

# FIFE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**Fife City Hall  
Council Chambers**

**Date: June 26, 2007  
Time: 7:00 p.m.**

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

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

Councilmember Godwin was excused.

Staff: Reinbold, Blackburn, Marcotte, Amann, Smith, Reuter, Blount, Richards, Durham, Jurica, Amato, Wood, Ringus, McCauley, and Recording Secretary Valerie Gow.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Roscoe led the pledge of allegiance.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of Minutes            Date:    June 12, 2007 Council Meeting
- b. Approval of Vouchers:
  - Claims #68840-68984                            \$369,053.44
  - Payroll: #42799-42909                        \$582,365.54

## **Motion**

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

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

### **Good Samaritan Hospital- Construction Plan**

Dr. Ron Morris, Vice President for Quality, MultiCare Health System, provided a presentation on the Campus Master Plan for Good Samaritan Hospital. Dr. Morris shared information on current and planned facilities. Good Samaritan, along with MultiCare Health System, is planning for the future of health care in east Pierce County with a groundbreaking for a new Patient Care Tower and Medical Office Building for 80 private patient rooms, shelled patient floors for 80 additional private rooms, Emergency Department, Surgery Department, medical office building, and a parking garage. He pointed out the volume of land MultiCare Health System owns at the location. The expansion's goals are to enhance the existing infrastructure and eliminate double occupancy patient beds.

Dr. Morris reviewed an illustration of the site plan map, which includes the addition of a nine-story patient tower. Nursing staff has been expanded to meet future needs when additional patient beds are added.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Pierce County Sheriff's Dept – Regional Lab Team MOU**

Police Chief Blackburn reported the Police Department has been working cooperatively with both the Metro Pierce and City of Puyallup Meth Lab Team. He introduced Captain Rick Adamson, Metro Lab Team, who briefed the Council on the proposal to combine two of the three teams that service Pierce County into a regional response team.

Captain Adamson described the resources and funding required to operate the team. He noted the number of meth labs continues to decrease in the county. The team is also trained to respond to weapons of mass destruction. The team was originally formed in 1988 with six members. Currently, there are 32 team members. Agencies joining the team are requested to provide manpower assistance; however, jurisdictions are provided full service regardless of manpower commitments. Captain Adamson reviewed team positions and their respective responsibilities along with services received by municipalities. Invitation letters have been sent to the other municipalities.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

### **New Employee Introductions**

Mayor Kelley introduced Police Officer Ryan Pomeroy. Officer Pomeroy was previously a Reserve Police Officer for the City of Milton and previously worked for Tri-Med Ambulance Company.

Mayor Kelley introduced Laurel Potter, Marketing Coordinator. Ms. Potter was previously an intern with the City and is a graduate of Fife High School and Washington State University.

### **AWC Well City Award**

Councilmember Edwards presented the Well City Award received by the City from the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) recognizing the City's Wellness Committee and its efforts to promote wellness within the City. Members of the Wellness Committee include Colin Brooks, Helen Ware, Sheri Van Veldhouse, Lindsey Wilt, Art Gregg, Cortina Teja, Councilmember Edwards, Jim Reinbold, and Brenda Puaokalani, who recently passed away from cancer. She was an original member of the committee. Councilmember Edwards recognized Human Resources Coordinator Stefanie McCauley and her efforts in coordinating the committee. He presented the plaque to Coordinator McCauley.

## **City Website**

Intern Josh Amato briefed the Council on efforts to update the City's website. He cited the goals of the website to inform citizens in an organized and efficient manner and save staff time and resources for other City business. Since the City's launch, the website has received over 9,795 visitors viewing 30,000 pages. Approximately 50% of the visitors are new visitors who spend an average of one minute and 37 seconds on the website.

Intern Amato reported a study session will be scheduled with the Council to receive input on the desired features of the website.

Assistant City Manager Reinbold introduced Matt Wood, a member of the City's IT team.

Councilmember Edwards commented on the importance of the Council to provide input during a study session to help the City create a valuable website. The Council agreed to schedule a study session.

Councilmember Edwards asked Intern Amato to forward AWC's website link to the Council. Intern Amato confirmed the request.

## **COUNCIL DELEGATE REPORT**

Assistant City Manager Reinbold played a news report video from the recent burning of the Kingdom Inn in Fife.

Councilmember de Booy reported on her attendance to the AWC Conference. She attended seminars on planning for infrastructure funding, medical coverage for jailed inmates, and when disaster strikes. She reported she attended the opening of the pool on June 16 2007, the Kingdom Inn burn, and the annual senior picnic.

Councilmember Roscoe reported she also attended the pool re-opening event and noted final work is underway to complete the project. She attended the Kingdom Inn burn and the Fife School Board meeting. School officials indicated they like the new speed zone flashing sign system recently installed on 20<sup>th</sup> Street.

Mayor Kelley reported the Mayor's meeting scheduled for July 19, 2007 is scheduled.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **Transportation Improvement Plan for Years 2008-2013**

Director Blount acknowledged the efforts of Assistant Public Works Director Bob Jurica in the development of the Transportation Improvement Plan, 2008-2013. Director Blount reviewed key changes in the status of project priority placement within the plan.

Mayor Kelley opened and closed the public hearing at 7:49 p.m. There was no public testimony.

**58<sup>th</sup> Avenue Vacation – Continued Hearing** Director Blount reported staff is working with the Puyallup Tribe on a request to vacate 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue East between Pacific Highway East and Interstate 5. Director Blount pointed out the location of the vacation. Several years ago, the Tribe purchased the Best Western Executive Inn with plans to expand the facility to the east and move the front of the building. The Tribe acquired the Great American RV site east of 58<sup>th</sup>, which will be the new main parking lot. The new casino entrance will be on that side. The Tribe is requesting vacation of the right-of-way. The Tribe has worked with the utilities and conceptual plans have been developed to adequately address utilities.

Mayor Kelley opened and closed the public hearing at 7:51 p.m. There was no public testimony.

## ORDINANCES

### **#1631-07; 58<sup>TH</sup> Avenue Vacation**

Director Blount reported the ordinance serves the similar function of a purchase and sales agreement and lays out the requirements for the transfer to include three conditions. The conditions will take some time to complete by the Tribe and include the relocation of utilities. In the meantime, the City will issue permits for construction and relocation of the utilities. The Tribe is committed to providing payment for the cash value of the property in the sum of \$45,000.

Director Marcotte read the title of Ordinance #1631-07:

*An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, vacating a portion of 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue East between tax parcel 04020076005 and parcels 0420072035, 0420072069, 0420072074, and 0420063094 but reserving unto the City a perpetual utility easement.*

### **Motion**

**Councilmember Edwards moved, seconded by Councilmember de Booy, to approve first reading of Ordinance #1631-07; 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue Vacation.**

Director Blount reported the Tribe is requesting the motion waive first reading and adopt Ordinance 1631-07.

Councilmember Edwards expressed a preference not to waive first reading to ensure the request is warranted more time for review.

Councilmember Johnson asked how often the City has agreed to purchase

property at the appraised value. Assistant City Manager Reinbold replied likely not too many times; however the law dictates what the City can accept for a vacation. Director Blount described other previous vacation appraisals approved by the Council.

Councilmember Johnson referred to relocating power utilities to aerial poles and asked whether the utilities are currently underground. Director Blount said the utilities are all overhead and that the signal portion will be underground. Councilmember Johnson asked staff to verify the information. Director Blount noted staff does not have the fully detailed construction drawings because of the common practice of not completing the design prior to closing a sale. Councilmember Johnson reiterated the importance of any utilities currently underground to remain underground.

Director Blount addressed Councilmember Cerqui's questions about the City retaining easement access.

Councilmember de Booy asked about the process for the appraisal. Director Blount responded the Tribe used a licensed appraiser, who is required to use a standard methodology. Different appraisers typically provide similar appraisals.

Councilmember Roscoe asked about the status of approval by the utility companies. Director Blount said the City and Tribe have received approval of the construction concept but not of the actual drawings, which have not been completed at this time.

Councilmember Roscoe asked whether Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) applies to the purchase. Director Blount reported he believes so.

Councilmember Cerqui asked for and received a copy of the appraisal.

Discussion ensued about waiving the first reading and impacts to the Tribe's schedule. Director Blount outlined the Council's options and requested direction by the Council to move forward so that the Tribe can begin some of the underground work. The Council agreed to approve first reading and move the ordinance forward for consideration at the Council's next regular meeting.

Councilmember Edwards pointed out that the seller is responsible for paying REET. City Attorney Amann reported the City, as the seller, is exempt from paying REET.

The Council discussed the option of securing another appraisal. A majority of the Council agreed not to pursue another appraisal and agreed to approve first

reading of the ordinance. Staff was directed to provide additional information regarding the Council's questions.

**Motion**

**Motion carried to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 1631-07; 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue Vacation. Councilmember Edwards opposed.**

**#1632-07; 2006 Building Code (ICC)**

Planner Durham reported the ordinance adopts the 2006 International Code Council's code documents and state amendments. There are no major impacts to the City. If the City does not adopt the code, the City will be in violation of Washington State law.

Director Marcotte read the title of Ordinance #1632-07:

*An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, adopting the 2006 International Building, Residential, Fire, Mechanical and Gas fuel Codes, and the 2006 Uniform Plumbing Code, amending sections 15.04.010, 15.06.010, 15.08.010, 15.12.010, 15.12.103, 15.16.010, 15.18.010, repealing section 15.06.R311, and adding a new chapter 15.18 titled "International Residential Code" to the Fife Municipal Code.*

**Motion**

**Councilmember Edwards moved, seconded by Councilmember Roscoe, to approve first reading of Ordinance #1632-07; Building Code (ICC).**

City Attorney pointed out a typographical error in Section 4 correcting "2003 edition" to reflect "2006 edition."

Planner Durham responded to questions about changes in fees. The Plumbing Code includes a reduced fee for plan review of 25% of the permit fee.

**Motion**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**#1109-07  
Transportation  
Improvement Plan  
for Years 2008-2013**

Councilmember Roscoe inquired about elements to be completed for the 54<sup>th</sup> Street and Valley Avenue project. Director Blount reported the sidewalk will be completed this year and is not proposed for inclusion in the TIP.

Director Marcotte read the title of Resolution #1109-07:

*A resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, adopting the 2008 to 2013 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program.*

**Motion**

**Councilmember Edwards moved, seconded by Councilmember Roscoe, to**

**adopt Resolution No. 1109-07; Transportation Improvement Plan for Years 2008-2013.**

Responding to questions from Councilmember Roscoe on the projects removed from the TIP this year, Director Blount noted the staff report includes a typographical error and that the project pertains to 54<sup>th</sup> Street and 23<sup>rd</sup> that will be completed in 2007 and will not be included in the TIP.

Councilmember Roscoe asked whether the problem associated with settling of the sidewalk on both sides of Valley Avenue has been resolved. Director Blount said settling has stabilized and the City did receive some repairs on areas of most concern. Staff measured other areas and the sidewalk is within established tolerances. There were issues associated with utility companies installing conduit. The practice has changed to make the primary contractor responsible for installation of conduit.

Director Blount described the difference between priority and functional classification numbers. Functional classification pertains to the particular type of project. He explained the basis for the priority listing of projects in response to questions from Councilmember Johnson. The Council has the option of changing project priorities at any time. Councilmember Johnson pointed out that the connector road between 54<sup>th</sup> Street and Frank Albert is at the bottom of the list. Director Blount added that staff prioritized the project list based on several factors to include input from the Council and the Planning Commission.

Discussion followed on the previous priority listing of projects. Director Blount provided additional clarification for the change in priority status of some projects due to various circumstances. Councilmember Johnson suggested revisiting the priority listing of projects at some point in the future.

**Motion**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**#1124-07 Authorize Award Street Overlay Contract**

Director Blount reported on one bidder's irregularities related to using different unit prices for same bid items included in the different project schedules. Staff recommends awarding the contract to Western Asphalt, Inc., the second lowest bidder, for the 2007 Overlay Project.

Director Marcotte read the title of Resolution #1124-07:

*A resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, authorizing the City Manager to award a construction contract for the "2007 Overlay Project" to Western Asphalt, Inc.*

**Motion**

**Councilmember Edwards moved, seconded by Councilmember Roscoe, to**

**adopt Resolution #1124-07; Authorize Award Street Overlay Contract.**

Councilmember Johnson inquired about the number of required viable bids. Director Blount reported only one viable bid is required. Director Blount reported the City received five viable bids last year. Staff is perplexed as to how the company incorrectly submitted its bid as the bid documents were duplicated from last year's bid process. Councilmember Johnson said there have been instances with other bids where the City went back and requested correction to the bid. Director Blount reported legal advice was received because of the nature of the error. City Attorney Amann advised that in a bid process, there can be no potential for unfair advantage.

Councilmember Johnson asked about the City's experience with the recommended bidder. Director Blount reported the contractor completed repaving in front of City Hall. The work occurred late in the season and the contractor performed a good, credible job.

Councilmember Cerqui inquired about a project contingency fund. Director Blount advised of the under budget for overlay projects and that gasoline prices have recently dropped resulting in some savings.

Councilmember de Booy inquired about the project's timeframe for completion. Director Blount said the contractor is allowed some flexibility in completing the project. The project is scheduled for completion before October.

**Motion**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**#1125-07; Setting Public Hearing for Vacation of 76<sup>th</sup> Avenue East for August 14, 2007**

Director Blount asked the Council to set a public hearing on August 14, 2007 to receive public testimony for a proposal to vacate a portion of 76<sup>th</sup> Avenue East.

Director Marcotte read the title of Resolution #1125-07:

*A resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, fixing the time and place for hearing to vacate a portion of 76<sup>th</sup> Avenue East between tax parcels 0420082015, 0420082017, 0420082018, 0420082021, and 0420082031.*

**Motion**

**Councilmember Edwards moved, seconded by Councilmember Roscoe, to adopt Resolution #1125-07; Setting Public Hearing for Vacation of 76<sup>th</sup> Avenue East for August 14, 2007. Motion carried.**

Councilmember Roscoe noted the original deed transferring ownership of the

parcels to Pierce County occurred 100 years ago on March 23, 1907.

**#1126-07;  
Authorizing Award  
Contract 23<sup>rd</sup> & 54<sup>th</sup>  
Street Signal**

Director Blount reported the proposal is a rebid because of irregularity in the low bidder's proposal that resulted in a decision to reject all bids and rebid the project. Review of the low bid found two discrepancies, which legal counsel reviewed and subsequently advised to waive the irregularities because there is no material change to the bid proposal and the spread between the two bids is not affected. Staff recommends approval of Resolution #1126-07; Authorizing Award Contract 23<sup>rd</sup> & 54<sup>th</sup> Street Signal.

Director Marcotte read the title of Resolution #1126-07:

*A resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, authorizing the City Manager to award a construction contract with Signal Electric, Inc. for installation of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Street East/54<sup>th</sup> Avenue East traffic signal.*

**Motion**

**Councilmember Edwards moved, seconded by Councilmember Roscoe, to approve Resolution #1126-07; Authorizing Award Contract 23<sup>rd</sup> & 54<sup>th</sup> Street Signal. Motion carried.**

**#1127-07; Authorize  
Award Air System  
Contract for  
Dispatch HVAC**

Director Blount described the proposal. Additionally, repairs and adjustment to the ventilation system of the jail's portion of the building was completed earlier in the day. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

Director Marcotte read the title of Resolution #1127-07:

*A resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, authorizing the City Manager to award a contract for improvements to the heating, ventilating and air conditioning system serving the Police Dispatch Center in the James Paulson Criminal Justice Center.*

**Motion**

**Councilmember Edwards moved, seconded by Councilmember de Booy, to adopt Resolution #1127; Authorize Award Air System Contract for Dispatch HVAC. Motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Community Policing  
Advisory Board**

Police Chief Blackburn reported the current Police Advisory Board is utilized on as needed basis to review grant opportunities. With changes in community dynamics, the Police Department is reviewing the purpose of the Board and recommending restructuring the Board to add members from the Latino Community, Homeowners Associations from the various developments in the City, a member of Emerald Queen facility, and revamp the goals to :

- Work to produce a safer and more peaceful community.
- Improved crime prevention and law enforcement services.
- Expanded relationships between the citizens and the Police Department.
- Improved communication between the community and police.
- Reduced fear of crime.

Police Chief Blackburn invited Council comments concerning the proposal. The Council expressed support of the proposal. Councilmember Cerqui suggested including a student from the high school.

#### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Assistant City Manager Reinbold reported on the following:

- A City picnic is scheduled on July 21, 2007 at Dacca Park along with a movie as part of the City's jubilee celebration.
- An application for the Parks Board will be presented to the Council at its next meeting.
- Blue Sky was the only bidder for right-of-way landscaping maintenance along Interstate 5.
- Senior staff from the cities of Milton, Edgewood, and Fife met and discussed regional storm drainage. A tentative meeting date has been scheduled for September 13, 2007 at the Fife Council Chambers or the Fife Community Center.
- The Interstate 5 ramp at the Port of Tacoma project bid is scheduled for release on June 27, 2007. Director Blount provided information on the bid process that will be administered by the Washington State Department of Transportation.
- BLM Wood Waste is conducting a public comment period from June 22, 2007 to July 23, 2007 on the impacts of the project.
- The City received information on the departure of *Fife Free Press* staff writer Natasha Jaksich, who is relocating to the Everett area.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS** Councilmembers acknowledged the work and efforts of Director Blount and his due diligence in providing information to the Council.

Councilmembers commented on the recent burning of Kingdom Inn and the positive message it sends to the community. Councilmember Roscoe thanked the Police Department for their efforts during the burn.

It was noted Councilmember Godwin recently fell and broke some ribs.

Police Chief Blackburn complimented the efforts of the Tacoma Fire

Department in accommodating the City during the burn of the Kingdom Inn as well as their excellent behind-the-scene coordination.

Councilmember Johnson offered positive comments about Police Chief Blackburn and the Department's overall ability to respond to disasters.

**ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mayor Kelley adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.**

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Mike Kelley, Mayor

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Steve Marcotte, Finance Director/City Clerk

Prepared by Valerie Gow, Recording Secretary  
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