

RESOLUTION NO. 1484

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FIFE, WASHINGTON, CONFIRMING THE INCLUSION IN ITS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF LOCAL CENTERS/ACTIVITY NODES CONSISTENT WITH PUGET SOUND REGIONAL COUNCIL'S VISION 2040, AND EXPRESSING ITS DESIRE TO HAVE A CITY STAFF REPRESENTATIVE PARTICIPATE IN THE PIERCE COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL'S GROWTH MANAGEMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE'S EFFORTS TO DEVELOP A PROCESS FOR EVALUATING FUTURE POTENTIAL LOCAL CENTERS/ACTIVITY NODES

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) is designated by the governor of the State of Washington, under federal and state laws, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) for the central Puget Sound region encompassing King, Kitsap, Pierce, and Snohomish counties;

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement signed by all PSRC members establishes the Council as a forum for collaborative work on regional growth management and transportation planning and other issues requiring regional coordination and cooperation, including maintaining the adopted regional growth strategy that addresses regional issues including transportation, open space, air and water quality, economic development, and regional facilities, as well as producing the regional transportation plan; and

WHEREAS, consistent with federal and state mandates, PSRC adopted VISION 2040 in April 2008; and

WHEREAS, VISION 2040 provides a common framework for the region's Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Regional Economic Strategy, as well as countywide planning policies and local comprehensive plans; and

WHEREAS, development of centers lies at the heart of VISION 2040 and its related functional plans. Centers are characterized by compact, pedestrian-oriented development with a mix of uses, which provide proximity to a diverse collection of services, shopping, recreation and jobs, as well as a variety of attractive and well-designed residences; and

WHEREAS, VISION 2040 expects each city in the region to take steps to further evolve one or more central places as mixed use areas of residences, employment, shops, cultural facilities and entertainment, with each such center—no matter how small or large—serving as a focal point of community, be walkable, and have easy access to transit; and

WHEREAS, the Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) was created to ensure planning between Pierce County and its cities and towns was accomplished in a coordinated consistent manner. The organization is comprised of elected officials from Pierce County, each of its 23 cities and towns, and the Port of Tacoma. The primary responsibility of the PCRC is to ensure that the Growth Management Act requirements are coordinated within the County and the region; and

WHEREAS the PCRC acts as a subregional council to the PSRC; and

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Transportation Coordinating Committee requested assistance from the Pierce County Growth Management Coordinating Committee (GMCC) to help identifying "Centers of Particular Local Interest," consistent VISION 2040; and

WHEREAS, PCRC is in the process of going through its transportation funding cycle; and

WHEREAS, a letter dated February 2, 2012, from PCRC requested that Pierce County and the PCRC member cities and towns submit a list and supporting documentation identifying its "local centers" and "activity nodes" in recognition of "Centers of Particular Local Interest." The supporting documentation could have included any past legislative action, a completed study, a master plan or anything else a jurisdiction believed made its case, and

WHEREAS, at its February 23, 2012 meeting, the GMCC, at the request of the PCRC, recommended acceptance of all of the "local centers/activity nodes" proposals that had been submitted by various member jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, at its March 15, 2012 meeting the PCRC decided to approve "local centers/activity nodes" proposals submitted by the jurisdictions, provided the "local centers/activity nodes" are either within an adopted comprehensive plan or there is evidence indicating the appropriate local jurisdiction is committed to incorporating the "local center/activity node" in its comprehensive plan; and

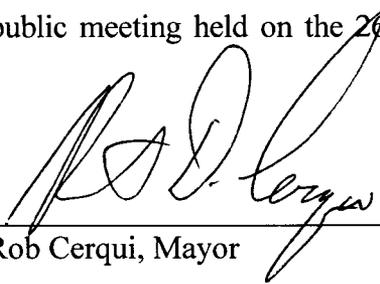
WHEREAS, at its March 22, 2012 meeting, the GMCC recommended that a local jurisdiction should be required to pass a resolution expressing its commitment to incorporate "local centers/activity nodes" within its Comprehensive Plan by June 2015, and its commitment to participate in the PCRC Growth Management Coordinating Committee's efforts to develop by March 31, 2013, a process and criteria for evaluating future potential centers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fife, has already identified and incorporated "local centers/activity nodes" in its Comprehensive Plan, by identifying and incorporating a "Downtown District Center in its 2011 Comprehensive Plan Update;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fife City Council hereby confirms that the City of Fife has identified and incorporated the "Downtown District Center" as a local center/activity node consistent with VISION 2040 in its 2011 Comprehensive Plan Update.

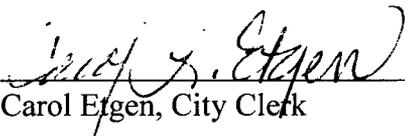
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fife City Council hereby expresses its desire to have a City staff representative participate in the PCRC Growth Management Coordinating Committee's efforts to develop by March 31, 2013, a process and criteria for evaluating future potential "local centers/activity nodes,"

ADOPTED by the City Council at an open public meeting held on the 26th day of June 2012.



Rob Cerqui, Mayor

Attest:



Carol Etgen, City Clerk