

Fife City Hall

**FIFE CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION
MEETING MINUTES
September 20, 2011
7:01 p.m.**

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro Tem Cerqui called the Fife City Council Study Session to order at 7:01 pm.

Present: Mayor Barry D. Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem Cerqui, Councilmembers, Hull, Godwin and Roscoe.

Excused / Absent: Councilmembers Hulcey

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 and Administrative Assistant Jan Kurz.

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.

DISCUSSION TOPICS**PORT OF TACOMA - OFF-SITE WETLAND MITIGATION UPDATE**

Public Works Director Russ Blount provided a brief slideshow and summary.

The initial proposal for the project was to use either the "Gathering Place" site, or to purchase lands along Wapato Creek upstream of Fife. The City of Fife has since sold the Gathering Place site, and the Puyallup Tribe has stated objections to the use of the upstream area. An alternate mitigation site or sites must be found.

BROOKVILLE GARDENS COMMUNITY PARK MASTER PLAN

The Brookville Gardens Community Park (BGCP) Master Plan has been updated to reflect recent changes made to the proposed park design. The former project that included both park development and restoration of Wapato Creek has been divided in to two separate projects. What was formerly the stream restoration component of the park development project has now become a proposed mitigation site for the Port of Tacoma Road Interchange Transportation Improvement project.

As part of this process it was also determined that in order to better meet the goals of both projects, the park maintenance operational yard would be deleted. This decision was made after a thorough examination and evaluation of the physical area needed to construct that facility. Staff and the consultant team agreed that the amount of property needed to construct an appropriate sized maintenance facility would severely impact the land available for mitigation. In light of these changes, the BGCP master plan has been updated. Obviously, the park maintenance yard and stream restoration are no longer part of the proposed project. A graphic

of the new park master plan is included as an attachment to this agenda bill. With regard to the just actual park area, no substantial changes have been made. The design still contains two picnic areas, two children's play structures, a restroom building, perimeter and interior trails, and a large expanse of green space. The northern boundary of the park project has been slightly redesigned to align with the southern boundary of the mitigation project.

FIFE MUNICIPAL CODE (FMC) Ch 8.12 Fireworks

FMC 8.12 was originally passed in 1962, with only a couple minors revisions in 1984. The City has experienced substantial growth since that time and thus the health, welfare and safety of the citizens necessitate the review and revision to FMC 8.12.

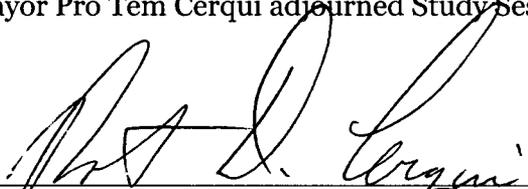
Any changes desired by the City to make FMC 8.12 more restrictive than state law must be approved by the City Council now, as it will not be effective for one year after it is passed. Currently State law allows sales between December 27 and December 31, and from June 28 through July 5. The City's Ordinance currently allows the sale and discharge of fireworks on July 6th, however State law would trump that. In addition, the City does not have an Ordinance pertaining to the post Christmas season as referenced in RCW 70.77.395(3). If the Council wishes to pass an Ordinance this year to prohibit sales and use during the post Christmas period, it would be effective for the 2012 post Christmas selling season. If the Council wishes to restrict sales and use during the Fourth of July selling season, it would be effective for the 2013 Fourth of July selling season.

REVIEW OF UPCOMING COUNCIL AGENDAS

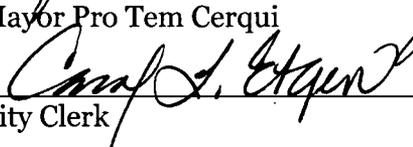
Council briefly covered upcoming agendas with City Manager Dave Zabell who mentioned numerous upcoming topics.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Cerqui adjourned Study Session at 8:17 p.m.



Mayor Pro Tem Cerqui



City Clerk