

Fife City Hall

**FIFE CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Council Chambers

**August 16, 2011
7:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro Tem Cerqui called the Fife City Council Study Session to order at 7:02 pm.

Present: Mayor Barry D. Johnson (joined at 7:09 p.m.), Mayor Pro Tem Cerqui, Councilmembers Hulcey, Hull, Godwin and Roscoe.

Excused / Absent: Councilmember de Booy

Staff Present: City Manager Dave Zabell, City Attorney Loren Combs, Public Works Director Russ Blount, Community Development Director Carl Durham, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Kurt Reuter, Chief of Police Brad Blackburn, Executive Assistant and Acting City Clerk Andrea Edwards, Acting Deputy City Clerk and Senior Administrative Assistant Kristen LaFrance.

Staff Excused / Absent: Finance Director Dave DeGroot

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Hulcey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHANGES, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

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

FEMA MAPPING

Todd Bennett from Northwest Hydraulic Consultants, Inc. presented the recent updates to Council on the FEMA Mapping Report.

The 1987 FIRM map was replaced by a Flood Study Map as Best Available Science a few years ago through action of the City Council. Recently a new study commissioned by Pierce County and prepared by Northwest Hydraulics was released. This report provides more and updated information and alternative scenarios with respect to flood hazards along the Lower Puyallup River.

In 2004 a flood study was completed by Northwest Hydraulics and presented to the City of Fife among other Pierce County cities for consideration. The City Council subsequently adopted the flood study as the 'best available science' for requiring construction techniques and flood insurance requirements for protecting property and property owners. A recently released report commissioned by Pierce County and prepared by Northwest Hydraulics provides new and more detailed information and analysis than was contained in the 2004 report. The new report includes an assessment of measured silt levels, levee elevations and modeled levee breach scenarios during a major flood event.

This presentation is intended to provide the City Council and public with the major highlights and conclusions of the new report, and provide the Council and opportunity to ask questions of

the consultants. While this is a study and not an actual event, it is the best information we have available showing what could happen and the potential severity of impact if the levee was to be over-topped and breached as well as the railroad track being breached.

City Manager Zabell commented that he appreciated the way this study was presented in a realistic manner to Council and staff.

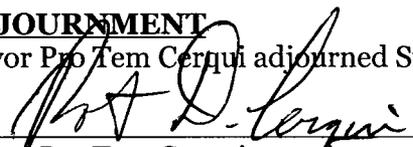
Councilmember Roscoe thanked them for the great information.

REVIEW OF UPCOMING COUNCIL AGENDAS

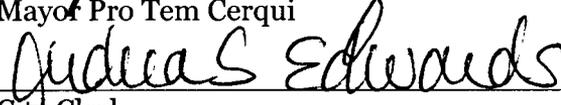
Council briefly covered upcoming agendas with the City Manager.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Cerqui adjourned Study Session at 8:12 p.m.



Mayor Pro Tem Cerqui



City Clerk