

# FIFE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Fife City Hall  
Council Chambers

Date: February 28, 2006  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

## CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Kelley called the Fife City Council regular meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Godwin Johnson, Kelley, Cerqui, de Booy, and Roscoe.

Absent: Edwards (Excused)

Staff present: Worthington, Jacoby, Blount, Blackburn, Richards, Campbell, Reinbold, Kennedy, and Recording Secretary Valerie Gow.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember de Booy led the pledge of allegiance.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes: February 14, 2006 Council Meeting
- b. Approval of Vouchers:  
Claims: #64549 – #64681            \$248,888.94

A correction was requested to the minutes of February 14, 2006, on page 3 under the *Council Delegate Report*, to revise the third sentence to read, "Staff is working on the business plan for Northwest Trek."

## Motion

**Councilmember de Booy moved, seconded by Councilmember Roscoe, to approve the consent agenda as amended. Motion carried.**

## SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

### New Employee Introductions

Mayor Kelley introduced newly hired Corrections Officer Josh Holt. Officer Holt lives in Gig Harbor and attended and graduated from South Kitsap High School in 2001. Officer Holt will attend the Basic Corrections Academy in Burien from May 12 to June 9, 2006.

### Police Reserve Recognition

Acting Police Chief Blackburn awarded Reserve Police Officer service awards to Reserve Officers who provided over 1,500 hours of volunteer service to the citizens of Fife. Reserve Officers recognized included:

- Sgt. Bob Moser
- Officer Dan Morrison
- Officer Mike Compston
- Sgt. Ray Ossman
- Sgt. Jeff McNaughton
- Officer Don Hobbs
- Officer Steve McGregor

## Instructional

Mayor Kelley reported Washington State Senator Regala provided the City

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### Materials for Fife School District

with samples of fish eggs in various stages of growth. Mayor Kelley presented the samples to the Fife School District for its science class. A representative of the Fife School District accepted the donation and thanked Senator Regala and the City.

### Introduction of Police Department Police Dog - Slyder

Acting Police Chief Blackburn introduced Police Officer Travis Kenyon, who recently graduated from the State Department of Corrections Canine Program. Officer Kenyon introduced Police Dog Slyder and thanked the Council for the opportunity to receive the dog and for allowing the dog to become an asset for the community. He outlined the dog's training and how he alerts when he finds narcotics. Officer Kenyon, working with the dog, demonstrated the dog's detection capabilities. Officer Kenyon reported he underwent seven weeks of training at McNeil Island. Slyder received 240 hours of training. The dog can alert on a variety of illegal drugs. To date, Slyder has detected over 500 narcotic finds.

### COUNCIL DELEGATE REPORT

Mayor Kelley recognized the birthday of long-time employee Jane Longey.

Councilmember de Booy reported she has received several inquiries about planning for the City's 50-year celebration. She noted the City is establishing a committee to assist in planning the community celebration scheduled for 2007.

Mayor Kelley commented on the productive Council retreat on Saturday, February 25, 2006.

### ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

#### #1592-06 FMC Amendment – Fire Lane Revision

Acting Police Chief Blackburn reporting the proposed ordinance gives the Police Department the enforcement authority and applies penalties for enforcement. If cited for a violation, there is a \$250 fine for each fire lane and fire hydrant-related violation. The \$250 fine is modeled from state law for handicapped parking violations.

City Clerk/Treasurer Campbell read the title of Ordinance #1592-06:

*An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, amending section 10.26.020 of the Fife Municipal Code regarding fire lane violations and enforcement.*

### Motion

**Councilmember Roscoe moved, seconded by Councilmember Godwin, to adopt Ordinance 1592-06; Amendment – Fire Lane Revision.**

Acting Police Chief Blackburn addressed questions about how violations have been previously handled. He explained the difference between a moving versus

parking violation.

**Motion**

**Motion carried.**

**#1590-06 FMC  
Amendment – School  
Impact Fees**

Interim Director Kennedy reported the proposed ordinance amends school impact fees for single family and multi-family units. The proposed ordinance increases school impact fees for single-family residential units from \$2,700 to \$3,501 and multi-family units from \$1,000 to \$1,621.

Staff recommends adoption of the ordinance.

City Clerk-Treasurer Campbell read the title of Ordinance #1590-06:

*An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, amending the school impact fee amount and amending Fife Municipal Code section 20.15.010.*

**Motion**

**Councilmember Cerqui moved, seconded by Councilmember de Booy, to adopt Ordinance 1590-06; Amendment – School Impact Fees. Motion carried.**

**#1594-06 Confirming  
a Moratorium and  
Exempting Vested  
Projects**

City Clerk-Treasurer Campbell read the title of Ordinance #1594-06:

*An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, confirming a moratorium on the development of multi-family housing and exempting certain vested developments approvals.*

**Motion**

**Councilmember Roscoe moved, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, to adopt Ordinance 1594-06; Confirming a Moratorium and Exempting Vested Projects.**

Councilmember Cerqui inquired about the timeline for reviewing the issue. Interim Director Kennedy reported staff has begun working with the Planning Commission. The moratorium is scheduled to be lifted on July 25, 2006. If any amendments are required they should occur prior to the removal of the moratorium. City Attorney Jacoby reminded the Council they have the authority to remove the moratorium at any time.

**Motion**

**Motion carried. Councilmember Cerqui opposed.**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**1016-06 Authorize  
Design Contract –  
Valley Avenue  
Sidewalks**

Director Blount reported the project is a priority project designated by the Council, which has been budgeted in three separate line items. The request is for the design component of the project. The proposed contract is below the budgeted amount. The design will include reconstruction and widening of

Valley Avenue to approximately a 60% level of design. The project includes installing sidewalks on one side of the street that will involve laying underground conduit for power and other facilities.

Three firms were interviewed by a panel to include a representative of the Fife School District, Parks Director, and other parties interested in pedestrian areas. The recommendation is to select David Evans and Associates.

City Clerk-Treasurer Campbell read the title of Resolution #1016-06:

*A resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, authorizing the City Manager to execute contracts with David Evans and Associates Inc. for professional services associated with improvements to Valley Avenue East from Dale Lane to 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue East and signalization of the intersection of 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue East and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street East and Valley Avenue East and 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue East.*

**Motion**

**Councilmember Johnson moved, seconded by Councilmember Roscoe, to adopt Resolution #1013-06. Motion carried.**

Councilmember Cerqui referred to his previous question during the Council's study session about extending the improvements to Wilton. At that time, staff mentioned that a pedestrian could walk up to 62<sup>nd</sup> if there was a crosswalk. He asked if it would be proper or possible to extend the sidewalk to Wilton or install a crosswalk. Director Blount replied that if there is a consensus of the Council, staff could make a change in the scope of work. He described the difficulties of adding another element at this stage of the project. The Council's original target was to construct one side of the sidewalk. To extend the sidewalk, there could be a future sidewalk project or a provision of a crosswalk at Wilton Lane. A change in scope of that significance will require the Council's action. Director Blount suggested rather than a change in scope, the Council should move forward with the initial project.

Councilmember Johnson inquired about the potential to install center median strips along the roadway. Director Blount replied it is possible, but they would be short segments because of the number of curb cuts for single family residences.

**Motion**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**#1015-06 Award –  
Voice  
Telecommunications  
System**

Assistant City Manager Reinbold reported on the study of the City's telecommunications system and previous reviews of the study with the Council. TMC was commissioned to assist the City in finding a product that fits the City's needs. TMC conducted a search through the RFP proposal process. The City received 11 proposals from eight vendors. TMC and staff reviewed the proposals and selected three vendors. The final three vendors

were visited by the City's user group.

Staff recommends awarding Cerium Networks the contract for the City's Voice Telecommunications System.

City Clerk-Treasurer Campbell read the title of Resolution #1015-06:

*A resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, for the award of the City Voice Telecommunications System to Cerium Networks.*

**Motion**

**Councilmember Roscoe moved, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, to adopt Resolution #1015-06 awarding Cerium Networks the contract for the Voice Telecommunications System. Motion carried.**

**#1012-06 Relocation of 480 Volt Power Service**

Director Blount reported Washington State Department of Transportation encountered some resource shortcomings due to the recent windstorm creating a need for some electrical work. The work is necessary to move the project forward to maintain the project schedule. The cost is approximately \$55,000, which will leave approximately \$100,000 in contingency funds for the project.

Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

City Clerk-Treasurer Campbell read the title of Resolution #1012-06:

*A resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, authorizing Change Order Number 4 to the contract with SCI Infrastructure LLC for reconstruction of Pacific Highway East between Port of Tacoma Road and Alexander Avenue East.*

**Motion**

**Councilmember Roscoe moved, seconded by Councilmember de Booy to approve Resolution #1012-06; Relocation of 480 Volt Power Service. Motion carried.**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Worthington reported Acting Police Chief Blackburn completed an after-storm report following the recent wind storm. Public Works crews quickly assessed roads and hazardous issues, removed tress, unblocked roadways, and shut down one road due to a downed tree with a live power line. The Police Department was also on the scene as well as handling other emergency issues. City property was not damaged with the exception of some trees. One tree near the swimming pool has been removed due to damage it received during the storm. Two trees (Cottonwoods) in the Dacca Park area will be removed due to damage.

The Council will receive a recommendation for eliminating the Board of Adjustments and adding a hearing examiner system in the near future.

City Manager Worthington thanked Millridge Village for their sponsorship of the fundraising event at the Fife Community Center. The event was sold out and funds will be used by the center for senior and other programs. He thanked Julia White for her efforts in assisting Millridge Village and ensuring the event was successful.

The City recently completed a bond redemption of ULID bonds, saving the City approximately \$140,000 more than projected and reducing the City's debt. He acknowledged the work of Director Campbell in realizing the savings.

Staff is preparing public information on the City's Storm Utility. The Council will receive a briefing about the Storm Utility at its April 11, 2006 meeting.

Per the Council's direction, the City is preparing to assume responsibility for the parks maintenance program, which is currently contracted to Blue Sky. As of April 1, 2006, the City will assume maintenance responsibilities for City parks. Contracted service for the City's remaining facilities will be phased out over time, with the City assuming maintenance responsibilities.

Staff will be conducting a user survey of the pool based on the pending remodel of the swimming pool locker and lobby facilities. The survey will provide guidance about user priorities, which will be shared with the Council.

Councilmember de Booy inquired about the status of the wood from the trees felled during the windstorm. City Manager Worthington said he will follow-up on the status of the wood.

Councilmember Roscoe inquired whether the City is responsible for a tree that hangs over the trail near Sheffield Place. City Manager Worthington said staff is working to resolve the issue by the end of the week with the property owner.

**COUNCILMEMBER  
COMMENTS**

Councilmember Johnson asked staff to follow-up on cleaning up the area near Wapato Creek adjacent to the Torre property on the south side of the creek. There are numerous tires, chairs, and garbage scattered along the area.

Councilmember Johnson referred to the berm along Wapato and asked staff to review the agreement for maintenance of the berm as the berm is overflowing with blackberry brambles.

Councilmember Roscoe mentioned hazardous vines hanging in the right-of-way at the corner of 70<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> that is growing from private property.

Councilmember Roscoe reported the Fife School District toured Surprise Lake Middle School in anticipation of improving the turf field. At the previous evening's meeting, the school board discussed a boundary change with the

Puyallup School District. Assistant City Manager Reinbold added that the discussion concerned the Radiance subdivision Phase 1 and 2, which are located in the Puyallup School District and Phase 3, which is not included in the Puyallup School District. The developer arranged for a meeting between the two school districts to consider a boundary adjustment for Phase 3 to be included entirely within one school district.

Councilmember Godwin referred to the Wapato Creek area at the end of the Hammer property and two culverts. He asked about the possibility of removing the culverts. Director Blount reported staff is anticipating the removal in lieu of the future pedestrian bridge and any sidewalk work that may impact the creek. The City wants to pursue receiving environmental credit for mitigation work.

City Manager Worthington reported on his attendance to the Saturday, February 25, 2006 Andrew T. Miller concert at the Columbia Junior High School Performing Arts Center. The venue and entertainment were excellent.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Mayor Kelly adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.**

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Mike Kelley, Mayor

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Marlyn Campbell, Clerk-Treasurer

Prepared by Valerie Gow, Recording Secretary  
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