

FIFE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Fife City Hall
Council Chambers

Date: March 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 7:02 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Godwin, Johnson (7:15 p.m.), Edwards, Kelley, de Booy, and Roscoe.

Absent: Cerqui

Staff present: Worthington, Jacoby, Reuter, Kennedy, Harris, Blackburn, Richards, Reinbold, Blount, and Recording Secretary Cheri Lindgren.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Godwin led the pledge of allegiance

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

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| a. Approval of Minutes: | Date: March 14, 2006 Council Meeting |
| b. Approval of Vouchers:
Claims #64812 – 64949 | \$775,887.85 |

Motion

Councilmember Roscoe moved, seconded by Councilmember Edwards, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

New Employee Introductions

Mayor Kelley introduced Parks, Recreation & Community Services Director Kurt Reuter. Director Reuter comes to the City of Fife with 20 years experience in the parks and recreation field. Director Reuter graduated from the University of Oregon. Mayor Kelley and the Council welcomed Mr. Reuter.

Director Reuter said he looks forward to working with the City Council to develop future parks programs. He announced the celebration of "*Parks Appreciation Day*" on April 22, 2006 at Fountain Memorial Park. April 22, 2006 is also "*April Pools Day*." The pool will be open for free swimming and other activities.

COUNCIL DELEGATE REPORTS

Mayor Kelley reported on Councilmember Edwards' recent completion of a training program for municipal leadership sponsored by the Association of Washington Cities (AWC).

Councilmember Godwin reported he recently attended the Parks Board meeting. Director Reuter will provide the leadership needed to support the Parks Board. He said he is enthusiastic that the Parks Board will serve the City well.

Councilmember Roscoe reported she attended a school board meeting on March 27, 2006 with Assistant City Manager Reinbold. She provided a report

on school board activities including the completion of a “Partners in Print” program to improve reading skills. Extracurricular activities are serving the student population well. The school district has a healthy capital projects fund due to the collection of impact fees. School board attendees received a construction update on the soccer field at Surprise Lake and the permit process in Milton. Councilmember Roscoe said she invited school administration members to attend future televised Council meetings to announce upcoming school programs.

Mayor Kelley reported he and City Manager Worthington attended the Visitors Convention Bureau open house last week.

Councilmember Johnson arrived.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

#1584-06 New Zoning Ordinance Amend – Title 19 – Public Open Space District

Interim Director Kennedy reported the City Council authorized the establishment of a new zoning district for public uses and open spaces when it adopted amendments to the 2004 Comprehensive Plan. The ordinance includes all government property owned by the City, Pierce County, and the Fife School District. The ordinance does not apply to private property. The new zoning district is “Public/Open Space (POS). If the Council adopts the ordinance, the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider rezoning public properties as appropriate.

Interim Director Kennedy reviewed the sections within the POS chapter. He referred to the performance standards outlined on page 5.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Harris read the title of Ordinance #1584-06:

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, amending Fife Municipal Code Title 19 to establish a new Chapter 19.50 entitled “Public/Open Space (POS) District” and amending certain other sections of the zoning code relating to the new zoning district.

Motion

Councilmember Edwards moved, seconded by Councilmember de Booy, to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1584-06.

Councilmember de Booy asked staff to elaborate on the advantages of adopting the new zoning designation and whether the zoning will change in the future. Interim Director Kennedy replied adoption of the new zoning designation is required by the Fife Comprehensive Plan and will help inform the public’s decision-making process when purchasing properties in the City. The City Council approves future zoning designation changes.

Councilmember Roscoe referred to Performance Standard "A" on page 5 and

asked who decides what “other similar recreational facilities” are and does it include baseball fields. Interim Director Kennedy replied the Community Development Director will make the decision. The fencing requirement does not apply to baseball fields. Staff reviews park designs to minimize conflicts.

Discussion ensued about loose balls associated with basketball and soccer activities traveling onto private property. Councilmember Roscoe asked whether Director Reuter is comfortable with the proposed ordinance. Director Reuter replied staff has the ability to address issues and employ other measures if necessary.

Councilmember Johnson referred to the term “surrounded” used in the performance standard, “Tennis courts, baseball courts and other similar recreational facilities, within thirty feet of a property line, must be surrounded by a minimum ten-foot high chain-link fence.” It appears the City would be required to totally enclose the basketball court with a 10-foot high chain-link fence and that the City could be liable if it didn’t comply. Interim Director Kennedy said the intent is to protect the users by minimizing the number of balls traveling into the street. Councilmember Roscoe said the provision includes “must” which doesn’t provide flexibility when applying the standard.

City Attorney Jacoby suggested staff should review and revise the language.

A discussion followed about the permitted uses proposed in the POS district and language “including, but not limited to.”

City Attorney Jacoby stated staff will make the appropriate revisions for the Council’s second reading.

Motion

Motion carried unanimously.

**#1587-06 Cash
Carry-Over 2006
Budget Amendment**

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Harris reported Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 35A.33.120 requires the City to amend the 2006 budget to reflect the actual cash carried forward from 2005.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Harris read the title of Ordinance #1587-06:

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, amending the budget for calendar year 2006 as adopted by Ordinance No. 1576-05 to appropriate the actual cash carried over into each fund from the previous fiscal year and to recognize various revenues and expenditures not anticipated at the time of passage of the 2006 Budget.

Motion

Councilmember Roscoe moved, seconded by Councilmember Edwards, to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1587-06.

City Manager Worthington reported on the \$10,000 allocation to remodel the

mezzanine space at the Community Center to provide an office for the Parks, Recreation & Community Services Director and Administrative Assistant. The intent is to eventually move the department to the Community Center to be closer to its customer base.

Councilmember Edwards asked whether additional ADA requirements are necessary for remodeling activities and if the same regulations apply to privately owned buildings. City Manager Worthington replied the City is legally required to make reasonable ADA accommodations for both employees and customers. City Attorney Jacoby said reasonable ADA accommodations apply to both the public and private sector.

Motion

Motion carried unanimously.

**#1025-06 Wapato
Creek Restoration
Policy**

City Manager Worthington reported the proposed resolution recognizes the important function of Wapato Creek and promotes restoration as a priority. Adopting the resolution will help the City secure grants and could be the initial step in preparing a Master Plan for the creek. It could serve as a tool for future partnerships with other parties with similar interests in Wapato Creek.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Harris read the title of Resolution #1025-06:

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, affirming its support for and declaring a policy promoting the restoration of Wapato Creek.

Motion

Mayor Kelly moved, seconded by Councilmember Roscoe, to adopt Resolution #1025-06. Motion carried.

**#992—06 Authorize
Purchase of Flail
Mower**

Director Blount reported the old flail mower is no longer reliable and is not able to keep up with maintenance services required for the drainage district. Councilmember Cerqui examined the new tractor proposed for purchase. Staff requests approval of the resolution.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Harris read the title of Resolution #992-06:

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, authorizing the City Manager to purchase a tractor and side-boom flail mower for use by the Streets and Drainage Divisions.

Motion

Councilmember Edwards moved, seconded by Councilmember Godwin, to adopt Resolution #992-06.

Discussion ensued about the types of applications a flail mower is used for as well as the tractor's warranty. Director Blount said the mower comes with the standard industry warranty and is the same unit that Pierce County purchases from the state contract.

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Motion

Motion carried unanimously.

**#1026-06 Authorize
Purchase of Right-of-
Way Mower**

Director Blount reported the new right-of-way mower will be used for finish work along rights-of-way with finished planter strips in between the sidewalk and roadway. The current mower is an upper end residential-type unit and not a commercial grade mower. The mower also includes a grass collection system. Staff requests the Council approve Resolution #1026-06.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Harris read the title of Resolution #1026-06:

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, authorizing the City Manager to purchase a commercial lawn mower with pick-up system for use by the Streets Divisions.

Motion

Councilmember Godwin moved, seconded by Councilmember de Booy, to approve Resolution #1026-06.

Councilmember Godwin inquired whether the Parks Department could use the right-of-way mower. Director Blount replied that the City Manager requested the department work through the rental schedule and establish usage of the commercial mower on an hourly basis. Councilmember Godwin said the existing mower does not have a grass collection system. The new mower will enable the department to efficiently mow around the school's track. Discussion ensued about a grass collection system for the Parks and Recreation mower.

Councilmember Johnson asked whether the Council is interested in appropriating additional funds for a broom attachment. City Manager Worthington reported staff anticipates requesting a broom attachment in the near future. Staff is considering the addition of tracking devices on the City's larger pieces of equipment to aid in recovery if stolen. The Council agreed purchasing a tracking device for the mower is a good idea.

Motion

Motion carried unanimously.

**#1028-06 Authorize
Submittal CERB
Grant Application**

Director Kennedy reported the Community Economic Development Revitalization Board (CERB) Job Development Fund Program grant is \$2.64 million. Letters of support will be included with the grant request to be hand delivered on April 3, 2006. Staff requests and recommends the Council adopt Resolution #1028-06.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Harris read the title of Resolution #1028-06:

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, authorizing the City Manager to prepare and submit an application to the Community Economic Revitalization Board for a Job

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ADJOURNMENT **Mayor Kelly adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.**

Mike Kelley, Mayor

Marlyn Campbell, Clerk-Treasurer

Prepared by Cheri Lindgren, Recording Secretary
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