

**FIFE CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING / STUDY SESSION  
March 15, 2011**

**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: Dave Zabell, 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, Cindy L Dunn, City Clerk, and Loren Combs, Attorney.

Staff Excused / Absent: None.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Johnson.

**CHANGES, ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

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

**ORDINANCE FOR POTENTIAL ADOPTION**

**#1740 Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Dispensaries**

City Attorney, Loren Combs provided a brief description of the options that council could consider. Council wanted to be certain that the issue would be transparent and that there would continue to be open discussions where the public was invited to attend and give input.

Councilmember Godwin and Councilmember Hulcey expressed dissatisfaction with the way the Legislation is handling the issue. Chief Blackburn explained that his department must follow State law and how it conflicts with Federal Law.

Councilmember Alveshere moved to pass Ordinance 1740, seconded by Councilmember Godwin. This allows time for the Council and the public to examine the situation, as well as to watch and see what Legislators do. There have been no applications for dispensaries to date, and Council voted to make this an emergency Ordinance, making it effective immediately, in order to avoid someone making such an application and preempting their action. This will freeze things where they are, allowing more time to review and hear from citizens. Council invites citizens to come and give their input. They want to do

what is best for the citizens of Fife.

## **STUDY SESSION**

### **Crime View Program**

Sheri VanVeldhouse, Investigative Administrative Assistant, gave an informative presentation about the Crime Mapping program. There are tools for both the public and the Police Department to use. The website is [www.Crimemapping.com](http://www.Crimemapping.com), there is also a link on the City's website. Citizens can see a history of a particular area, track crimes and sign up for alerts. The Police Department will have information must faster, in greater detail as well as being cost effective.

### **Arts Commission Discussion**

Steve Marcotte spoke about thoughts he has gathered on the new Arts Commission. He had spoken to numerous other cities in order to understand the way they have set up their Arts Commission. He spoke to council about various things to consider when creating an Arts Commission. Such as; what will be their purpose, how will the commission be set up and what kind of budget should they have.

Mayor ProTem expressed his excitement to see it getting started. He and other councilmember's have wanted to see this come about for years.

Councilmember Hull and others addressed the need for youth to be a part of the commission. In addition there was discussion about whether there should be a residency requirement, how many members should be on the commission and things to think about when defining what Art is. Councilmember de Booy liked the idea that the Art Commission could also use funds for scholarships and possible needs of the Performing Art Center.

### **Residential Fire Sprinklers**

Community Development Director, Carl Durham provided a brief overview of the Fire Sprinkler Amendment issue. Councilmember's expressed concerns about the cost of requiring the citizens to add sprinklers to their homes. Councilmember Hull does not support the idea of adopting this amendment. Councilmember's discussed the need to make sure that the fire trucks had good access.

City Manager, Dave Zabell made it clear that city staff would like to work the Fire Department in order to optimize what is already in place. He would like to get their perception on the access issue.

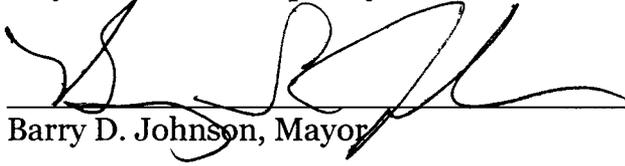
Council chooses not to adopt the amendment to the Fire Sprinkler Ordinance.

## **REVIEW OF UPCOMING COUNCIL AGENDAS**

City Manager, Dave Zabell addressed important dates coming up. At the next council meeting, March 22, 2011 there will be a discussion about Fife Historical Barn. Staff will be attending a Budget Retreat on March 26, 2011. The Medical Marijuana Moratorium will be addressed at the April 12, 2011 Council Meeting where the public is again invited to express their concerns to council.

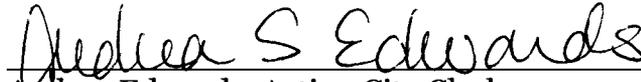
**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor ProTem Cerqui adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm



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Barry D. Johnson, Mayor



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Andrea Edwards, Acting City Clerk