

**FIFE CITY COUNCIL
Special Strategic Planning
Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2013
10:00 AM**

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Mayor Cerqui welcomed Councilmembers and staff to the workshop.

Present: Mayor Cerqui, Councilmembers Roscoe, Curtis, Hulcey, Dukes-Gethers and Wolfrom. Mayor Pro Tem Hull joined the meeting at 10:53 AM.

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

REVIEW OF WORKSHOP AGENDA

City Manager Zabell reviewed the agenda and schedule for the day.

BRIEFING – PRELIMINARY REVISIONS TO 2013/2014 CAPITAL PROJECT LIST

Public Works Director reviewed the 2013/2014 Capital Project List, noting changes.

POLICY DISCUSSION – POTABLE WATER SOURCE OF SUPPLY

Jeff Dillard, RH2 Engineering, provided a report about the City's potable water source supply which included information on usage and predictions of future demand. Council was asked to provide policy direction regarding whether to continue to purchase water wholesale or to work with the City's existing water rights and develop an independent source of water. A Prioritization Ranking Matrix form was provided to Council to work with in the future.

Council agreed to have staff move forward with exploring potable water supply source options.

RECESS

A recess was taken at 11:09 AM. The workshop reconvened at 11:13 AM.

POLICY DISCUSSION – STORMWATER UTILITY CIP AND RATES

Public Works Director Blount reviewed comparable cities rate structures and water system projects which need to be addressed, along with the options for raising rates and/or borrowing money.

Council concurred to consider a stormwater rate increase over the next several years to build up the fund to begin working on projects as early as next year.

RECESS

A lunch recess was taken at 11:41 AM. The workshop reconvened at 11:59 AM.

STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION – PUTTING THE PLAN TO THE VISION

City Manager Zabell and Paul Fuesel of KPG led Council through the planning session. The framework of the Strategic Plan, as a living document, would provide the structure for future decisions out to 2050. The Plan needs to take into consideration current projects, including:

- GMA Comp Plan Update
- Annual Council Goals
- City Center Plan

- Transportation Plan Update
- Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan
- Storm Utilities Plan
- South Campus Plan
- Facilities Plan
- Sports Facility Feasibility

Discussed:

- Fife Distinct from Port and City of Tacoma
- Small Town Amenities
 - Public Services
 - Grocery Stores
- Multiple Modes of Transportation
 - Light Rail
 - Trails
 - Bicycle Lanes
- Recreation Opportunities
 - Indoor Activities
 - Parks
 - Events
 - Sports Fields
- Employment Opportunities
- All one school district
- Entertainment (public and private)
 - Cinema
- Blend of residential and business areas
- Health Care Campus
 - Senior Facility
 - Assisted Living
 - Gym
 - Emergency Services
 - Drug Store
- Branding
- Answer question - why do we go out of town?
- Attractive for businesses to come to Fife
- Supporting Infrastructure
- Financing
- Vibrant Hotel District
- A version of stores that fits Fife
- Grocery Store
- Our Own Zip Code
- Heavy Rail
- Agriculture
- Transfer of Development Rights

Strengths:

- Location and Access
- Safe City
- Good Schools

- Natural Environment
- Economic Activity
- Residents
- Business Outreach Strategy

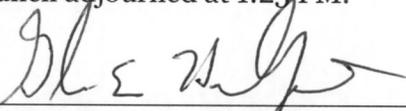
Outside Stakeholders:

- Tribe
- Washington State Department of Transportation
- Port of Tacoma
- City of Tacoma

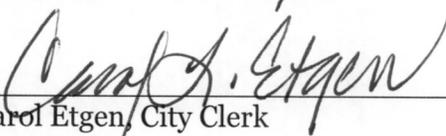
Council agreed to move forward with creation of the framework document based on today's discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned at 1:25 PM.



Glenn Hull, Mayor Pro Tem



Carol Etgen, City Clerk