

FIFE CITY COUNCIL

**Fife City Hall
Council Chambers**

**Date: January
18, 2011
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, Mayor ProTem Cerqui, and Councilmember Hulcey.

The following members were Excused / Absent: Councilmember Godwin.

Staff Present: Steve Marcotte, Assistant City Manager, David DeGroot, Finance Director, Greg Amann, Assistant City Attorney, Dave Zabell, City Manager, Russ Blount, Public Works Director, Carl Durham, Community Development Director, Brad Blackburn, Chief of Police, Kurt Reuter, Parks and Recreation Director, Cindy L Dunn, City Clerk, Andrea Edwards, Executive Assistant, and Chris Pasinetti, Associate Planner.

Staff Excused / Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Hulcey.

CHANGES, ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

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

STUDY SESSION

Tideflats Area Transportation Study (TATS) Report Update (Blount)

Tideflats Area Transportation Study

Director Blount stated that Don Sandvol from Pierce County would be presenting information on the Tideflats Area Transportation Study.

He stated the need for such a study was acknowledged by Fife and the Port of Tacoma through an interlocal agreement authorized by the Fife City Council through Resolution 1301 on April 14, 2009. The City's contribution of \$75,000 was authorized through Resolution 1344 approved on February 23, 2010. The Port of Tacoma, has managed the

project in accordance with the interlocal agreement; they retained the firm of Fehr and Peers to conduct the study.

Fehr and Peers has reviewed traffic counts, traffic models, and other information submitted by the Puyallup Tribe, Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB), Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), Pierce County, City of Tacoma, Port of Tacoma, and Fife, to determine existing traffic patterns and flows, and has used comprehensive plans and other information from those agencies and the Puget Sound Regional Council to estimate traffic volumes anticipated in 2030. Fehr and Peers then started with an assumption that SR 167 would be extended at that time and evaluated the comprehensive plan transportation elements, transportation improvement programs, and similar documents from the various agencies, and ideas of their own and as developed in group discussions with the various agencies, to determine a long list of potential projects.

Finally to date, they modeled traffic flows and inserted, removed, and modified the project list to determine a set of projects that would carry traffic volumes projected for 2030.

Don Sandvol gave a presentation on the study. He included information on Goals and Objectives such as transportation needs, accessibility and traffic congestion, promoting regional economic competitiveness and accomplishing a plan. He discussed what the study included such as data collected on residential growth, employment growth and traffic growth. He reviewed the purpose of the study and a short term list of projects.

He reviewed concept ideas such as 12th Street improvements, Port of Tacoma interchange with I-5 and 54th Avenue interchange with I-5, possible auxiliary lanes between Port of Tacoma Road and 54th Avenue interchange, Levee Road widening.

Council asked a few questions about truck traffic and funding.

Don showed a traffic growth simulation through year 2030 video.

2011 PRCS Board and Tree Commission Work Plan (Reuter)

2011 PRCS Board & Tree Commission Work Plan

Director Reuter reviewed the 2011 Citizen Advisory Board work plan and the 2011 Tree Commission work plan.

For the Citizen Advisory Board work plan:

1. Provide support and organization for the 2011 Parks Appreciation Day and Arbor Day events.
2. Continue to perform a lead role in the planning and administration of the parade organization for the 2011 Fife Harvest Festival.
3. Formulate a Sub Committee to assist staff and the City Council with planning and selection of a site to be developed as a part of the City's trail system.

4. Participate in an annual joint Park meeting with Edgewood and Milton.
5. Organize and conduct a Trial Awareness Day event to be held in the Spring.

For the Tree Commission work plan:

1. Provide support and organization of the 2011 Arbor Day event.
2. Assist with completion and submittal of the 2011 Tree City USA Application.
3. Complete field work associated with the Fife Tree Inventory.
4. Assist with the selection of a consultant to complete the Tree Inventory project.
5. Research and utilize available resources that can assist in the completion of Tree Commission work projects.

Council asked director Reuter some questions regarding the list of work plan items and made a few suggestions for the work plan.

Planning Commission Work Plan and Comprehensive Plan Amendments for 2011 (Durham)

Planning Commission Work Plan and Comp Plan

Director Durham stated that the Planning Commission work plan and Comprehensive Plan Amendments are done annually.

Chris Pasinetti, Associate Planner stated City staff and the Planning Commission are proposing six Comprehensive Plan Amendments, one rezone (of two separate parcels owned by the City), and continued updates of the Shoreline Master Program. The SMP will be adopted during the 2012 Comprehensive Plan Amendment process. • CPA11-01 – annual adoption of the 6 year Transportation Improvement Plan

- CPA11-02 – designate an area in the Future Land Use map as “downtown center”
- CPA11-03 – annual adoption of the School Districts’ Capital Facilities Plans
- CPA11-04 – discuss and propose policy and code measures (if necessary) for the implementation of the Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Program in the City
- CPA11-05 – amend the Land Use Element to include a retail component along the south side of 20th Street E, west of 54th Avenue
- CPA11-06 – amend the Transportation Element to designate 20th Street E, east of 54th Avenue, as a “Pedestrian Oriented Minor Arterial”
- WP11-07 – The City owns two wetlands properties: one south of Gensco along Wapato Creek, and another one known as the Milgard mitigation site along Hylebos Creek. Both properties are wetlands and can be rezoned to Public Use/Open Space (POS) without the need for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment (Attachment 2).
- WP11-08 – The City’s SMP is in Phase 3 of development, and Grette Associates is working with staff on those documents. The Commission will have continued updates to the SMP throughout 2011. The SMP (if all timelines are kept) will be part of the 2012 amendments cycle.

He stated that this is an opportunity for the City Council to review, discuss and amend if necessary the Planning Commission Work Plan and the 2011 Comprehensive Plan

Amendments.

Fire District #10 Agreement Update (Marcotte)

Fire Dist #10 Agreement

Assistant City Manager Marcotte stated State law requires cities to contract with local fire districts to pay for service impacts of City owned facilities. The City's prior agreement with Fire District #10 provided for the City to pay an "in lieu" property tax on all City owned property. When the prior agreement was implemented in 1988, City owned property consisted mainly of a small city hall, some public works facilities and about a quarter acre of park property. The City's initial obligation under the agreement was \$7,098 per year. In the years since 1988, the City has grown and acquired a lot of property within the City. Much of that property is right-of-way, wetlands and open space that has minimal service impacts to the District. In 2008, the City's annual obligation under the service agreement had grown to nearly \$90,000 so the City Manager recommended, and the Council agreed, to terminate the agreement and negotiate a new one.

Over the past two years, the Mayor and City staff had met several times with District Commissioners to work out a new agreement. The City proposes to pay the District an "in Lieu" property tax on City facilities, wells and pump stations and active park use. The City's proposal would not include right of way, wetlands, open space or vacant property held for sale. While we do not know the District's 2011 property tax rate, we expect the annual obligation under the proposed agreement to be about \$33,000.

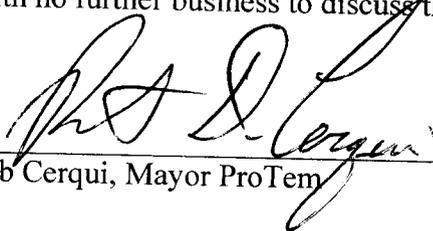
From 2005 through 2008, the District included the assessed value of the improvements at Columbia Jr. High in their annual billing. The City does not own those improvements and cumulative overbilling for those years is \$92,070. The City is proposing a credit for the overbilling but is also proposing to retroactively pay for 2009 and 2010 per terms of the draft agreement. This would result in \$18,762 for 2009 and \$16,716 for 2010 being charged against the credit amount leaving a remaining credit of \$56,592 to be used in 2011 and future periods.

REVIEW OF UPCOMING COUNCIL AGENDAS

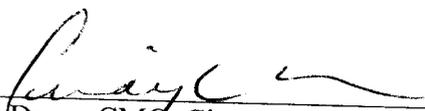
City Manager Zabell reviewed the upcoming future agendas with Council.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.



 Rob Cerqui, Mayor Pro Tem


Cindy L. Dunn, CMC, City Clerk