

**FIFE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Fife City Hall  
Council Chambers**

**Date: June 8,  
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, Brad Blackburn, Chief of Police, Kurt Reuter, Parks and Recreation Director, Loren Combs, Attorney, and Cindy L Dunn, Acting Deputy Clerk.

Staff Excused / Absent: Carl Durham, Community Development Director.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Hulcey led the pledge of allegiance.

**CHANGES, ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

There were no changes, additions or deletions at this time.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS ( Items not on the agenda )**

There were no citizen comments at this time.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approval of Minutes: Date: May 18, 2010 Study Session**

**Approval of Vouchers: Payroll: #46784 - 46835 \$647,970.68 Claims: # Claims: #79531 - 79692 \$365,212.57**

**Set a Special Meeting for June 15, 2010 Study Session**

**Councilmember de Booy moved, seconded by Councilmember Cerqui, to approve the consent agenda as presented.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

### **COUNCIL DELEGATE REPORT**

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **Closure of Levee Road to Trucks and/or Placard Loads (Blount) ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Public Hearing N Levee Rd E

### **COUNCIL DELEGATE REPORT**

Councilmember de Booy stated she attended several recent events such as a memorial service for Veterans, a woman's event at a local Catholic church, and a Citizen Advisory Board for low income housing. She also surveyed the Dacca Barn and is pleased with the progress.

Mayor Johnson attended a Pierce County Towns Association meeting with the topic on an Emergency Management Warning System and believes it's an important program worth using.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Director Blount stated that the Public Hearing is regarding the potential adoption of an ordinance establishing limits on the maximum gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) and/or the transport of nonradioactive hazardous (NRHM) on Levee Road East. The City of Fife regulates weight limits for trucks through Fife Municipal Code Chapter 10.44; that chapter restricts trucks to a maximum GVWR of 10,000 pounds unless specifically exempted, except for local deliveries. North Levee Road East is currently exempted, so that trucks of any weight licensed by Washington State may use the road. Levee Road has been patched and overlaid since it was acquired by Fife with a series of annexations in the mid 1990's but is otherwise unimproved from the rural standard to which it was built by Pierce County. In particular, the segment west of 54th Avenue East is only 18 feet wide; it's 9-foot lanes are only inches wider than a the 8'-6" maximum truck width.

There have been approximately 10 accidents on this portion of Levee Road, over the past 15 years, with three of them within the past one year. The Puyallup Tribe of Indians has issued a formal request, received February 8, 2010, that the Fife City Council consider closing this segment of Levee Road to some truck traffic.

On March 16, 2010, the Fife City Council conducted Study Session discussion of the road, and the potential imposition of weight and hazardous material limits. The consensus of the Council was that the matter was worthy of a public hearing; so this hearing was

scheduled and advertised in accordance with statutory requirements for NRHM restrictions, plus direct outreach via mailings and contacts with local businesses, the Chamber of Commerce, and the state trucking association. Notices described potential GVWR restrictions in the alternative.

Director Blount also stated the Tribe of Puyallup Indians sent a letter to the City of Fife received February 8, 2010 stating the concerns regarding accidents on Levee Road involving tankers and other large trucks. He also discussed Fife's current Transportation Improvement Program, adopted by the Council on July 28, 2009 and showing the improvement of this segment of Levee Road as Fife's #9 priority; 2006 and 2008 cost estimates; 2007 status summary, and estimate of the impact of traffic that would likely use 70th Avenue East and Pacific Highway East if this segment were closed to trucks.

Herman Dillion Sr., Chairman of the Puyallup Tribal Council talked about what the Tribe's concerns are and their willingness to work with the City and truckers/businesses regarding this issue.

Steve Hanu from FedEx, Keith Edgigton of Waste Management, Reggie Warren from Pacific Alaska Freight, John Apple, Todd Flaaten, Fife Business Owner provided comments opposing weight and or hazardous material limits on North Levee Road East.

Nellie Russo 7225 49th St E, Fife, Spencer Braden 5806 Acclamation St. E., Bill Nolde 7901 50th St. E., Denise Webb 3945 62nd Ave. E., Carol Sue Braaten 2410 Berry Lane E. and Ken Carson N. Levee Rd., spoke in favor of closing Levee Road to truck traffic.

## RESOLUTIONS:

### **#1358 Authorize City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Sterino (Worthington)**

1358

**Councilmember Cerqui moved, seconded by Councilmember de Booy, to approve to authorize City Manager to enter into an agreement with Sterino Farms.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Director Reuter requested approval of Resolution 1358 authorizing the short-term ground lease of City owned agricultural property to Sterino Farms. The City owns certain agricultural property. Mr. Sterino is a well known local farmer that has developed a good working relationship with the City. City staff has negotiated a nineteen (19) month lease through the end of 2011, in which the lessee agrees to pay \$600 per acre farmed. The agreement authorizes the City Manager to negotiate and approve a 12 month extension to this lease. The lease also guarantees the City's right to enter the property for city purposes

as long as the crops are not disturbed. The lessee intends to farm 20 acres, which would result in lease payments to the City totaling \$12,000 for the initial lease term.

**#1359 Amend City Manager Contract (Worthington)**

1359

**Councilmember de Booy moved, seconded by Councilmember Cerqui, to approve to amend the City Manager contract.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

City Manager Worthington asked the Council to amend his employment contract.

Council thanked City Manager Worthington for his great level of professional services to the City and recognized his accomplishments.

**#1360 Approve MOU with Pierce County Department of Emergency Management (Reuter)**

1360

**Councilmember Cerqui moved, seconded by Councilmember de Booy, to approve MOU with Pierce County Department of Emergency Management.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

City Manager Worthington requested approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Pierce County Department of Emergency Management to designate the Fife Community Center as an emergency shelter. He stated that the City of Fife has coordinated with Pierce County Department of Emergency Management for emergency services planning and response for many years. Execution of this MOU will allow for the use of the Fife Community Center as a local sheltering facility in the event of a local emergency or natural disaster.

**#1361 Approve ILA with Pierce County Funding Army Corps of Engineers GI (Worthington)**

1361

**Councilmember Cerqui moved, seconded by Councilmember de Booy, to approve ILA with Pierce County Funding Army Corps of Engineers GI.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

City Manager Worthington discussed the attached agreement which determines how the

local cost for the General Investigation by Corps of Engineers is to be shared by local partners.

He also stated The Puyallup River task force has worked to establish a sharing of cost for the General Investigation (GI) on how to best recertify the Puyallup River levees. This approximately 5-6 year investigation will cost \$1 million dollars a year, with the local governments paying half of the cost with Fife's share at \$27,634.

**#1357 Authorize Contract for Public Defense Services (Worthington)**

1357

**Councilmember Cerqui moved, seconded by Councilmember de Booy, to approve to authorize Contract for Public Defense Services.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

City Manager Worthington stated that the City went through a formal process of requesting proposals from qualified individuals and firms, and the City's interim Public Defender, Thomas J. Guilfoil was determined to best meet the needs and requirements of the City. The current contract with Mr. Guilfoil expires June 30, 2010.

**#1358 Authorize City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Sterino (Worthington)**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Potential Comp. Plan Amendment Re-Zone on 70th Ave East (Durham)**

Potential Rerzone

City Manager Worthington stated that at the May 18, 2010 Council meeting the idea to rezone the property in the 4300-4800 blocks of 70th Avenue East was discussed. The area of this rezone seems to be based on the assumption that "I" zoned property should not be located next to residential property.

Each Councilmember shared their opinions if they favored the Planning Commission discussing a potential rezone. With a mixed opinion no action was taken.

Steve from ACO Fabrication, Bruce Valentine of Neil Walter Company, Christain Mattson of Sound Properties, Dan from ACO Fabrication, Keith from Murray's Disposal, Janelle legal representative for the Richter property and William Markham 4408 70th Avenue E., provided statements opposing and potential rezone of the properties.

Carol Sue Braaten 2410 Berry Lane East giving a statement in favor of a rezone.

### **Summer Youth Recreation Programs (Reuter)**

#### **2010 Youth Rec**

Director Reuter discussed the 2010 Summer youth recreation program. He stated the Parks and Recreation Department will be conducting two main youth programs during the summer of 2010. They are the Summer Day Camp being held at Columbia Junior High and a free program held at Colburn Park. Director Reuter also gave Power Point presentation on the program.

### **Council Liaison Appointments (Worthington)**

#### **Council Liaison**

City Manager Worthington stated that with a change in Councilmember's there are many opportunities for liaison appointments. Some changes made were Councilmember Godwin was added on the Wellness Committee, Councilmember Hull was listed as Primary on Pierce County Regional Council, Councilmember Hulcey as an alternate to the Puyallup School Board, Councilmember Hull added to the RAMP Committee, Councilmember Hulcey as primary and Councilmember de Booy as alternate for Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Advisory Board, Councilmember Hulcey as primary and Councilmember de Booy as alternate to the Fife Historical Society and Councilmember Cerqui as alternate for Valley Cities Mayors and City Administrators.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Worthington Discussed that the remodeling of the Fife Dispatch area is almost complete. He reminded Council and the community that the Fife pool will be closed June 11-20 for cleaning. Director Blount mentioned that because of the rain, the Valley Avenue project has been pushed back to August 1st. Director DeGroot stated the 2009 reports are now with the auditor's office. City Manager Worthington stated the Fife/Milton Rotary is having a car show at the LeMay building in Fife Saturday, June 12th. And that Walt's car show will be at the end of June. He stated that dormant wells have been tested and the pump results were discussed stating the Dacca Park pump well is not good for ball field usage. He reviewed the numbers from the DUI task force May 14th with 423 stops, little over 300 warnings given, 13 DUI's and 20 suspended licenses. He also talked about an amendment to the City Manager contract will be further discussed at the July Study Session.

### **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Councilmember Alvewhere stated that Wild Waves promoted the Fife pool for swim lessons and asked the status of the locomotive moved. He also would like more ways to get messages to the public about potential road closures.

City Manager Worthington stated the move would be Saturday June 26th.  
Mayor ProTem Cerqui stated that the notices for closures are in the Fife Flyer and the Tribune.

Councilmember Hull stated he liked the packets being double-sided. And recognized a 20yr career umpire, of the NCAA is from Tacoma.

Councilmember Hulcey stated he went on a ride along with Officer Hicks and was impressed by his knowledge of local gang activity.

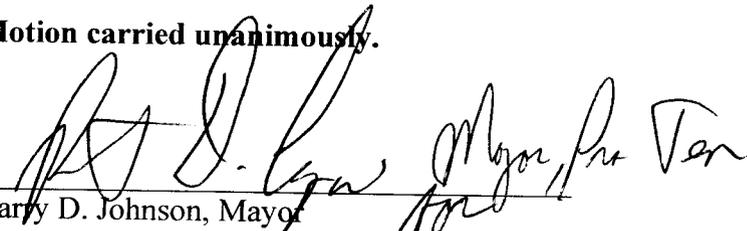
Mayor Johnson thanked Director Blount for his crew's quick cleaning of some graffiti near his home. And that Creek restoration work will begin June 15th. He also stated that Pierce County Cities and Towns has a flyer and web page for notifications on emergency information.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Councilmember Cerqui moved, seconded by Councilmember de Booy, to approve to adjourn the meeting at 10:54 p.m.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**



Barry D. Johnson, Mayor

  
Steve Marcotte, City Clerk, Assistant City Manager

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