

# FIFE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**Fife City Hall  
Council Chambers**

**Date: April 24, 2007  
Time: 7:00 p.m.**

## **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Mayor Kelley called the regular meeting of the Fife City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Godwin, Johnson, Edwards, Kelley, Cerqui, de Booy, and Roscoe.

Staff: Worthington, Reinbold, Marcotte, Richards, Ringus, Smith, Combs, Reuter, Blount, Harris, Blackburn, and Recording Secretary Cheri Lindgren.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember de Booy led the pledge of allegiance.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of Minutes:           Date: April 10, 2007 Council Meeting
- b. Approval of Vouchers:  
    Claims: #68360-68537                 \$689,617.50  
    Payroll: #42509-4258                 \$497,584.19
- c. Set Special Meeting for May 1, 2007 at 6:00 PM Study Session

## **Motion**

**Councilmember Roscoe moved, seconded by Councilmember de Booy, to approve the consent agenda with the following change to the April 10, 2007 minutes revising the last bullet point at the bottom of page 12 to read, "Seek voluntary signatures for drainage maintenance easements for 10 feet on each side, 20 feet total." Motion carried.**

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

### **2007 FHS Daffodil Princess Lauren Fleming**

Mayor Kelley introduced Lauren Fleming representing Fife High School and the City of Fife as the 2007 Daffodil Festival Princess. She and the Royal Court will attend 20 other festival parades during the season. Mayor Kelley presented Ms. Fleming with a Certificate of Outstanding Achievement.

Ms. Fleming said it's an honor to represent Fife High School and the City. She thanked Mayor Kelley, Dale Reese, Harry Ellison, and Councilmember Godwin for spearheading the Fife/Milton community float and to the City for its continued financial support of the Daffodil Festival.

Mayor Kelley thanked Fife High School Principal John McCrossin and

teachers and students for their ideas and work on the float. Molly Mueller and Bernice Kirkland also represent the City on the Royal Court. He presented Ms. Mueller with a Certificate of Outstanding Achievement.

Mayor Kelley presented Mr. Reese, Mr. Ellison, and Councilmember Godwin with Certificates of Appreciation.

Mayor Pro Tem Edwards presented Mayor Kelley with a Certificate of Appreciation acknowledging his dedication and outstanding work on the 2007 Fife/Milton Community Daffodil Float.

Mayor Kelley noted the Fife/Milton Daffodil Float earned second place for small cities.

**Law Week  
Appreciation –  
Proclamation**

Mayor Kelley read a proclamation declaring May 1, 2007 *Law Day* and April 30 – May 4, 2007 *Law Week*. Law Day was established in 1958 to remember those that guard the nation's heritage of liberty, justice, and equality under the law. The proclamation was presented to Judge Ringus. Judge Ringus described activities to help youth understand their rights and responsibilities under the law. He thanked the Council for the opportunity to engage with the community's youth.

**Jury Appreciation –  
Proclamation**

Mayor Kelley read a proclamation declaring the week of May 7 – May 11, 2007 *Juror Appreciation Week*, to recognize those that are called upon to fulfill the highest responsibility of citizenship and make our system of justice a reality through their jury service. He presented the proclamation to the Judge Ringus. Judge Ringus expressed appreciation to jurors serving during the past year.

**Municipal Clerk  
Week – Proclamation**

Mayor Kelley read a proclamation declaring April 29 – May 5, 2007 *Municipal Clerks Week*, in recognition of the vital services Municipal Clerks perform. He presented the proclamation to Municipal Clerk Pam Harris.

**COUNCIL  
DELEGATE  
REPORT**

Councilmember de Booy expressed appreciation for everyone's work on the Fife/Milton Daffodil Float.

Councilmember Roscoe reported Communities in School (CIS) met and discussed a concern about the overlap between the Coalition of North Pierce County and CIS. There is a question about whether both organizations will continue to operate. Both have a place in the community. However, CIS has a national presence and a recognizable name for businesses that might want to contribute to schools in their communities.

## ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

### ADOPT ORDINANCES

#### **#1627-07; Cash Carry Over**

Interim Director Marcotte read the title of Ordinance #1627-07:

*An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, amending the budget for the calendar year 2007 as adopted by Ordinance No. 1612-06 to appropriate the actual cash carried over into each fund from the previous fiscal year.*

#### **Motion**

**Councilmember Edwards moved, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, to adopt second reading of Ordinance #1627-07; Cash Carry Over. Motion carried.**

#### **#1625-07 Amending Ordinance #1612-06 Final Budget**

Interim Director Marcotte read the title of Ordinance #1625-07:

*An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, amending the budget for the calendar year 2007 as adopted.*

#### **Motion**

**Councilmember Edwards moved, seconded by Councilmember de Booy, to adopt first reading of Ordinance #1625-07; Amending Ordinance #1612-06, Final Budget.**

The Council discussed adopting Ordinance #1625-07 as the second and final reading. City Attorney Combs pointed out that the ordinance requires two readings.

#### **Motion**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

## RESOLUTIONS

#### **#1110-07;Public Works Trust Application**

Director Blount reported the resolution recognizes the importance of the City's 2008 construction projects as outlined in the title. Washington State's Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF) offers the lowest interest rate of 1% that Fife could expect to qualify for. Staff recommends approval of Resolution #1110-07 and, if adopted, staff will complete the grant application and submit it to the state. The current PWTF scoring package favors municipal water and sewer projects. However, PWTF staff is encouraging Fife to apply for street construction funds this year. The PWTF is considering a change to its program criteria to include a set-aside for street projects.

Interim Director Marcotte read the title of Resolution #1110-07:

*A resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington declaring improvements to 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue East, between Valley Avenue East and 20<sup>th</sup> Street East, and to 20<sup>th</sup> Street East, between 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue East and 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East, to be high priority municipal goals and authorizing the City Manager to apply to the Public Works Trust Fund for a \$5,000,000 low interest loan to fund such improvements.*

**Motion**

**Councilmember Edwards moved, seconded by Councilmember Roscoe, to adopt Resolution #1110-07; Public Works Trust Application.**

Councilmember Godwin asked whether the City will have adequate time to pursue other funding sources for projects should the grant application not prove successful. Director Blount explained that during the next year, staff will monitor the PWTF program reevaluation process. If the criterion is not changed to include a set-aside for street projects, staff will begin to pursue other options immediately. If the criterion is changed and Fife is still not successful with its application, there is time to sell bonds to fund project completion.

Councilmember de Booy asked staff to keep the Council apprised of the status of the City's PWTF application. She asked if the PWTF awards partial grant funding. Director Blount said a partial award is unlikely. The projects are ranked from high to low and are awarded the full application request until all funds are allocated.

**Motion**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**#1111-07; Award Bid for Skid Steer Loader**

Director Reuter described how a skid steer loader will assist staff in establishing the City's trail maintenance program. Staff engaged in a competitive bid process. Three bids were received. Bobcats West in Fife was the lowest responsible bidder at \$23,304.39. Bobcats West offers a government trade-up program. The program enables the City to trade in the equipment each year if it has less than 400 operating hours. The City would be required to pay only the difference in price from last year's machine to the new model year (approximately \$1,000).

Interim Director Marcotte read the title of Resolution #1111-07:

*A resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington authorizing the City Manager to purchase a Skid Steer Loader for use by the Parks, Recreation and Community Services*

*Department.*

**Motion**

**Councilmember Edwards moved, seconded by Councilmember Roscoe, to adopt Resolution #1111-07; Award Bid for Skid Steer Loader.**

In response to a question from Councilmember Johnson, Director Reuter noted an error in the staff report. Retrofitting the equipment with an arrow stick/light bar is not planned. A trailer will be used to transport the loader to and from job sites. Staff would like to purchase a rotary brush and other attachments to facilitate trimming and mowing along the edges of trails.

Councilmember Johnson added that Bobcats West also offers anti-theft products. Director Reuter indicated a LoJack anti-theft device will be installed.

Discussion ensued about whether some maintenance equipment can be operated on streets. Councilmember Cerqui noted farm equipment is permitted to cross the street as long as it contains the appropriate signage and other required retrofits. Director Reuter reported park equipment does not fall within agriculture or road maintenance equipment categories. The loader will be transported by trailer to and from job sites.

**Motion**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**#1112-07; Pierce  
Transit Board – Vote**

City Manager Worthington reported on one vacant seat to represent small cities on the Pierce Transit Board of Directors for a three-year term. There are currently two nominees; Mayor Dave Enslow from the City of Sumner and Councilmember Jack Rackley from the City of Bonney Lake. Mayor Enslow currently serves as the representative for small cities. The resolution as drafted supports Mayor Enslow continuing as the small cities representative. The three-year term begins May 1, 2007.

Interim Director Marcotte read the title of Resolution #1112-07:

*A resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington expressing support for Mayor Dave Enslow as small cities representative on the Pierce Transit Board of Directors.*

**Motion**

**Councilmember Edwards moved, seconded by Councilmember de Booy, to adopt Resolution #1112-07; Pierce Transit Board - Vote.**

Councilmembers de Booy and Cerqui expressed support for Mayor Enslow continuing to serve as the small cities representative.

**Motion**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**CITY MANAGER  
REPORT**

City Manager Worthington reported on the following:

- Saturday, April 28, 2007 is "Parks Appreciation Day." Beginning at 9:00 a.m., City staff will work with volunteers at Fountain Memorial Park.
- In response to a question from Councilmember Johnson at last week's study session about when plantings will begin on the Torre property, planting will commence prior to the end of the month. A portion of the site needs additional time to dry out.
- Staff distributed a draft of the parks survey to Councilmembers at the last meeting. Changes or questions can be forwarded to City Manager Worthington or Director Reuter. The goal is to mail the survey with the next utility billing.
- There are real estate matters the Council could discuss on Saturday April 28, 2007 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., or directly following the meeting.

**Consensus**

*The Council agreed to schedule an executive session following the meeting.*

City Attorney Combs said the executive session will last approximately one-half hour. No action will follow.

- The Fife/Milton Daffodil Float is quite attractive and provides the community with an opportunity to work together.

**COUNCILMEMBER  
COMMENTS**

Councilmember Johnson said he and his family watched the Daffodil Parade in Sumner. The float was impressive.

Mayor Kelley commented that Ms. Bernice Kirkland accompanied Ms. Mueller on the Fife/Milton Daffodil Float.

Councilmember Cerqui thanked Mr. Ellison, Mr. Reese, Councilmember Godwin, and Mayor Kelley for their work on the float.

Councilmember de Booy reported she is working on the City's Jubilee event scheduled for October 6, 2007.

Councilmember de Booy requested the following:

- Schedule discussions on inconsistent school zone traffic signage,

- speed limits, and blinking lights for a Council worksession
- Replace the curb and stepping stones leading to the community pool with a concrete walkway to provide accessibility for the disabled
- Research whether law restricts very bright motor vehicle headlights. *Police Chief Blackburn advised that the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) regulates vehicle headlights. Dense blue lights installed on some of the European cars are legal.*
- Provide a status report about improving the safety on Levee Road. *Director Blount conveyed that staff is investigating the issue using the federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) as guidance. Staff is ordering the tape-type reflectors.*

Councilmember Roscoe commented that she supports advancing the PWTF grant application. It's easier to construct a four-lane roadway on bare dirt compared to widening roadways within established developments.

Mayor Kelley reported several citizens attended last week's Mayor's Forum. Two areas of discussion involved the school zone on 54<sup>th</sup> and the creek.

**CITIZEN  
COMMENTS**

**Doug Mueller, 2513 David Court Place East**, expressed concerns about the creek and potential flooding. He said he would like to see a grocery store in Fife and that Valley Avenue should be repaved.

**RECESS**

**Mayor Kelly recessed the meeting at 7:55 p.m. to an executive session for the purpose of Real Estate Acquisition RCW 42.30.110(b), Personnel Matters RCW 42.30.110(g), and Potential Litigation RCW 42.30.100 (i) for approximately one-half hour. No official action will be taken.**

**RECONVENE/  
ADJOURNMENT**

**Mayor Kelley reconvened and adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.**

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Mike Kelley, Mayor

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Jim Reinbold, Assistant City Manager

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