



**Fife City Council Meeting Minutes**

**July, 10, 2007**

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**ADOPT ORDINANCE:**

c. #1632-07 2006 ICC Building Code

d. Set a Special Meeting for July 17, 2007 Study Session

e. Set a Special Meeting for July 16, 2007 Executive Session

**Motion**

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

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**Proclamation – National Parks & Recreation**

Mayor Kelley presented a proclamation for National Parks & Recreation Month July 2007. Since 1985, the National Recreation and Park Association has designated the month of July as Recreation and Parks Month. Director Reuter accepted the proclamation.

**Picnic and Movie in the Park**

Director Reuter reported 2007 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the City of Fife. To commemorate the event, the City is organizing a series of monthly Golden Jubilee events. The event for the month of July is an outdoor movie and picnic at Dacca Park. The picnic will begin at 5:30 p.m. The movie *Grease* will begin at 8:00 p.m.

Participants are encouraged to bring a nonperishable food item to donate to the Fife Food Bank.

Councilmember de Booy added that participants are responsible for providing their own food.

Councilmember Roscoe reported the concession stand will also be open. She asked staff to assess mosquito conditions at the park prior to the event. Director Reuter acknowledged the request.

**Wapato Creek Easement Public Meeting**

Director Blount reported the public meeting is for the benefit of property owners along Wapato Creek. However, all citizens are welcome to attend the meeting. The meeting is scheduled on August 2, 2007, at 6:00 p.m., at Columbia Junior High School. The meeting will initiate discussion for easement agreements.

The interlocal agreement between Fife and Drainage District 21 authorizes Fife to obtain and record written documents executed by property owners describing and accepting the locations and conditions of the District's easements.

**COUNCIL DELEGATE REPORT**

Councilmember Edwards reported the Pierce County Regional Transportation Investment District (RTID) was approved.

Councilmember Edwards reported he, Mayor Kelley, and City Manager Worthington met with representatives from the Emerald Queen Casino and discussed City and the casino's views of planned projects. Casino representatives are scheduling an informal meeting between Tribal members and Councilmembers for further discussion.

Councilmember de Booy said she attended a Fife Parks Board meeting regarding plans for the upcoming Jubilee. She also attended a Fife Planning Commissioner meeting to observe the meeting.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **Eschelon ATG Telecom Franchise**

Director Blount reported ATI Communications, Inc. is the successor to Advanced TelCom Group, Inc. (ATG). The City Council adopted Resolution No. 645 on April 27, 1999, authorizing the Mayor to execute a Revocable Street License Agreement with ATG. ATI also acquired several other telecommunications companies. ATI Communications has been acquired by Eschelon Telecom, Inc. ("Eschelon"). Though Eschelon owns ATI, it has applied for a Fife Franchise as Advanced Telecom, Inc.

The City Council adopted Ordinance 1402 on April 10, 2007. A telecommunications ordinance is codified as Title 11 Fife Municipal Code (FMC), which governs the rights and responsibilities of operators of telecommunications systems and service within the City of Fife, requiring such operators to obtain a franchise. The proposed franchise would be granted to ATI for maintenance of a fiber optic and conduit system in Fife rights-of-way and for provision of telecommunications services.

Mayor Kelley opened and closed the public hearing at 7:24 p.m. There was no public testimony.

## **ORDINANCES**

### **#1633-07; Eschelon ATG Telecom Franchise**

Director Marcotte read the title of Ordinance #1633-07:

*An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, granting to Advanced TelCom, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, a non-exclusive franchise to use the public rights of way to provide noncable telecommunications service, subject to certain conditions and duties as specified, consistent with Title 11, Fife Municipal Code.*

### **Motion**

**Councilmember Edwards moved, seconded by Councilmember Roscoe, to adopt Ordinance #1633-07; Eschelon ATG Telecom Franchise.**

Councilmember Cerqui asked if discussion occurred regarding capacity for City purposes. Director Blount replied that it was not a condition of the initial license. The proposal does not involve new construction and the capacity issue is not applicable. Currently, the City does not contract services with the firm.

Councilmember de Booy asked whether telecommunications taxes fluctuate annually. Director Blount reported the amounts vary dependent on fluctuations within the business.

**Motion**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

The Council agreed to include the ordinance on the Council's next consent agenda.

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

Director Blount reported the Puyallup Tribe of Indians owns property on both sides of the street and would like to acquire street right-of-way to develop the combined properties for expansion of the existing casino hotel.

The Puyallup Tribe's design team has been in contact with the various utility companies and the City of Fife regarding relocation of utilities in existing right-of-way. Fife received correspondence from the utility companies indicating conceptual approval of the relocation of the facilities and vacation of the right-of-way.

Upon adoption of the ordinance, the Puyallup Tribe and utility companies will finalize plans and relocate the utilities. Once the utilities are relocated and payment for the right-of-way is complete, Fife staff will file documents indicating vacation of the right-of-way and transfer title to real estate.

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

*An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, vacating the portion of 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue East between tax parcel 0420076005 and parcels 0420072035, 0420072069, 0420072074, and 0420063094 but reserving unto the City a perpetual utility easement.*

**Motion**

**Councilmember Edwards moved, seconded by Councilmember Godwin, to adopt Ordinance #1631-07; 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue Vacation.**

City Attorney Forbes verified the City is exempt from Real Estate Excise Tax (REET).

Motion

Motion carried unanimously.

## RESOLUTIONS

### **#1122-07; Authorize Award Red Light Photo Enforcement**

Police Chief Blackburn reported staff recommends Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc. as the vendor that best meets the needs of the City of Fife. Approval of the ordinance allows City Manager Worthington to enter into the contract and scope of work with Redflex.

Director Marcotte read the title of Resolution #1122-07:

*A resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington authorizing the City Manager to sign an agreement with Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc. for photo red light enforcement.*

Motion

**Councilmember Edwards moved, seconded by Councilmember Roscoe, to adopt Resolution #1122-07; Authorize Award Red Light Photo Enforcement.**

Councilmember Godwin asked how soon the program will be online. Wade Bettisworth, Redflex, indicated the program can be implemented 60 days following the intersection survey upon approval of required contract agreements.

Councilmember de Booy said she understood eight major intersections within the City of Fife will be studied. She asked about the maximum number of intersections allowed for inclusion in the program. Mr. Bettisworth indicated the City can include systems at eight intersections. However, the number of intersections is at the discretion of the Council. The survey results are very helpful in determining which intersections to include.

Councilmember de Booy inquired about the status of her previous request regarding the percentage of red light violations at the intersection of 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Old Highway 99. Chief Blackburn reported 2006 Washington State Patrol (WSP) data recently became available. WSP District 1 identified the intersection as one of the top 10 intersections in the state with a high incidence of vehicle collisions.

Councilmember Edwards asked staff to provide the Council with WSP data prior to 2006. Chief Blackburn acknowledged the request.

Councilmember Cerqui inquired about the deciding factors for selection of intersections included in the program. Director Blount indicated the City Manager's office will make the final determinations.

Councilmember Cerqui asked about the length of the agreement.

Director Blount reported the contract length is three years. City Attorney Forbes added that the contract can be terminated under specific conditions.

Councilmember Cerqui asked about his previous inquiry for a multi-lingual information kiosk. City Attorney Forbes indicated there is a provision included for an information kiosk. However, she said a request for inclusion of multi-lingual information was not conveyed. Councilmember Cerqui asked staff to review multi-lingual options. City Attorney Forbes acknowledged the request.

Councilmember Edwards asked Mr. Bettisworth whether a multi-lingual feature is available. Mr. Bettisworth stated he will provide information on available options.

Councilmember Edwards asked for information on other cities employing the system. Mr. Bettisworth replied other cities under contract with Redflex include Auburn, Lakewood, Seatac, and Moses Lake. Redflex has been in business for 20 years. Redflex has operated a system in the state of Arizona for 20 years.

Councilmember de Booy asked about the typical length of contracts. Mr. Bettisworth reported most cities typically contract for five years. The minimum contract is three years.

**Motion**

**#1128-07; Authorize Award  
20<sup>th</sup> Street Drainage and  
Sanitary Construction**

**Motion carried. Councilmembers Cerqui and de Booy opposed.**

Director Blount reported staff recommends WM. Dickson Co. as the qualified bidder for the construction project.

Director Marcotte read the title of Resolution #1128-07:

*A resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with WM. Dickson Co. for construction of the CIP #2 – 20<sup>th</sup> Street East Drainage Improvement Project between 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue East and 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue East in the amount of \$1,476,498.20.*

**Motion**

**Councilmember Edwards moved, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, to adopt Resolution #1128-07; Authorize Award 20<sup>th</sup> Street Drainage and Sanitary Construction.**

Councilmember Edwards asked about the impacts to the water table fronting Fife High School. Director Blount reported the water table is very high. Water flow will be regulated through the Fife drainage ditch system. Provisions for dewatering are also detailed in the contract.

Councilmember Cerqui asked staff to provide the amount funded by the Storm Water Utility Fund. Director Blount acknowledged the request.

**Motion**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**#1129-07; Authorize Award Construction Management**

Director Blount reported the proposed storm drainage and sewer force main improvements project on 20<sup>th</sup> Street East will be installed during the summer. Construction management services are required to oversee construction and administer the contract. Staff recommends approval of Resolution #1129-07.

Director Marcotte read the title of Resolution #1129-07:

*A resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Robinson Engineers, LLC, for the construction management services on the CIP #2 – 20<sup>th</sup> Street East Drainage Improvement Project between 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue East and 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue East in the amount of \$140,335.00.*

**Motion**

**Councilmember Edwards moved, seconded by Councilmember Roscoe, to adopt Resolution #1129-07; Authorize Award Construction Management.**

Councilmember Godwin asked about the details of the company's required duties. Director Blount stated a full-time inspector will perform tasks such as monitoring pipe stability and quantities.

**Motion**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**#1130-07 Authorize Ashley Park PRD Extension**

Director Smith reported the Ashley Park Planned Residential Development (PRD) was approved by the City Council on May 28, 2002 by Ordinance #1454. The ordinance requires the PRD to submit a final plat for City approval within five years of the effective date of the ordinance. That time period expired June 6, 2007. Staff issued a 60-day extension to allow time for Council consideration of a longer extension. Resolution #1130-07 grants a conditioned time extension.

Since its approval in 2002, the project has been delayed for various reasons, including a lengthy proposed amendment process in 2006 involving a comprehensive plan amendment not supported by the City Council and the Planning Commission. The property also underwent a change of ownership during that time.

The PRD was originally approved for up to 152 units, of which 49 units were reserved for senior apartments. Because of site and market conditions, the applicant reduced the number of units and building layout to 126 units, with 27 units reserved for persons aged 55 or over.

The revisions reduced density and height of the development and were approved administratively in October 2006.

The City conducted a SEPA review of the proposal and issued a Determination of Non-Significance on November 29, 2001 with a list of mitigated measures. One of the mitigation measures requires the construction of a connection between 62<sup>nd</sup> Street and Valley Avenue. The applicant will install improvements to 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue East, including landscaping and street trees, channelization and pavement marking, lighting, traffic control signs, and a gate at the east end of Harry Smith Road.

Director Smith reported the revised resolution distributed prior to the meeting replaces the proposed resolution.

Director Marcotte read the title of Resolution #1130-07:

*A resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington granting an extension to the Planned Residential Development known as Ashley Park as approved under City of Fife Ordinance #1454.*

**Motion**

**Councilmember Edwards moved, seconded by Councilmember de Booy, to adopt Resolution #1130-07; Authorize Ashley Park PRD Extension.**

Councilmember Godwin said the proposed revision is not adequately detailed in terms of the provisions within the agreement. He expressed concerns about the terms pertaining to senior housing. Director Smith reviewed a site plan diagram of the revised development.

City Manager Worthington indicated the Council may revise the conditions of approval to include final review of the site plan.

**Motion**

**Councilmember Godwin moved, seconded by Councilmember Cerqui, to table Resolution #1130-07; Authorize Ashley Park PRD Extension, until further information regarding the agreement, design details, and the definition and terms of senior housing are provided.**

Director Blount explained the correlation between Resolution #1129-07 and Resolution #1130-07.

**Motion**

**Motion carried. Councilmembers Roscoe and Edwards opposed.**

City Manager Worthington said he understands that the intent of the Council is not to cause the expiration of the PRD's 60-day timeline but

rather to obtain more information regarding the location and provisions for senior housing and a more accurate site plan.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Senior Programs**

Director Reuter reported the Senior Sunshine Newsletter is mailed to all seniors on the mailing list each month. The newsletter includes an activity and Senior Nutrition Program calendar.

**Julia White, Fife Community Center Manager, Senior Programs/Trip Manager**, provided information on trips and activities provided by the center. Photographs of seniors participating in the program were shared. Seniors take ownership of the program in many ways though participation. Approximately 580 seniors have signed up for the newsletter mailing list. Participants reside in local cities including Fife, Milton, Edgewood, Auburn, Puyallup, Tacoma, and Bainbridge Island.

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is a nationwide program, which is sponsored by United Way. The program ensures volunteers are available.

The Senior Nutrition Program is on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays and is operated by Catholic Community Services. Nutrition and socialization are two of the many health benefits provided by the program. Many activities such as Bingo are based around the nutrition program.

Exercise programs such as Tai Chi are also available.

Ms. White commended senior trip bus driver George Chiamulon and his wife for their participation and efforts in the program.

A recycling program was recently incorporated into the senior program.

Ms. White encouraged the Council to show support of the program by visiting and participating at the senior center.

The Council commended Ms. White her for her work and efforts.

Councilmember Cerqui reiterated the possibility of using the new community center bus to provide transportation for seniors who do not drive vehicles. City Manager Worthington acknowledged the request.

### **2007 Comprehensive Plan – Update**

Director Smith updated the Council on the 2007 comprehensive plan amendment process. He reviewed the six proposed amendments and the Planning Commission's meeting schedule including agenda topics.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT** City Manager Worthington reported the City began cleaning the Wapato Creek system in partnership with the Drainage District.

New school zone speed signage was installed along Valley Avenue.

The community service program for minor offenders is underway. The next session is scheduled on July 16, 2007 at Wedgewood Park.

The air-conditioning system repair at the dispatch center was recently completed.

The Fife Parks Board currently has two vacancies. The Council will receive information on current applicants.

Pavement overlay work on 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue East and Industrial Drive is occurring this month.

Police Chief Blackburn was appointed to the Gang Related Crime Workgroup. City Manager Worthington commended Police Chief Blackburn for his work and achievements.

The Fife Community Center is open to citizens in need of escape from the hot weather on July 11, 2007 and July 12, 2007, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

City Manager Worthington requested Councilmembers inform him if they would like to participate in the joint meeting with the Puyallup Tribe. The meeting may initiate ongoing quarterly meetings with the Tribe.

City Manager Worthington thanked Ms. Jaksich for her work with the Fife Free Press and her dedication to the City.

Senator Patty Murray contacted the City of Fife about her intent to support the first phase of funding for the Port of Tacoma/I-5 interchange. City Manager Worthington commended Councilmembers who traveled to Washington D.C. to pursue funding for the project.

**COUNCILMEMBER  
COMMENTS**

Councilmember Johnson requested staff assess the health of trees along Valley Avenue. Director Reuter acknowledged the request.

Councilmember Johnson stated he read an article in which the local Audubon Chapter complimented the RTID approval. A second article concerned the challenge of opening a farmers market in Fife because of the number of remaining farmers in the area.

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Councilmember Edwards requested the Council formally convey appreciation to Pierce County Councilmember Shawn Bunney for his support to include the 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue project within the RTID proposal.

Councilmember Cerqui asked about the status of mowing grass/weeds in City right-of-way. Director Blount stated he is working to improve the situation. An additional trained driver will begin work soon.

Councilmember Cerqui requested an update on existing and future plantings on the Torre property. Director Blount acknowledged the request.

Councilmember Cerqui asked about a previous request to receive an update concerning bus shelters. City Manager Worthington indicated the issue will be discussed at an upcoming study session.

Councilmember de Booy commented on how well City parks are maintained. She commented that it is likely a farmers market would face too much competition as well as a lack of farmers to support the market.

Councilmember de Booy reported the Fife Jubilee is scheduled on October 6, 2007. Director Reuter indicated development of the final entertainment calendar is underway.

Councilmember Johnson requested a detailed update regarding plans for the Fife Jubilee event. City Manager Worthington acknowledged the request.

Councilmember Roscoe said she attended a Gathering Place Committee field trip to the Puyallup Pavilion. She commented on the attractiveness and versatility of the building design.

Councilmember Roscoe reminded the community about the City of Fife's participation in the Library Reimbursement Program. The City of Fife reimburses Fife residents for library card fees from the Puyallup and Tacoma Public Libraries.

Councilmember Edwards said he met with Christina Vandenberg of the Aria Dance Company. Ms. Vandenberg expressed interest in bringing *Nutcracker* performances to the Performing Arts Center this season. He said he provided City Manager Worthington with information about the company for potential Council review.

Mayor Kelly reported on progress for a playfield at Dacca Park.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, Mayor Kelley adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.**

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