

FIFE CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION MEETING
MINUTES
June 17, 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, Johnson, and Marsh.

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; Police Commander Woods; and Administrative Assistant Merlino.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council went into Executive Session at 6:00 PM for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations for 60 minutes. At 7:00 p.m. Council extended the executive session for 10 minutes and an additional 5 minutes. Council came out of executive session at 7:15 PM. Present were all Councilmembers, City Manager Zabell, and City Attorney Combs.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Curtis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Traffic/School Zone Safety Enforcement

City Manager Zabell provided a brief history of the current automated traffic enforcement program in the City. On October 24, 2013 a traffic survey was completed within the City's school zones. An alarming number of speed violations were observed, along with an increased number of vehicles on the roadways. Within the existing school zones, the City installed additional signage, and flashing warning lights, however, there was very little change to the drivers' performance. Currently Fife Police Officers provided traffic enforcement as time allows, in an effort to maintain posted speed zones.

Redflex Regional Representative Glen Post provided the Council with more information concerning the details of the program.

Councilmember Johnson asked that a speed survey be performed at the corner of 54th and Valley Avenue, down to the end of 54th in front of Columbia Jr. High School.

A majority of the Council concurred to move forward with the installation of traffic/school zone safety enforcement cameras.

In conclusion, Zabell thanked the Council for the good discussion and advised he will put together a comprehensive package relating to the implementation of this program.

Utility Rate and General Facilities Charges

Public Works Director Blount, reported the City's utility rates are set by separate action of the Council, which has historically adopted such rates in a "ladder" format setting rates that increase

by fixed amounts over a period of years. General Facilities Charges have been set periodically, based on updates to the water and sanitary sewer comprehensive plans. No General Facilities Charges have been established for storm drainage.

Geoff Dillard from RH2 Engineers presented a 2014 sewer system plan update. Sewer Treatment is provided by the City of Tacoma and the last plan update was performed in 1998. The objectives to the sewer system plan update are as follows:

- Inventory and understanding the system
- A Plan for growth
- Create a Capital Project list
- Update the sewer rates
- Gain Ecology approval

The major considerations for the sewer update are as follows:

- Edgewood Development
- Puyallup Bridge Replacement
- Pump Station No. 4 Relocation
- Benthien Loop Sewer Service Area
- Firwood neighborhood Service Area.

In conclusion, City Manager Zabell advised the Council, they will have a retreat in late July or early August to discuss this topic. Staff will provide inflation factors on all three of the City's utilities. Council confirmed this directive and will provide final policy and direction at that time.

Water Use Efficiency Goals

Public Works Director Blount advised the City's water system is regulated by the Washington State Department of Health (DOH). The DOH requires that Water Use Efficiency Goals be updated at least once, every six year through a public process. The last update was performed on June 24, 2008. The goals do not need to be formally adopted by the Council, however if they are accepted, they can be adopted administratively through the City Manager's authority. The Council concurred on the proposed new goals as follows:

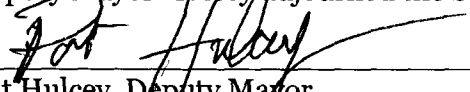
- Install or retrofit at least one "smart" water irrigation controller per year with a goal of reducing consumption by 5% or more at each installed location.
- Reduce unaccounted water consumption, including leakage, to less than 10% each year.

REVIEW OF UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING AGENDAS

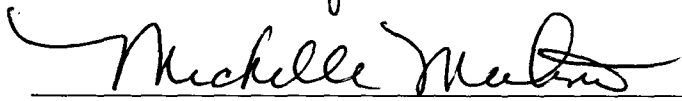
City Manager Zabell reviewed some of the agenda items scheduled for the next couple of council meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Hulcey adjourned the Study Session at 9:16 PM.



Pat Hulcey, Deputy Mayor



Michelle Merlino, Administrative Assistant