

**FIFE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Fife City Hall
Council Chambers**

**Date: August
24, 2010
Time: 7:00 p.m.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Mayor Johnson, Councilmember Alveshere, Councilmember de Booy, Councilmember Hull, Councilmember Godwin, Mayor ProTem 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, Greg Amann, Assistant City Attorney, Russ Blount, Public Works Director, Brad Blackburn, Chief of Police, Kurt Reuter, Parks and Recreation Director, Cindy L Dunn, Acting Deputy Clerk, and Andrea Richards, Confidential Administrative Assistant.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember de Booy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHANGES, ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Councilmember Godwin moved, seconded by Mayor ProTem Cerqui, to approve to table item #8F Resolution #1379 Accepting Donations of Property Milgard Nature Area to the next regular Council Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS COMMENTS (Items not on the agenda)

Mike Seeger, Owner Fife Flowers 1504 54th Avenue E. stated he recently spoke to a reporter from the Tacoma News Tribune about Fife and just wanted the record stated anything said was meant in a good light.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes: Date: July 27, 2010 Council Meeting August 10, 2010 Council Meeting

July 27, 2010 Minutes

August 10, 2010

Approval of Vouchers: Payroll: #47030 - 47073 \$414,828.45 Claims: # Claim: #80268 - 80442 \$1,223,694.26

Payroll Vouchers

Claim Vouchers

Councilmember Godwin moved, seconded by Councilmember Alveshire, to approve the Consent Agenda as reported.

Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Harvest Festival Promo (Potter)

Fife Harvest festival Promo

Laurel Potter, Marketing Coordinator reviewed this years Fife Harvest Festival. She stated it will be held Saturday, October 2nd at Dacca Park. Just a few of the events include vendors, food, Council Corn on the Cob, Reptile Man & Petting Zoo, face painting, arts & crafts, bouncy toys, Kids Korner, strolling magicians, Glitterbug & Beep Beep, and an interactive game van. Brakeman Bill will also be attending the festival. The day will begin with the Pancake Breakfast at 7:30, followed by the second annual "Stuff the Bus 5k Fun Run" at 9:00 a.m., followed by a parade through town. The 5k is sponsored by Future Business Leaders of America and the proceeds from the event will go to the local food bank. The day will cap off with a family-friendly dinner at Columbia Junior High and the "Really Big Show!" at the Performing Arts Center. Fireworks will begin around 8:00 p.m. The event is free. She listed the sponsors is Emerald Queen Casino, Click Network, BECU, Columbia Bank and David Evans & Associates. She also stated there will be no fish pond this year.

Dacca Barn/Train Dedication Promo (Potter)

Dacca Barn & Engine #664 Dedication Promo

Laurel Potter, Marketing Coordinator reviewed the celebration of the dedication of the Dacca Barn & Engine #684. She stated the the dedication will be held on Saturday, September 18th, at 10:00 a.m. at Dacca Park. Tentative Program includes:

Introduction by Mayor Johnson
 Story of the Barn & Engine
 Tribal Blessing
 Aerial Group Photo & “Ring the Bell”
 Refreshments and photo opportunities

COUNCIL DELEGATE REPORT

Councilmember Hulcey thanked Chief Blackburn for the opportunity to sit in Dispatch for the day. He stated he learned a lot about the operation of Dispatch. He also thanked the Tacoma Fire Department for the quick response to his medical issue.

Councilmember Hull thanked Mayor Johnson for offering to attend a PCR meeting that was last minute cancelled. Also, he stated that on September 25th the DEA is putting together a nationwide pharmaceutical turn in day and thanked Chief Blackburn for supporting the event.

Mayor ProTem Cerqui stated the Lodging Tax Advisory Board met Tuesday, August 21st but since there was no quorum a meeting has been scheduled. He stated he met with the Facilitator and the City Manager search firm.

Councilmember de Booy stated she met with the Facilitator and the City Manager search firm. She also stated there is a Senior Trip to Steilacoom and she also attended Milton Days over the weekend.

Councilmember Alvesshere stated he also met with the Facilitator and the City Manager search firm and he thanked the Parks Department for hosting a Movie in the Park night.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS ORDINANCES:

#1721 Code Changes/Housekeeping (Marcotte) Adopt:

1721

Mayor ProTem Cerqui moved, seconded by Councilmember Hulcey, to approve for first read #1721 Code Changes/Housekeeping.

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Clerk Dunn read the title of Ordinance #1721:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FIFE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON AMENDING SECTION 3.04.020 OF THE FIFE MUNICIPAL CODE TO AUTHORIZE INVESTMENT OF CITY FUNDS CONSISTENT WITH CURRENT STATE LAW.

Assistant City Manager reviewed Ordinance #1721 stating that the City of Fife has not updated its investment policy since 1965 and now it needs to be updated to reflect State Law and current City investment practices.

The investment policy as reflected in Section 3.04.020 of the Fife Municipal Code was adopted in 1965. At that time, State law limited the investment options for public treasurers and the Fife Municipal Code Section 3.04.020 only authorized investment in various kinds of bank savings accounts. Since that time, State law has evolved to authorize a number of investment alternatives, chiefly federal, state and local government bonds and similar securities. These are considered safe and appropriate investments for cities in Washington. This also indirectly authorizes investment in the State Treasurer's Local Government Investment Pool as it only invests in these forms of securities. RCW 35A.40.050 provides specific investment authority for cities such as Fife that have adopted the Optional Municipal Code.

State law does not authorize cities to invest in corporate stocks or bonds or to lend its money to any private individuals or associations, regardless of the security and interest rates offered.

The City's current investment practices are to maintain a relatively small balance in the City's checking account which it rolls into an overnight interest earning account each evening. The bulk of the City's cash is being invested in the Washington State Treasurer's Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP). The LGIP invests money on behalf of all participating local governments in investment instruments consistent with State laws for cities. The City also invests a portion of its cash directly in Federal Home Loan bonds with maturities ranging from six months to three years. All of the City's investment practices are consistent with applicable State law and prudent investment policies.

#1720 Small Works Roster (Aman) RESOLUTIONS:

1720

Mayor ProTem Cerqui moved, seconded by Councilmember Godwin, to approve Resolution #1720 Small Works Roster.

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Clerk Dunn read the title of Ordinance #1720:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIFE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON AMENDING SECTIONS 2.90.020 AND 2.90.030 OF THE FIFE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING ADVERTISING FOR SMALL WORKS ROSTERS.

Assistant City Attorney Greg Amann stated that Ordinance #1720 is a housekeeping Ordinance to clarify that the City need not publish notices for it's vendor lists or small works roster if MRSC Rosters is doing it.

#1376 Authorize Contract for Trail Paving (Reuter)

1376

Mayor ProTem Cerqui moved, seconded by Councilmember Alveshere, to approve Resolution #1376 Authorize Contract for Trail Paving as amended.

Motion carried.

Councilmember Hull moved, seconded by Mayor ProTem Cerqui, to approve to amend Resolution #1376 Authorize Contract for Trail Paving to include geotextile fabric.

Motion carried.

Deputy Clerk Dunn read the title of Resolution #1376:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIFE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH T. MILLER CONSTRUCTION FOR TRAIL PAVING.

Director Reuter stated this Resolution authorizes the award of a contract for pervious trail paving at Frank Albert Park Way and Fed Ex sites with included geotextile fabric for a total cost of \$74,267.17. Staff has conducted a competitive bid process to complete paving of two sections of trail. Bids received were opened publicly on Monday, August 23, 2010. The two sections include the eastern half of the Frank Albert Parkway trail and the entire length of the Fed Ex trail. The bid specification calls for the use of pervious asphalt as the trail surface. This allows for water percolation through the trail surface and eliminates the need to address storm water runoff issues. The trail will be eight feet wide with two foot gravel shoulders. The FAPW trail work completes paving of the trail on that site to the east end of the property. The Fed Ex trail will connect sidewalks on 70th Avenue to the Brookville Gardens property. These two sections of trail were also identified in the Trail Plan subcomponent of the Park, Recreation & Open Space Plan adopted by the city council in January of 2008.

Councilmember Godwin voiced his concerns on the trail site as it ends right on someone's property line.

Director Reuter stated that the City is exploring options for the future of the trail.

Carol Sue Braaten, 2410 Berry Lane E. voiced her concerns on the trail near Frank Albert

stating she didn't like the trail being near someone's property line and the problems she believed it could cause.

#1377 Declare Surplus City Property and RFP for Real Estate Services (Worthington)

1377

Councilmember Alveshere moved, seconded by Councilmember Godwin, to approve Resolution #1377 Declare Surplus City Property and RFP for Real Estate Services.

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Clerk Dunn read the title of the Resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIFE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON DECLARING SURPLUS THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE GATHERING PLACE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE AN RFP FOR REAL ESTATE SERVICES.

City Manager Steve Worthington stated Approval of Resolution #1377 would declare the real property identified as tax parcel nos. 0420053006, 0420082001, 0420082002, 0420082004, 0420082019, 0420053005, 0420082005, and 0420082036, commonly referred to as the Gathering Place, as surplus. Also approval of said resolution would authorize the City Manager to issue a request for proposals for real estate services for marketing and advertising the property for sale and to aid the council in determining a minimum price at which the property may be sold.

The City owns 54.39 acres (approx.) of property located on 20th Street between 70th Avenue East and Freeman Road known as the "Gathering Place". City Council has determined that the property is not necessary for city purposes and that it would be in the best interests of the City and its citizens that the property be declared surplus and sold in accordance with the provisions of FMC 1.28 to generate revenue.

Both Mayor Pro Tem Cerqui and Councilmember Hull voiced their concerns and disappointment of the process with regards to the sale of the property discussed. Both would like to see a speedy and useful outcome with the interested purchasing party and for all options to be explored.

Carol Sue Braaten, 2410 Berry Lane E., asked the City and Council to reconsider the sale of the property. She stated that she believes the property can be used by specialty clubs for a place to meet at a reasonable price.

#1378 2011-2016 Transportation Improvement Program - TIP (Blount)

1378

Mayor ProTem Cerqui moved, seconded by Councilmember Alveshere, to approve Resolution #1378 2011-2016 Transportation Improvement Program as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Alveshere moved, seconded by Councilmember Godwin, to amend Resolution #1378 moving item #20 to #6 and item #24 to #7.

Councilmember Alveshere moved, seconded by Councilmember Godwin, to amend Resolution #1378 2011-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) changing the priority of projects to move item #20 to #6 and leave #24 at #24.

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Clerk Dunn read the title of the Resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIFE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON ADOPTING THE 2011 TO 2016 SIX YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

Director Russ Blount stated the Resolution is an This is an annual housekeeping matter, usually completed in July. Because the Council was considering weight restrictions for North Levee Road East in July, consideration of the TIP was deferred so that the Council's final decision regarding such weight restrictions could be considered in developing the TIP. Additionally, the Council authorized funding participation in the "Tideflats Area Transportation Study" (TATS) in partnership with the Puyallup Tribe's development corporation, the Port of Tacoma, City of Tacoma, Washington State Department of Transportation, and Washington State Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board. The TATS is scheduled to be distributed in draft during the fourth quarter, 2010, and adopted in the first quarter 2011. Because the TATS will provide much new information useful for a major update to the TIP, it is appropriate that the time and energy put into this year's TIP update be minimized. Finally, progress in the Port of Tacoma Road Interchange Justification Report (IJR) changed the proposed configuration and the specific work to be included in each of the three phases of the interchange improvement.

The Fife Planning Commission conducted a public hearing regarding the TIP on August 2, 2010 and recommended that the 2011-2016 TIP be a simple re-dating of the 2015-2015 plan, except as follows:

1. Previous priority 9, Reconstruct west segment of North Levee Road East, between Frank Albert Road and 54th Avenue East, be moved up to Priority 4; and
2. Previous priorities 4-8 move down one slot to accommodate change #1; except
3. Previous priority 8, Valley Avenue East between 54th Avenue and Brookville Gardens, moves up one to maintain its position as new priority 8; and
4. Previous priority 7, 20th Street Reconstruction, 63rd to 70th Avenues, moved down another slot as a result of change #3 to a new priority 9; and

5. The Port of Tacoma Road IJR's "one way couplet" alternative was incorporated into priorities 3, 11, and 12.

Mayor ProTem Cerqui asked if any comments were made regarding item #26 at the Planning Commission hearing and he also asked Director Blount to explain item #20.

Director Blount stated no comments were made at the Planning Commission hearing and he explained the item #20 was regarding re-opening or re-routing the road.

Councilmember Alvesshere asked funding sources for item #13.

Director Blount stated the City is looking into outside funding sources.

Councilmember Godwin stated he would like item #26 to go back through the public process.

Councilmember Hull requested Council go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss potential litigation.

Council adjourned for 5 minutes for an executive session.

After returning from executive session Councilmember Hull requested a friendly amendment changing the proposed amendment to move #20 to #6 but leave #24 at #24.

#1379 Accepting Donations of Property Milgard Nature Area (Reuter)

1379

This Resolution was tabled to the next regular Council meeting.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Worthington stated the opening of Valley Avenue to through traffic was on 8/20/2010, further construction will continue and final paving will be next month but the road will remain open. October 15th there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for Valley Avenue.

The restriction of placard loads and weight restrictions of 26,000 gvw on Levee Road will begin to be enforced August 30th.

Summer Day Camp has ended. And this is the last week for swim lessons.

Director Blount made a presentation to Freight Mobility.

Director Reuter and Planner Pasinetti applied for a ACO grant and believes it went well.

Judge Ringus stated that DOL has new procedures for dealing with traffic fine reimbursements. He explained that the Fife Court has identified the people Fife handled for possible reimbursement.

City Manager Worthington stated that the Budget Retreat will be Saturday, August 28th at 9:00 a.m.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Alveshere asked for the Planning Commission to look at regulation for house air conditioning units.

Councilmember Hull stated he was contacted by a member of the Pierce County Health Department stating the Director was very pleased with the P2D2 program and plans to do a countywide press conference. He also stated him and his son have been attending swim lessons this summer at the Fife pool. And that him and his wife just recently purchased a Honda Mini Van from Fife Honda and was very pleased with the customer service he recieved.

Councilmember Hulcey agreed with Councilmember Alveshere for the City to look into the house air conditioning unit regulations.

Councilmember Godwin agreed with Councilmembers Alveshere and Hulcey regarding the air conditioning issue and commented the set backs arev too small for some lots in Fife and would like to see larger lots for future home building in the City.

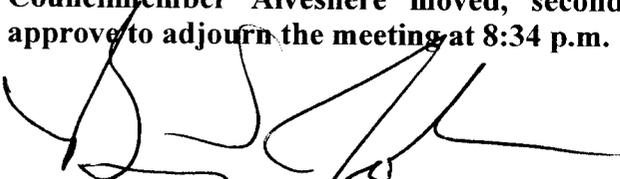
City Manager Worthington stated that the Community Development department will be meeting with the homeowner regarding the air conditioning issues and hopes to has a resolution on the matter soon.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

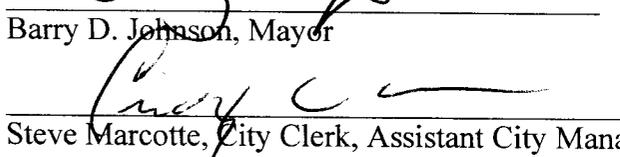
There were no citizen comments at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Alveshere moved, seconded by Councilmember de Booy, to approve to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m.



Barry D. Johnson, Mayor



Steve Marcotte, City Clerk, Assistant City Manager

Prepared by Cindy Dunn, CMC, Deputy City Clerk