world Arbor Day has enlightened and educated people as to the importance of trees. They are vital to the health of our planet, beautify our

surroundings, and provide the raw materials for many things that we use every day.

**Fife Lions Club Recognition/
Easter Egg Hunt Event (Reuter)**

Easter Egg Hunt Recognition

Removed from agenda

**Councilmember Applicant
Interviews (Worthington) - 15
minutes each with 7 applicants**

Each Council applicant was given 15 minutes each to answer a series of questions from Councilmember's. The order in which the applicants went are as follows: Timothy Curtis, Carol Sue Braaten, Wayne Rogers, Mary McGonigal, Jay Marks and Pat Hulcey. Please refer to the video/recording for interview details.

**COUNCIL DELEGATE
REPORT**

Councilmember Godwin talked about the Fife Float in the Daffodil parade and said it looked great and received the Judge's Award for Best Effort. He also thanked everyone who helped add flowers to the float.

Councilmember Hull stated he attended the Police Reserve Academy graduation and that he was the only Fife Councilmember who attended and wished others had also attended and encourages attendance next time.

Mayor ProTem Cerqui had nothing new to report.

Councilmember de Booy stated she also helped add flowers to the float. She also stated she attended a Park Board Commission and Tree Commission and she learned a lot and also that Arbor Day is coming up soon. She also attended a candidate's reception and was pleased to meet with the candidate's. She also attended Pierce County Citizen Advisory Board meeting.

Councilmember Alveshere Talked about how he also helped add flowers to the float and was impressed with how it turned out. He stated he walked with Columbia Junior High in the Daffodil Parade.

Mayor Johnson stated he also helped add flowers to the float and gave a special thanks to Councilmember Godwin for all his hard work on the float. He also thanks Dale Rees and his wife and Pat Hulcey. He also thanked staff for a great job on the Easter Egg Hunt. He attended the Park Board and Tree Commission meeting.

**ORDINANCES AND
RESOLUTIONS
ORDINANCES:**

**#1351 Authorize 62nd Avenue
Sidewalk Design Contract
(Blount)**

Resolution 1351

Councilmember Hull moved, seconded by Councilmember Alveshere, to approve Resolution #1351 Authorize 62nd Avenue Sidewalk Design Contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Blount stated that this resolution authorizing execution of a contract with Robinson Engineers for project design is budgeted for 2010 and that staff originally planned to do much of the work in-house. However, do to the spread of work on the Valley Avenue project more City employees have been on site each day. It has become apparent that it is necessary to bring in an outside firm in order to meet the schedule. Because of this costs will be somewhat higher than budgeted because of additional effort in overhead utility conversion.

Councilmember Alveshere asked about the timeline to finish the project.

Director Blount stated it would be a couple more months only and that there will be ready walking sidewalks this year.

Councilmember de Booy voiced her support for the project.

#1352 Approve Ballot for Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners (Worthington)

Resolution 1352

Councilmember Hull moved, seconded by Councilmember Alveshere, to approve Resolution #1352 Approve Ballot for Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Worthington stated that there is an open position on the Board of Commissions for Pierce Transit. He also stated that this position is elected by fourteen small cities and towns within the Pierce Transit bound and is up for renewal May 1, 2010. The Board is seeking nominations to fill one at-large position and the nominations received were: Neil Johnson, City of Bonney Lake, Jim Hills, City of DuPont, Daryl Eidinger, City of Edgewood, Rob Cerqui, City of Fife, Nicola McDonald, City of Orting and Marion Smith, Town of Steilacoom. He asked Council to select a member for the Board of Commissioners for Pierce Transit.

#1349 Ratify Police Guild Collective Bargaining Agreement - Commissioned (Worthington)

Resolution 1349

Mayor Johnson moved, to approve Resolution #1349 Ratify Police Guild Collective Bargaining Agreement - Commissioned. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Worthington stated that this resolution authorizes the approval of a

three-year collective bargaining agreement with the Fife Police Guild for commissioned police officers. He also stated that the current collective bargaining agreement expired on December 31, 2009 and with the work from the City's negotiating team an agreement was reached with the Fife Police Guild for a new three year contract to be effective January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012. City Manager Worthington recommends that Council ratify the agreement.

**#1350 Ratify Police Guild
Collective Bargaining
Agreement - Non-Commissioned
(Worthington)**

Resolution 1350

Councilmember Hull moved, seconded by Councilmember Alveshere, to approve Resolution #1350 Ratify Police Guild Collective Bargaining Agreement for Non-Commissioned. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Worthington stated that this resolution authorizes the approval of a three-year collective bargaining agreement with the Fife Police Guild for non-commissioned police officers. He also stated that the current collective bargaining agreement expired on December 31, 2009 and with the work from the City's negotiating team an agreement was reached with the Fife Police Guild for a new three year contract to be effective January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012. City Manager Worthington recommends that Council ratify the agreement.

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CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Steve Worthington discussed the next steps associated with the Council Candidate selection process. He suggested that a ballot box be produced next meeting where each Councilmember pick 3 of their top choices and the top 3 majority of the choices will advance to another selection process.

All the Councilmember's agreed that would be a good process for the progression of selecting a Councilmember Candidate.

Councilmember Hull moved, seconded by Councilmember Godwin, to approve the next process for selection of a Councilmember from the pool of Candidate's, each Councilmember selecting 3 of the their top choices and then the 3 majority of those top 3 will be up for selection by Council. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Worthington stated that with all the construction on Valley Avenue there is a great deal of excavation along Valley Avenue and Wapato Creek near Freeman Road. And what is referred to as a loggers dump was discovered but showed no signs of contamination but did have a lot of wood debris and about 500 yards of the debris were excavated but that it is handled and taken care of. And on the same lines the Valley Avenue project is moving along nicely and that the contractor has selected dates for closure of Valley, those dates are from May 17th to July 31st. The impact will be travel through the project area will be minimized. The final item he discussed was Senator Patty Murray brought forward

a request for 3.9 million funding for completion of 70th Avenue.

**COUNCILMEMBER
COMMENTS**

Councilmember Godwin asked about Valley Avenue closure looking at the timing of traffic flow increasing the time for south bound and slowing down for north bound since the traffic is backing up past Freeman Rd.

Councilmember Hull thanked Council and staff for the candidate reception and thanked the Police Guild and staff for reaching an agreement.

Mayor ProTem Cerqui thanked the Candidate's, Mayor, Council and staff for the interview process. He also asked if the soil tested from the project near Wapato Creek was contaminated? And thanked Senator Murray for getting in a request for funding on our project.

Director Blount stated that the soil had been tested and that no contaminants were found and that it was signed off on.

Councilmember de Booy stated she enjoyed the interview process and believes it was efficient. And thanked Public Works for the light on Levee.

Councilmember Alveshere mentioned that the Council Candidate interviews are on our website for anyone to watch. He also stated that there was a possible child abduction in Fife and urges people to report suspicious activity.


Mayor Johnson thanked all the applicant's even Pat Wallace who stepped out of the process.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

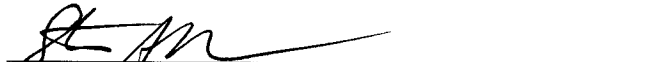
Mike Seeger, Fife Flowers 1504 54th Avenue East thanked Councilmember Godwin, Dale Rees and Al Rees for all their hard work on the float it looked great.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Hull moved, seconded by Councilmember Alveshere, to approve to Adjourn meeting at 9:55 pm. Motion carried unanimously.



Barry D. Johnson, Mayor



Steve Marcotte, City Clerk, Assistant City Manager

Prepared by Cindy Dunn, CMC, Senior Administrative Assistant