

Fife City Council Meeting
Fife City Hall Council Chambers
Date: February 22, 2011
Time: 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

For the purpose of Real Estate RCW 42.30.140 for approximately 40 minutes.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Dave Zabell, City Manager, Steve Marcotte, Assistant City Manager, David DeGroot, Finance Director, Loren Combs, City Attorney, Russ Blount, Public Works Director, Carl Durham, Community Development Director, Kurt Reuter, Parks and Recreation Director, Brad Blackburn, Chief of Police, Andrea Edwards, Executive Assistant, Shawn Zilbert, Network Administrator, David Cantlin, Park Maintenance and Operations Manager, and Jan Kurz, Administrative Assistant.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Godwin.

CHANGES, ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS (Items not on the agenda)

Carol Sue Braaten, resident, asked Council to consider inviting certain members of the House to come and see the reason why Fife has red lights.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes: February 8, 2011 Council Meeting

February 8, 2011 Council Meeting Minutes

Payroll: # 47526 - 47526 \$628,214.47

Claim: #82087 - 82178 \$801,020.29

Councilmember Godwin moved, seconded by Councilmember Hulcey, to approve the Consent Agenda as is.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None

COUNCIL DELEGATE REPORT

Councilmember Alveshere stated that he attended the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) legislative forum and enjoyed it very much.

Councilmember De Booy stated that she attended the Citizens Advisory Board meeting and they allocated the grant money. She was happy to announce that Fife was awarded both grants that they applied for.

Mayor ProTem Cerqui discussed his attendance at the AWC forum, and how much he enjoyed chatting with legislators about upcoming Bills.

Councilmember Hulcey also enjoyed attending the AWC forum.

Councilmember Godwin also attended the AWC forum. He pointed out that the speeches were grim in reference to the states economy, and that an economic turnaround could be 4 to 5 yrs in the future. He recommended we watch our money.

Mayor Johnson mentioned his recent vacation to the Methow Valley area. Complimented the city of Winthrop on building community around the cross country ski events already in place.

PUBLIC HEARING

No public hearing items.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS ORDINANCES: #1739 International Building Code Update (Durham)

#1739 International Building Code Update

David DeGroot, Finance Director, read the title of Ordinance #1739

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIFE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AMENDING SECTION 15.04.903 OF THE FIFE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

Community Development Director, Carl Durham pointed out that the City of Fife needs to address an omission in fire code and amend the fire sprinkler requirements for buildings regulated by the International Building Code (IBC). These sections mandate the installation of fire sprinkler systems when fire areas exceed 6,000 square feet, except for Hazardous and Institutional occupancies. The omission affects Business occupancies and research has shown that the omission occurred since 2004 and the reason for the omission is unclear. We also need to include all fire areas for Factory Occupancies. All businesses are currently up to code, so this will remain the standard for all new businesses.

The Ordinance will be placed on the Consent Agenda for the next Council meeting.

1398 Amending Pierce County Library District (Zabell)

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Dave DeGroot, Finance Director, read the title of Resolution #1398

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIFE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT REGARDING LIBRARY SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF FIFE AND THE PIERCE COUNTY RURAL LIBRARY DISTRICT

Dave Zabell, City Manager discussed briefly that the opening day will need to be delayed due to the fact that the city purchased property rather than lease it. The new opening day will be December 3rd, 2011

Councilmember Hull moved, seconded by Mayor ProTem Cerqui to amend Ordinance #1398.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of Federal Legislative Agenda (Marcotte)

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Fife City Manager, Dave Zabell discussed various city projects and future agency visits.

Video conference call with Justin LeBlanc with LeBlanc Government Relations LLC, presented an update on the 2012 fiscal year.

LeBlanc discussed the objections with recent moratorium on earmarking. Spoke of various grant programs and an application process that might be needed in the near future.

City Manager Dave Zabell and Councilmember's addressed concerns with Justin LeBlanc. The agenda for the upcoming Washington DC trip was outlined.

City of Fife Caboose (Reuter)

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Kurt Reuter, Parks & Recreation Director presented history and an update on the status of the Caboose restoration project. Dave Zabell, City Manager, opened with comments about the state of the Caboose Project.

David Cantlin, Parks and Recreation Maintenance Operations Manager, also spoke about the restoration project.

Councilmember's addressed their concerns and opinions on the Caboose.

Rick Bacon with the Tacoma Chapter National Railway Historical Society spoke about an upcoming convention and some grants that we could apply for. He also spoke about what he felt was needed to finish the Caboose Project.

Carol Sue Braaten, resident, voiced her concerns on the Caboose project.

Ray Richards, a former volunteer on the Caboose restoration project, shared history of the Caboose restoration. He addressed the need for good leadership and planning in order to complete the project.

Louise Hospenthal, Fife Historical Society President, addressed Council and voiced their desire to have the caboose near the museum.

Mike Kelley, previous Fife City Councilmember and Mayor, made suggestions for the use of the caboose.

Discussion of WSDOT 20th Street Closure for I-5 work (Blount)

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20th Street Drive East Closure for WSDOT Construction of a new Northbound I-5 Bridge over the Puyallup River.

Russ Blount, Public Works Director presented to Council for consideration the conditions to be imposed on Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) in return for vacation of a portion of 20th Street Drive East right-of-way, vacation of property rights to the Native Growth Protection Easement obtained from Praxair in 2008, and allowing a 2-year closure of 20th Street Drive East. This would be for construction of a new Northbound I-5 Bridge over the Puyallup River.

Councilmember's discussed their concerns about 20th Street Closure, and the need to keep the business community informed.

Lodging Tax Restoration (Zabell)

Lodging Tax Restoration

During the Fife City Council Retreat in January, Council expressed their desire to reimburse other funding sources that were used in lieu of monies from the Stadium/Convention Fund, pending the sale of the Gathering Place property.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$102,000 from the Stadium/Convention Fund to be allocated to:
General Fund: \$5,000-City Marketing Program
General Fund/Council Project: \$7,000-Fife Float, \$25,000-Festival, \$30,000-Museum
Growth Mgmt/REET: \$20,000-Museum
Water Utility: \$5,000-City Marketing Program
Sewer Utility: \$5,000-City Marketing Program
Storm Drainage: \$5,000-City Marketing Program

Councilmember Hull abstained, all other Councilmembers agreed on the restoration.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Fife City Manager, Dave Zabell, discussed the approval of the 47th Avenue sidewalk grant and the ADA upgrades to City Hall. He also updated Fife City Council on the current photo enforcement bills and mentioned the early action savings bill, and how it saved \$60,000 for the City of Fife.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Alveshire commented on his attendance at the Pierce County Regional Council meeting.

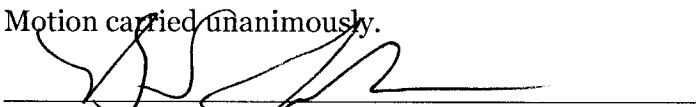
CITIZEN COMMENTS

Carol Sue Braaten, resident, commented on her concerns of the new WSDOT ramp meter on the Port of Tacoma Road, and the effects on the evacuation route during the 20th Street closure.

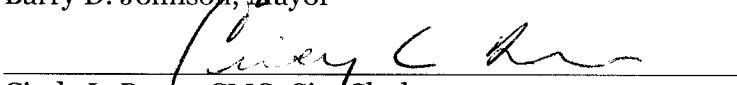
ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Alveshire moved, seconded by Councilmember de Booy, to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.



Barry D. Johnson, Mayor



Cindy L. Dunn, CMC, City Clerk