

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

Mayor Cerqui called the Study Session of the Fife City Council to order at 6:10 PM.

**Present:** Mayor Cerqui, Councilmembers Curtis, and Dukes-Gethers.

**Excused:** Mayor Pro Tem Hull, Hulcey 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 Administrative Assistant Merlino.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Dukes-Gethers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Arts Commission Work Plan**

Kendra Danielson, representing the Public Arts Commission, presented a summary of the 2013 Public Arts Commission Work Program. After some discussion, Councilmember Curtis suggested that the proposed mural slated for installation at City Hall be placed at the future grandstand site. Mayor Cerqui advised this topic will be addressed further with the full Council. Councilmember Dukes-Gether expressed her appreciation for the summer programs and acknowledged her support with placing the mural at City Hall.

**54<sup>th</sup> Avenue Interchange Justification Report – Part 1**

Public Works Director Blount reported this item is included in the 2013-2014 biennial budget. Russ commented per Federal requirements the City must review and evaluate all viable alternatives for this project. At this time, the current proposal presented to the Council is the most realistic opportunity for the City. Mayor Cerqui congratulated Blount on his presentation and stated this is the first step of the downtown vision.

**Pacific Highway/SR 99 – Pedestrian Improvement Project**

Public Works Director Blount reported the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) awarded the City \$1.7 million for construction of pedestrian improvement on the north side of Pacific Highway East from 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue East to 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue East. This grant is from the State's 2013 Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program. Blount further commented that included within this project are two additional work items which will need Council's comments before staff can begin the base project. The work items include:

- Addition of a second left turn lane from westbound Pacific Highway East to southbound 54<sup>th</sup> Ave east;
- Conversion of overhead utilities to underground from 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue East to 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue east.

Russ commented neither of these two work items are eligible for funding under the WSDOT program; however, other alternative funding sources are being reviewed.

In response to a question from Councilmember Dukes-Gethers, Blount advised the sidewalks and turn lane projects will start this year.

**Fife Historical Society Agreement**

City Manager Zabell presented an update on the Facility Use Agreements for the Museum and Dacca Barn. The first agreement was implemented in 2003 and many changes have resulted in the need to update the agreement.

Parks and Recreation Director Reuter reported a separate Facility Use Agreement was developed for the Fife Museum and Dacca Barn. Reuter reviewed each agreement and outlined the changes and updates.

Reuter advised both agreements request that the Historical Society submit to the City a three year improvement plan. Reuter requested the City Council recommend a date as to when the three year improvement plan should be submitted to the City for approval. Louise Hospenthal, president of the Historical Society, suggested using September 1, 2013 as the date. The Council recommended inserting September 1, 2013 into Section 8 of both agreements.

The agreements will be on the next City Council agenda for Council approval.

**Pierce County Cities & Towns Association Bylaw Revision**

City Manager Zabell reported that the Pierce County Cities & Towns Association is currently working on an amendment to their Bylaws. Mayor Cerqui is a delegate for the association and presented the amendments to the City Council for their review and comments. No comments were received at this time

**Social Media Policies & Best Practices**

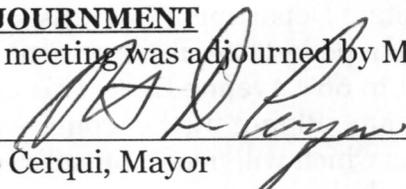
Economic & Development Specialist Potter reviewed the Internal and External Social Media Policies, as well as guidelines for Best Social Media Practices.

**Upcoming agenda**

City Manager Zabell reviewed some of the agenda items scheduled for the next couple of council meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Cerqui at 7:48 PM.

  
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Rob Cerqui, Mayor

  
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Michelle Merlino, Administrative Assistant