

**FIFE CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION MEETING
MINUTES
July 15, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER &

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council went into an executive session for the purpose of discussing Personnel per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g), Litigation per RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i) and Labor Negotiations for approximately 30 minutes at 6:05 PM, extending the session by 15 minutes at 6:35, and reconvening into regular session at 6:50.

ROLL CALL

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

Excused: Councilmembers Marsh and Wolfrom.

Staff Present: City Manager Zabell; Deputy City Manager Mukerjee; City Attorney Combs; Finance Director DeGroot; Public Works Director Blount; Community Development Director Osaki; Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Reuter; Acting Chief of Police Mears; Commander Woods; City Attorney Combs; and City Clerk Etgen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Deputy Mayor Hulcey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Fife Initiative for Excellent Lodging Ordinances

Economic Development and Marketing Manager Potter reported on the work of the Lodging Tax Force, made up of staff from the Police, Community Development, Legal and Executive Departments since reporting at the March 18th Study Session. The optimal desired outcome would be an increased positive perception of the City of Fife as a lodging destination and a decrease in the need for reactive police and municipal services.

Potter stated two ordinances would be used; one to apply a business license endorsement to lodging establishments that receive a certain number of non-self-initiated calls for service which would require compliance with specific requirements in order to maintain a business license. The second would be to adopt a chronic nuisance ordinance allowing the Chief of Police to declare properties "chronic nuisances" and require compliance with a corrective action plan or risk abatement.

Council expressed concern over allowing for hourly rental of hotel rooms and questioned whether landlord-tenant laws would apply to residents living at hotels for 30 day or more periods.

Sound Transit - Long Range Plan Update

Community Development Director Osaki introduced Karen Waterman, Planning and Development Manager from Sound Transit. Sound Transit is updating its regional transit Long-Range Plan, which is the vision for how the system should grow over many decades after current

voter-approved projects are complete in 2023. Waterman described the public outreach process underway to gather input about the Plan.

The extension of a high capacity light rail line from Federal Way to Tacoma as part of a future Sound Transit ballot measure, with a light rail station in Fife, is a major element of Fife's City Center effort. Fife would be connected to the regional light rail system that would travel to the nearby metropolitan centers and connect Fife to the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

More than 12,000 people have provided input to Sound Transit on where mass transit should go when current voter-approved projects are complete in 2023. A Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) is available for review and comment, and once updated, the Plan will shape future ballot measures. Updating the Long-Range Plan will help set the stage to explore future funding options.

Councilmembers expressed the desire to ensure Fife has a stop in Sound Transit's extension to Tacoma.

Amending Business License Code

City Clerk Etgen stated the Fife Municipal Code (FMC) requires business license applicants to be in compliance with state and local laws, but then, as a condition of renewal, their business is required to be in compliance with state, local, and federal law. It is recommended that this inconsistency be removed, either by removing the federal law requirement from the renewal section, or by adding a federal law compliance requirement to the initial business license process.

An examination of the requirements for cities around Fife and in the general Western Washington area revealed that the majority lack such a requirement.

Council concurred with removing the federal requirement from the FMC.

East Fife Traffic and Truck Study

Public Works Director Blount introduced noted that the City is in the final planning stages of an update to the Comprehensive Transportation Plan. The draft plan includes projects by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to widen Interstate 5 (I-5) to provide high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes and a supplemental lane between the Port of Tacoma Road interchange and the Bay Street interchange in Tacoma, with the new lanes on a realigned I-5 on new bridges over the Puyallup River.

The draft plan also includes the completion of the State Route 167 (SR 167) freeway from Puyallup through Fife to connect to the existing SR 509 freeway between Alexander Avenue and Port of Tacoma Road; the SR 167 freeway would have four half-diamond interchanges in Fife at Freeman Road, Valley Avenue, I-5 and 54th Avenue. Blount reviewed State and Federal funding options. He reviewed the importance of the SR167 project to Fife's future, and discussed how a study of usage of the 70th Avenue Bridge over I-5 along with the 54th Avenue interchange would assist in determining how many trucks and general traffic would use the new I-5 ramps at 70th Avenue.

Blount stated the study would perform a preliminary feasibility analysis as to construction sequencing issues associated with the SR-167 project as a whole, and that the analysis could be incorporated into the city-wide transportation plan and/or the 54th Avenue East interchange justification report.

Mayor Curtis pointed out that the SR167 Coalition would be excited about having data to present a picture to the legislature. A majority of Council expressed support of proceeding with implementing the study. Deputy Mayor Hulcey expressed dissention, stating efforts should be placed on putting pressure on the legislature to move forward with SR167.

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

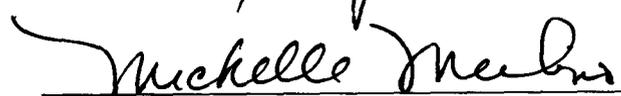
City Manager Zabell reviewed upcoming agenda items with Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Hulcey adjourned Study Session at 8:30 PM.



Pat Hulcey, Deputy Mayor



for Carol Etgen, City Clerk