

**FIFE CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION MEETING
MINUTES
March 18, 2014
6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Deputy Mayor Hulcey called the Fife City Council Study Session to order at 6:00 pm.

Present: Mayor Curtis, Deputy Mayor Hulcey, Councilmembers Yambe, Cerqui, Wolfrom, and Marsh.

Absent: Councilmember Hull

Staff Present: City Manager Zabell; Deputy Manager Mukerjee, 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; and Administrative Assistant Merlino.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Marsh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Federal Emergency Management Act Presentation – Floodplain Issues

David Osaki, Community Development Director, introduced representatives from FEMA to speak about floodplain issues.

Josh Crowley, representing Strategic Alliance for Risk Reduction, advised Council that FEMA is currently working on providing digital flood insurance rate maps for communities nationwide. The digital maps will be more accurate, easier to use and readily available. Mr. Crowley reported the Pierce County Flood Insurance Study is waiting for FEMA to finalize a new approach in showing floodplains on the landward side of the levees that are currently not accredited to protect against the 1% flood. The Puyallup River levee was one of the levee systems across the nation that was decertified. A new remapping process is being initiated for the Pierce County area, including the City of Fife. FEMA has indicated that it will be using a mapping approach called "Seclusion," which will first update maps of the areas not affected by levee decertification, and then will remap areas affected by levee decertification.

Deb Farmer, Insurance Specialist, spoke about flood insurance policies and reported that flood insurance policies are still available. The City has a Class 5 rating which allows for a 25% discount. Currently there are 829 policies located in the City of Fife and surrounding areas that have incorrect FEMA Community ID numbers. FEMA is currently working on making the corrections.

Scott Van Hoff advised he is available to assist the community with compliance issues. Mr. Van Hoff congratulated the Community Development Department for their efforts in making sure citizens understand compliance issues. Mr. Van Hoff advised the National Flood Insurance Act is here to help as well as provide technical support.

Pierce County Animal Control Presentation

Police Chief Brad Blackburn introduced Brian Bowman, representing Piece County Animal Control and Mary Schidtke, Pierce County Financial Services.

Brian Boman, Animal Control Supervisor, gave a brief history of the programs that are currently available through the Pierce County Auditor's Office. Mary Schmidtke spoke in detail about the implementation and processing of pet licensing.

Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan Update

Kurt Reuter, Parks Recreation and Community Development Director, presented the draft of the updated Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan (PROS). Reuter advised the 2008 PROS Plan was a new document and not an update from the 2001 PROS Plan. Due to the extensive work done to create the 2008 PROS Plan, the scope of the 2014 project was limited to an updated version. To be eligible for State grant programs and to comply with State planning regulations the PROS plan must be updated at least every five years.

Steve Duh, Conservation Technix, made a power point presentation which provided an overview of the entire document and focused on specific areas which were changed significantly.

Fife Initiative for Excellent Lodging

Laurel Potter, Marketing & Economic Development Program Manager, addressed council regarding the newly established Lodging Task Force, which is made up of staff from the Police Department, Community Development and Executive Departments. Objectives of the Task Force are:

- Increased positive perception of the City as a lodging destination;
- Increased positive communication between hoteliers, managers and the City
- Decrease the need for reactive police and municipal services.

The City Attorney's Office drafted two ordinances:

- Business License endorsement – the endorsement would mandate the lodging establishment to comply with non-self-initiated calls for services
- Chronic Nuisance Ordinance – allows the Chief of Police to declare properties “chronic nuisances” and requires implementation of a corrective action plan or the property will risk abatement.

Council Goals 2014/2015

Dave Zabell, City Manager presented a draft of an updated version of the Council Goal that was discussed at the Council's retreat in February. Zabell asked for any comments on the revision.

Council concurred with making a revision to Goal No. 1

1. *Foster a style of government that is proactive, transparent, easily accessed and **proactively engages** the public.*

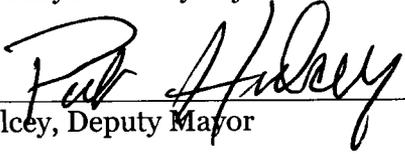
Council asked that “proactively engages” be rewritten for less redundancy.

REVIEW OF UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING AGENDAS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Hulcey adjourned the Study Session at 7:57 PM.



Pat Hulcey, Deputy Mayor



Michelle Merlino, Administrative Assistant