

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

Mayor Pro Tem Hull called the Study Session of the Fife City Council to order at 6:00 PM.

**Present:** Mayor Cerqui, Mayor Pro Tem Hull, Councilmembers Godwin, Curtis, Hulcey, Dukes-Gethers (6:08 PM) and Wolfrom.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Wolfrom led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**DISCUSSION TOPICS**

**Proposed Resolution for Policy on City Paid Expenses**

Assistant City Attorney Amann presented a proposed policy for City-paid expenses. City Manager Zabell reported this action will formalize current practice into a written policy.

**Sign Code Amendment (Phase 1)**

Community Development Director Osaki presented proposed sign code amendments as addressed by the Planning Commission as part of their 2012 work program on September 10, 2012, who recommend approval by Council. A public hearing by the City Council will be the next step. Osaki recommended review of the Code in two phases, with the easier, less complicated amendments being addressed initially. Any additional amendments that come up during the process could be added to the second phase.

Osaki reviewed the five areas within the Sign Code are a-boards, temporary signs, political signs, reader boards and murals.

After discussion about the number of a-boards which would be allowed on street-frontage lots for businesses without street-frontage, Assistant City Attorney Amann clarified that signage placement is usually covered in lease agreements by the businesses with the property owners.

A public hearing will be scheduled in February for Council's further consideration.

**Council Rules**

City Clerk Etgen reviewed the proposed Council Rules with Councilmembers. Minor revisions were addressed; a final draft will be prepared for Council consideration at the next regular Council meeting.

**Proposed Resolution re: Policy on City Membership to Civic/Service Organizations**

Assistant City Attorney Amann stated the proposed resolution adopts in writing the City's current policy, and would prohibit those lobbying practices not allowed under State and Federal law, but would allow for joining organizations such as the Association of Washington Cities.

**Review of FMC 9.08.030 – Fortune Telling as a Crime**

Assistant City Attorney Amann presented a proposal to remove the Fife Municipal Code provision against fortune telling, tea leaf reading, clairvoyance and palm reading, stating it was apparently necessary at one time but that staff recommends it be repealed. It will be placed on the next regular meeting's agenda.

**Police Department 2013-2014 Plan**

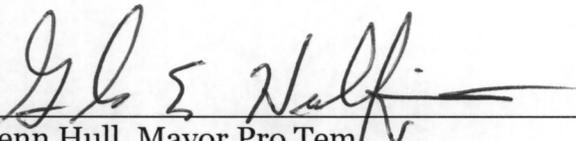
Chief Blackburn reported the Department has been reviewing organizational capabilities and will be bringing forward a staffing plan in the near future. Policies have been developed in conjunction with working through the Loaned Executive Management Assistance Program review. A Community Partners forum was successful and more will be held in the future. The accreditation process is 45 percent complete with a completion goal of year-end.

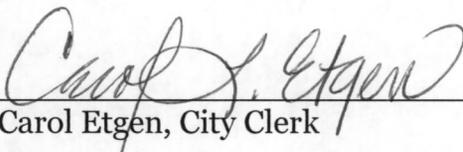
**Review of Upcoming Council Meeting Agendas**

City Manager Zabell reviewed upcoming agenda items with Council, including establishing School Impact Fees, detention services contracts, the Parks Commission and Tree Commission work plans, the Shoreline Master Plan, completion of the Sheffield Trail Project and the pedestrian crossing at 20<sup>th</sup>, and final presentation of the 2013/2014 budget document.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Pro Tem Hull at 7:57 PM.

  
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Glenn Hull, Mayor Pro Tem

  
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Carol Etgen, City Clerk