

Fife City Hall

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

Council Office

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

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

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

Excused: Mayor Curtis and Councilmember Wolfrom.

Staff Present: Interim City Manager Mukerjee; City Attorney Combs; Finance Director DeGroot; Public Works Director Blount; Community Development Director Osaki; Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Reuter; Police Chief Mears; Executive Assistant Rota and City Clerk Etgen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Marsh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies – Amendments

Community Development Director Osaki presented the proposed amendments as follows:

- Rename “Urban Growth Areas” to “Potential Annexation Areas”;
- Encourage joint planning agreements and annexation plans between cities and the County;
- Explore financial incentives to encourage annexation of unincorporated areas;
- Seek grant funding to overcome annexation obstacles;
- Encourage the overlapping of annexation areas;
- Discourage the creation of unincorporated “islands” between cities and towns;
- Annexation boundaries should not split parcels;
- Cities and towns shall be limited to annexing territory only within their adopted potential annexation areas;
- Cities and Towns are encourage to include a mix of commercial, residential and vacant land in annexation proposals; and
- County shall support annexation of an area if a joint planning agreement has been signed between the County and City/town.

Final adoption of the amendments is required by December 21, 2014. These recommendations will be submitted to the Planning Commission for their review.

Freeman Road Reconfiguration Impacts on Fife/Milton Municipal Boundary

Public Works Director Blount illustrated on a map the proposed areas in question. The Benaoya Companies are in the process of developing over 80 acres of land along the west side of Freeman Road in Fife, between 20th Street East and the 3400 block. The Cities of Fife and Milton have reviewed the Benaroya proposal and have reached an agreement on the technical issues related to the adjustment to the boundaries. A daft Memorandum of Understanding will to be considered by each of the City Councils.

Open Public Meetings Act, Public Records Act, and Records Retention Training for the City Council

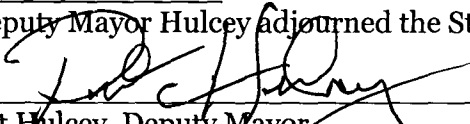
Assistant City Attorney Combs advised the Open Government Trainings Act enacted by the 2014 Legislature (ESB 5964, Laws of 2014, cg.66) requires training for government officials in the fundamentals of the Open Public Meetings Act, Public Records Act, and records retention requirements. Those in attendance of the training were: all City Councilmembers with the exception of Mayor Curtis and Councilmember Wolfrom, who were excused. Other City Staff included: Interim City Manager Mukerjee, Police Chief Mears, Parks and Recreation Director Reuter, Public Works Director Blount, Community Development Director Osaki, Financial Services Manager Parvey, City Clerk Etgen, and Executive Assistant Rota.

REVIEW OF UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING AGENDAS

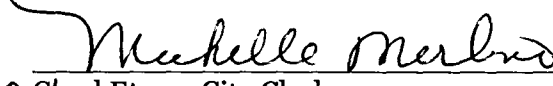
Interim City Manager reviewed agenda items scheduled for the next couple of council meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Hulcey adjourned the Study Session at 7:19 PM.



Pat Hulcey, Deputy Mayor



for Carol Etgen, City Clerk