

**June 5, 2012  
6:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

Mayor Pro Tem Hull called the Fife City Council Study Session to order at 6:05 pm.

**Present:** Mayor Cerqui, Mayor Pro Tem Hull, Councilmembers Godwin, Curtis, Hulcey and Wolfrom.

**Absent:** Excused – Councilmember Dukes-Gethers.

**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, Executive Assistant Edwards and City Clerk Etgen.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Godwin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Shoreline Master Program Update**

Chris Pasinetti, Community Development, with the assistance of Kim Vanzwalenburg of the Department of Ecology and Cassandra Moore of Grette Associates presented the update to Council.

The Program was adopted in 1974. Mr. Pasinetti reviewed the five phases of the update, stating the process is currently in the fifth phase which is the adoption process. The Planning Commission held a public hearing and made a recommendation to the Council to approve the Program on May 7, 2012. A public hearing and adoption by Council will follow at future meetings.

**Sign Code**

Community Development Director Osaki stated Council expressed the desire at a prior meeting to review portions of the sign code, including temporary signs and reader boards. The Planning Commission will review those specific requests. The allowance for the use of banners will also be addressed.

Other items discussed by Council included:

- Retail in industrial zones – temporary signs
- Use of electric reader boards
- Sandwich boards
- Sign size
- Sign location
- Allowance of political signs when property fronts two streets
- Signs in the public right-of-way
- Enforcement

City Attorney Combs reminded Council of the federal right to freedom of speech, and received consensus from six Councilmembers to keep signs out of the public right-of-way.

**Business Licensing for Residential Rental Units**

Community Development Director Osaki and City Attorney Combs reported there is currently no requirement in the Fife Municipal Code for owners of multi-unit housing developments to obtain business licenses. They asked for Council direction on the number of units that would require a license.

After some discussion, Council reached consensus that anyone owning under four units in a housing development would not be required to purchase a business license. A four-plex and above would require a business license.

**Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) Local Centers**

Chris Pasinetti, Community Development, updated Council on the progress of the Puget Sound Regional Council's proposal regarding the designation of "centers" to comply with the Growth Management Act requirements in order to be eligible for certain funding opportunities. Staff will bring a resolution to Council at a future meeting.

**Interlocal Agreement adopting the Countywide Planning Policies - Candidate Centers**

Chris Pasinetti, Community Development, discussed a proposed Interlocal Agreement which would ratify the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policy amendments to incorporate three "candidate centers" into the policy. The primary benefit of taking this action is to put the region into a better position for transportation funding in the future.

**Pierce Transit - Potential Ballot Measure**

Mayor Pro Tem Hull discussed Pierce Transit's consideration of the placement of a .3 percent (3/10ths of one percent) sales tax measure on the November ballot. Two representatives from Pierce Transit talked about the measures Pierce Transit has taken to reduce their expenditures and increase revenues. Councilmembers expressed concern over a similar ballot measure failing in the past and questioned how the organization would be able to maintain financial stability in the future.

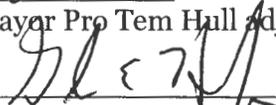
**Review of upcoming Agendas**

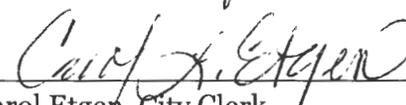
City Manager Zabell reviewed future agenda items with Council. He reported on:

- Preparations by staff for the July 14<sup>th</sup> budget retreat
- Operation Pinecone Emergency Management Exercise

**Adjournment**

Mayor Pro Tem Hull adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

  
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Glenn Hull, Mayor Pro Tem

  
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Carol Etgen, City Clerk