

**FIFE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Fife City Hall  
Council Chambers**

**Date: June 15,  
2010  
Time: 7:00 p.m.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL Godwin, Johnson, Hull, Hulcey, Cerqui, de Booy, Alveshere,**

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

The following members were Excused / Absent: None.

Staff Present: Steve Worthington, City Manager, Steve Marcotte, Assistant City Manager, David DeGroot, Finance Director, Russ Blount, Public Works Director, Carl Durham, Community Development Director, Brad Blackburn, Chief of Police, Kurt Reuter, Parks and Recreation Director, Loren Combs, Attorney, Cindy L Dunn, Acting Deputy Clerk, and Andrea Richards, Confidential Administrative Assistant.

Staff Excused / Absent: None.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember de Booy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CHANGES, ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

There were no changes, additions or deletions to the agenda.

**STUDY SESSION**

**Code Changes/Housekeeping (Worthington/Marcotte)**

**Code Changes Housekeeping**

Assistant City Manager Marcotte discussed the need to clean up codes in the Fife Municipal Code book as a housekeeping procedure. As new ordinances are adopted and business practices evolve, some sections or references in the Fife Municipal Code become obsolete or inaccurate. The Fife Municipal Code was originally adopted in 1981 and has been modified by ordinances passed subsequent to that date. Many of the

provisions related to positions, titles and authorities were related to the City's adoption in 1999 of the classification as a non-charter code city operating with a council-manager form of government. The Fife Municipal Code normally changes in a piece-meal fashion as new ordinances are adopted. Each recommended change to the code must be brought to Council as a separate ordinance. These changes are planned to be completed by the end of 2010.

### **Saddle Creek Area Wetland Enhancement Plan (Durham)**

#### **Saddle Creek Area Wetland Enhancement Plan**

Director Durham stated that the City of Fife entered into a Settlement Agreement with DR Horton in 2008. The agreement was implemented due to a dispute concerning wetland delineation, field marking and vegetation removal. The City of Fife accepted certain lands and monies in the amount of \$442,437.50 to plan and complete the wetland restoration and enhancement. During 2008, the City of Fife received a report that the developer of Saddle Creek had incorrectly delineated wetlands and had removed trees in the protected buffer area. Work was stopped. The City then entered into an agreement to finish this wetland buffer work in order to carry that out the City contracted Natural Systems Design (NSD) to prepare the plans. He recommends Council to review the bids and staff prepare a business item for the next regular council meeting to approve the bids.

### **Emergency Management Update (Blackburn)**

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Chief Blackburn gave a brief update on the status of emergency management programs within the City and the local region. He discussed the Pierce County Department of Emergency Management Alert system and how they have been updated and working correctly. He discussed Emergency AM Radio, Sandbagging Machine, Notification System, LaHar Sirens, Sheltering, Policies, Staff Training, Public Information, School District and the E.O.C.

Sheri Badger from Emergency Management discussed the information available for the City to get out to the public on emergency notifications. She also discussed upcoming events to help get the word out to the public.

### **Vesting of Impact Fees (Durham)**

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Director Durham discussed vesting of impact fees. He reviewed when the fees are vested, when they are collected and why. He stated how the FMC section 20.15.010 sets the dollar amount of the School Impact Fee for single family and multifamily construction also stating that school impact fees shall be set at the time of platting for a subdivision but collected prior to a building permit being issued. This code allows the developer to

know what he has to pay for each lots school impact, thus he knows what the real cost are, which allows him to establish a minimum price per lot. He discussed the impact of changing the fee between platting and permitting. He stated that if the fees are raised during that time the amount collected would be less than the new fee, conversely if the fees are lowered a higher amount would be collected. Director Durham recommended leaving the Fife Municipal Code (FMC) as is.

### **GFC Rates for Expanding Businesses (Blount)**

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Director Blount reviewed options for General Facility Charges. He discussed Fife Municipal Code that includes an inflation indexed General Facility Charge (GFC). This one-time fee for connection to the City's water utility is intended to compensate the water utility for past and anticipated future costs of constructing the system. He discussed Alternative I, II and III along with the existing GFC's. He stated Council expressed an interest in considering a new alternative for growth in an existing businesses.

Councilmember Godwin expressed his non interest in Alternative III stating his concerns that Fife citizens might end up taking on the increase cost burden in the long run.

Councilmember's Alveshire, Hull, Johnson and de Booy expressed their interest in a combination of alternative choices. Asking staff to bring a future Ordinance on GFC's including alternative calculations.

Mike Jordan from Praxair addressed the staff and council on the interest to grow the business in Fife and to have a fair resolution on charges.

### **REVIEW OF UPCOMING COUNCIL AGENDAS**

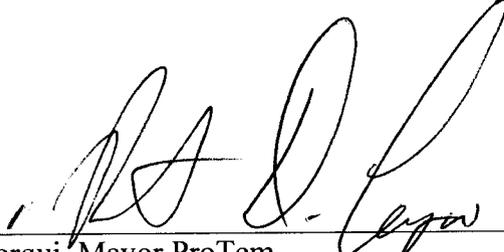
City Manager Worthington asked Council if they would like to move the June 22, 2010 Council meeting to either June 29, 2010 or July 13, 2010 because 3 members will be excused absent at the June 22, 2010 meeting.

Council discussed and decided to move forward with the regular meeting on June 22, 2010.

Director Worthington stated he did not have any further comments.

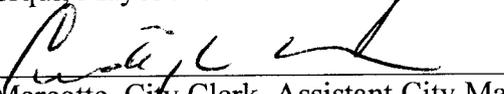
### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



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Rob Cerqui, Mayor Pro Tem



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Steve Marcotte, City Clerk, Assistant City Manager *for Steve AM*

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