

**FIFE CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION MEETING
MINUTES
May 20, 2014
6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

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

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

Excused: Councilmember Marsh.

Staff Present: City Manager Zabell; City Attorney Combs; Finance Director DeGroot; Public Works Director Blount; Community Development Director Osaki; Chief of Police Blackburn; City Attorney Combs and Assistant City Attorney Jennifer Combs; Executive Assistant Rota and City Clerk Etgen.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council went into Executive Session at 6:00 PM for the purpose of discussing Potential Litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 50 minutes. Council extended the executive session twice, for 10 minutes each time, at 6:50 PM and 7:00 PM. Council came out of executive session at 7:10 PM. Present were all Councilmembers (excluding Councilmember Marsh), City Manager Zabell, City Attorney Combs and Assistant City Attorney Jennifer Combs.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Wolfrom led the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Animal Control Options – Presentation #3

Chief Blackburn provided cost information for providing animal control services within the City, with a vehicle and startup costs at \$58,000, an entry-level Patrol Officer at \$74,000, and annual shelter costs at \$15,000. The Chief briefly reviewed the two options presented at previous meetings which included Pierce County and the Humane Society and Metro Animal Control which is a consortium of several cities operated through a mutual agreement. Both models provide similar staffing and after hours availability.

Councilmembers discussed the various options, noting it appears the programs are very similar in nature and in cost. There was recognition that the Police Department is currently expending manpower on animal control issues. City Manager Zabell pointed out that the move to contracted services will be changing from being reactive to being proactive, and that trained individuals would be responding to animal calls.

Web Update

IT Manager Ray introduced Rachelle Abellar, who reviewed the changes to the City's new website which is under development.

Youth Commission Discussion

Councilmember Yambe reported he reviewed 23 different Youth Commissions throughout the State. Representatives Zeiger and Morrell have indicated they would support the effort, along with the Chamber of Commerce and the Fife School District. Deputy City Manager Mukerjee explained the Commission would serve as an advisory board to the Council regarding issues which affect youth in the community. Nine members appointed by the City Council would serve on the Commission with six from the high school or junior high and three which could be non-residents but reside in the school district. One of the nine members would be a member of the Puyallup Tribe. Terms would be for two years with the initial terms staggered. It is proposed the Commission meet monthly and initially adopt bylaws. Joint meetings could be held to provide community outreach.

Council discussed the proposal with suggestions that the age cutoff being 19 rather than 18 to allow older seniors to continue to participate if still in school and to make sure there was an option to serve for home-schooled and alternative school youth.

City Council Study Session Format

City Clerk Etgen presented alternatives for Council's Study Sessions including sitting at a table away from the dais. IT Manager Ray reported on the audio-visual options for moving away from the dais, and Etgen pointed out the importance of the presiding officer being able to facilitate the meeting effectively. There was consensus to leave the Study Sessions in the current format.

Discussion of City Council Meeting Break

Council agreed to cancel the meeting of August 26, 2014. Formal action by Council will be taken at the next regular meeting.

Marijuana Zoning - Briefing on Planning Commission Recommendation

Community Development Director Osaki reported on the Planning Commission's recommendations pertaining to zoning for marijuana producers, processors and retail outlets. The Planning Commission thoughtfully deliberated and took public comment which resulted in their recommendations to Council, who has the authority to accept, modify or reject the recommendations. Osaki also discussed the differences between medical marijuana (collective gardens) regulations and this recommendation.

Osaki noted licensing is different for producers and processors, however the same zoning is recommended for them. Regional commercial zones were recommended for retail outlets, with the requirement for State licensing and a lot line fronting Pacific Highway East with street visibility. A 2500 foot separation between businesses and requirement that businesses not be within 1000 feet of any public property, with an exception for property used for utility purposes. This type of business would not be allowed with a home occupation permit and locations next to residential zoning would

be limited. It is recommended Collective Gardens not be allowed with the State moving away from separate licensing for these types of businesses.

Osaki stated he would research how the State will review marijuana licensing in conjunction with daycare licensing. The moratorium expires on August 13, 2014.

Councilmembers expressed concerns about marijuana business being located next to federal buildings and hotels, with some individuals renting out hotel rooms as temporary residences. Mayor Curtis stated he took an oath to uphold Federal law and is concerned about moving forward with the authorizing of marijuana businesses in the City. City Attorney Combs noted the Bureau of Reclamation has stated they will not allow water to be sold to grow marijuana and there is a concern about the potential loss of federal road grants if marijuana is transported. Deputy Mayor Hulcey and Councilmember Yambe stated they want to move forward with a public hearing; Mayor Curtis and Councilmembers Cerqui, Johnson and Wolfrom stated they do not.

REVIEW OF UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING AGENDAS

City Manager Zabell reviewed upcoming agenda items.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

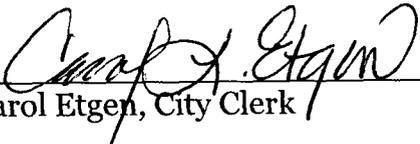
Councilmember Johnson asked to be excused from the meeting of May 27, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Hulcey adjourned the Study Session at 9:12 PM.



Pat Hulcey, Deputy Mayor



Carol Etgen, City Clerk