

April 17, 2012

7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro Tem Hull called the Fife City Council Study Session to order at 7:03 pm.

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

Staff Present: City Manager Zabell, City Attorney Combs, Finance Director DeGroot, Public Works Director Blount, Community Development Director Osaki, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Reuter, Chief of Police Blackburn, Economic Development & Marketing Specialist Laurel Potter, Executive Assistant Edwards and City Clerk Etgen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Dukes-Gethers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2013 COUNCIL GOALS

City Manager Zabell reviewed the path Council has taken to this point in establishing priorities and setting goals for 2012 which provided Fife's residents, businesses and staff with a better understanding of Council's intent along with affirming the key principle of transparency. The objectives developed from the goals guided the budget process, helped to set performance measures and were instrumental in developing the various long-term planning tools such as the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan and Comprehensive Plan.

Council's Vision Statement:

Fife will be a vibrant destination with a healthy balance between residential, commercial, and industrial uses, all of which are interconnected with green infrastructure and open space that supports a great quality of life.

2013 Goals:

1. Maintain a style of government that is proactive, transparent, and easily accessible by the Citizens.
2. Focus capital expenditures on Community Connectivity – Bringing our People Together.
 - a. Encourage early public involvement in the plan formulation and decision making process.
 - b. Further implementation of the Municipal Master Plan.
 - c. Continue to fill in the gaps in the City pedestrian connectivity network.
 - d. Continue implementation of the cross rail road right of way connector solution identified in 2012.
3. Maintain established levels of service and work to increase the levels of service by capturing efficient and expanding partnerships.

4. Continue the refinement and implementation of the economic development plan for business retention, redevelopment and recruitment.
5. Design and commence implementation with key stakeholders of a transportation system that encourages people oriented development within the City while assuring the smooth flow of commerce through the City.
 - a. Transportation solutions must include a quality of life impact and mitigation/enhancement analysis.
 - b. Maintain the quality of life for Fife residents during the implementation of the Transportation System.
 - c. Promote Intergovernmental Cooperation in Regional Planning.

The goals will be placed on the next regular meeting's consent agenda for approval.

FIREWORKS – FMC ENFORCEMENT OF REGULATIONS

City Manager Zabell reported any changes intended to impact firework enforcement next year must be made by June 24th of this year and reminded Council that the City's laws do not apply to the lands which are part of the Puyallup Indian Nation, which fall under Federal regulations.

Chief Blackburn reported:

- Animals are impacted by the noise from firework displays;
- Fireworks are permitted during several other occasions throughout the year;
- While the Police Department receives calls throughout the year they have been mostly reactive in their response;
- Smoke and debris are left in areas like Alexander Street after firework displays;
- Tribal Police assist the department and a dedicated area at the Port has been established by the Puyallup Tribe for setting off fireworks;
- If fireworks are confiscated they have to be specially disposed of;
- Fireworks have a major impact on Dispatch however injuries have mainly been minor in nature; and,
- His department will provide assistance as directed by Council through the City Manager.

Economic Development & Marketing Specialist Laurel Potter outlined the plan for public outreach as follows:

- Goals include no injuries or property damage, promotion of fireworks safety, compliance with the Fife Municipal Code (FMC) and support the Puyallup Tribe's efforts for events compliance and safety, along with providing assistance for Homeowners Associations, apartment complexes, youth and businesses.
- The public outreach campaign will include allowed locations, tribal events and maps, prohibited properties, dates and times and types of legal fireworks;
- Social media outreach will include e-newsletters, notices on utility bills, door hangers, television public service announcements, tribal events and maps, in-person presentations, press releases and announcements at Council meetings.

John Weymer of the Puyallup Indian Nation detailed the Tribe's efforts to ensure fireworks are used in an appropriate manner. He stated:

- Firework Stands are shut down if they are found to be selling or using illegal fireworks;

- They will work closely with the Police Department;
- 7 acres of lighted paved area within the Port are used for setting off fireworks and the public is encouraged to use this area;
- An aid car and fire truck are on the scene and they have experienced no serious injuries at the location to date;
- He encouraged the Chief to meet with the Tribe's Chief to ensure a coordinated enforcement effort;
- There are fewer fireworks stands each year and they would like to address problems with individual stand owners; and,
- He will determine hours of permitted fireworks use on Tribal land and report back to Council.

City Manager Zabell stated the fireworks section in the FMC will be reviewed for language updates.

PLANNING COMMISSION 2012 WORK PLAN/COUNCIL INITIATED 2012 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS

Planning Director David Osaki presented the Planning Commission's 2012 Work Program to Council. He discussed the various Comprehensive Plan amendments which will come to Council in the October/November timeframe and others which consist of routine updates.

Other items being addressed are: updates to the Shoreline Master Plan which may come to Council as early as May; updates to the sign code; land use impacts due to the changes in liquor licensing in the State; community garden zoning; medical marijuana garden zoning; and the Transportation Policy Plan and City Center Plan visioning process.

Mayor Pro Tem Hull asked about the possibility of reviewing the sign code for political signs. Planning Director Osaki stated he would be happy to ask the Planning Commission to update the sign code, however he reminded Council it may be a two-year process and is usually quite contentious in nature. After some discussion it was agreed to wait to address this issue.

City Manager Zabell proposed Council review their top priorities regarding the Comprehensive Plan at the June study session.

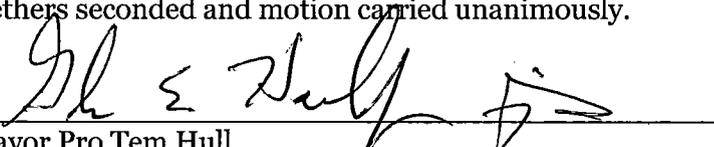
REVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDAS

City Manager Zabell reviewed upcoming agenda items and the May 5th Budget Workshop with Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Hull reported he'd attended the Milton City meeting last night where Recovery Innovations was introduced and information provided to the community regarding the facility.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Hulcey moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Councilmember Dukes-Gethers seconded and motion carried unanimously.



 Mayor Pro Tem Hull



 City Clerk