

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session was held in the Council Conference Room at 6:00 PM for the purpose of discussing real estate. All Council members with the exception of Councilmember Godwin, City Attorney Combs and City Manager Zabell were present. The Executive Session ended at 6:50 PM with no action taken.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro Tem Hull called the Fife City Council Study Session to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Mayor Cerqui, Mayor Pro Tem Hull, Councilmembers Curtis, Hulcey, Dukes-Gethers and Wolfrom.

Absent: Excused – Councilmember Godwin.

Staff Present: City Manager Zabell, City Attorney Combs, Finance Director DeGroot, Public Works Director Blount, Interim Community Development Director Boyle, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Reuter, Chief of Police Blackburn, Executive Assistant Edwards and City Clerk Etgen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Curtis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

LID/ULID DISCUSSION

Public Works Director Blount and Finance Director DeGroot discussed both LIDs 2008-01 and 2008-02 which were formed to fund the extension of water and sewer service along Valley Avenue East and water, sewer, and drainage service along 70th Avenue East, and 45th and 48th Streets East, respectively. These Districts can be completed as LIDs or converted to Utility Local Improvement Districts (ULIDs) at the Council's discretion. David Trageser, Financial Advisor, D.A. Davidson & Co., discussed the different types of LID's and the recommendations they have made.

Physical construction has been substantially complete for some time, though close-out of the construction contract for LID 2008-01 is not complete due to the timing of Washington State Department of Transportation administrative processes for related work. Take-out financing for this LID will cost less if it can be done concurrently with that for LID 2008-02. Physical construction of LID 2008-2 is nearly complete and it is anticipated that the project can be closed out at approximately the same time as LID 2008-01. For these reasons, it is appropriate that additional interim financing be obtained for LID 2008-01.

It is the recommendation from the City's bond underwriter D.A. Davidson & Co. to complete these projects as LIDs rather than ULIDs. The underwriter's recommendation is based on the adverse impact a ULID policy would have on the City's bond rating, and that it would institute

certain conditions that would ultimately necessitate an increase in utility rates sooner than would be necessary under an LID scenario.

LID 2008-1 needs extension of the interim financing; a single consolidated LID bond is recommended for the long-term/take-out financing for both LID 2008-1 and 2008-2.

PIERCE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

Public Works Director Blount reported Pierce County begun a new process to form a Flood Control District, and introduced Pierce County Council Chair McDonald to also address the issue. This would be a new entity under state law, with a new taxing authority of up to \$0.10 per \$1,000, or approximately \$200,000 per year from the property owners in Fife, based on the City's \$2 billion assessed value. The District Board of Supervisors would be the County Council. Revenues from the new district would be used to fund flood control projects such as the reconstruction of or raising the Puyallup River levee along Fife's southern border.

Such a project would benefit not only Fife, but also other jurisdictions at higher elevations, in that it would protect industry, transportation, and utility systems serving the residents of such jurisdictions. The Mayor of one such jurisdiction, Edgewood, has drafted and circulated a letter, on Pierce County Cities and Towns Association letterhead, requesting that District be implemented with tiered tax rates.

The Pierce County Council will meet on January 31st to discuss the formation of a Flood Control Zone District for Pierce County and Chair McDonald requested councilmembers and staff come to the meeting to show support for the District. An Opportunity Fund, with 10% of the fund going back to some or all the cities for flood control has been proposed. A 15-member advisory committee along with the Board of Supervisors would determine the projects taken on by the District. There are only three things the County Council can do; establish the District, set boundaries and pick the advisory committee. Other issues will have to be addressed by the committee.

WSDOT 20TH STREET CLOSURE AGREEMENT DISCUSSION

Public Works Director Blount reviewed the prior action of the Council relating to the above referenced subject and update the City Council on progress to date. He explained that at their meeting of July 26, 2008 the Fife City Council approved Resolution 1421 authorizing execution of a Letter of Understanding with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) regarding its construction of new bridges to carry Interstate 5 over the Puyallup River. The proposed bridges will be wider than the existing, in order to carry new High Occupancy Vehicle lanes, will meet new seismic standards not met by the existing bridges, will have fewer rows of piers in the Puyallup River floodway, and will be at an alignment that smooths the existing curves in the I-5 main line.

Other items addressed by Blount included: purpose; project agreements; project review and concurrence; native growth protection area; flood plain mitigation; representation and communications; storm conveyance and the Erdahl ditch; two-year closure of 20th street drive and associated detour analysis.

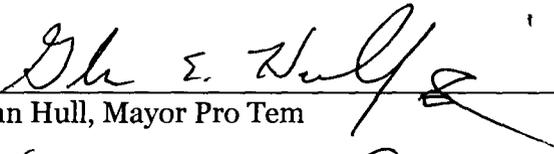
PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE OVERVIEW

City Clerk Etgen reviewed basic motions and parliamentary procedure with councilmembers.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Hull adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Approved on February 14, 2012.



Glenn Hull, Mayor Pro Tem



Carol Etgen, City Clerk