



Council meetings because half of the Council was absent and in Washington, D.C. representing the City.

Ms. Braaten expressed concerns on the long-term impact on the Fife School District due to intense urban development needs. The item should have been tabled until all Councilmembers were in attendance.

Ms. Braaten commented that the Council knows the FEMA information lacks the fact that Fife has not participated in FEMA standards in housing development flood areas. This could cost Fife citizens in the long term. FEMA will only insure homes and homeowners up to a maximum of \$250,000 for homes and \$100,000 for contents. For small businesses, up to a maximum of \$500,000 is covered for the building and \$500,000 for contents. FEMA does not insure manufacturing or industrial uses in the floodplain. Building of the 20<sup>th</sup> Street corridor will endanger the escape route of Fife citizens and should be considered as reckless endangerment. It will cause congestion on the escape route up Milton Way. Placing a new school in a known flood area should be reconsidered. The addition of industrial, manufacturing, multifamily, and urban development has caused mass congestion and has not considered the endangerment to citizens residing long-term in the City. Allowing buildings rather than farmland has raised the cost of flood insurance to long-term residents. Fife citizens also have to bear the burden of the damage industrial and manufacturing uses do to the roads. One semi-truck loaded according to the Washington State Patrol is the equivalent of 10,000 cars traveling on the same road. The City needs a business and operation tax for large industry and manufacturing immediately for relief to Fife citizens who have carried the burden along with small Fife business owners. The lost of critical and sensitive areas have gone unstopped by Fife; the Growth Management Act has not been followed. Best use land management practices according to the GMA have been violated and go to producing revenue, which is in violation of state law. Required buffers have been reduced in size and have been ignored for years in Fife.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

### **Councilmember & Board Member Appreciation**

Mayor Johnson recognized and presented a plaque of appreciation to Parks Recreation & Community Services Advisory Board members Dale Rees for his service to the City and citizens. Mr. Rees invited citizens to help with the Daffodil float on Saturday, March 15, 2008.

Councilmember Godwin thanked Mr. Rees for his planning and efforts on the Daffodil float and his work during park appreciation events.

Mayor Johnson recognized and presented a plaque of appreciation to Parks Recreation & Community Services Advisory Board member Dr. Carl Stegman.

Dr. Stegman commented on the fine job the Council is doing for the City.

Mayor Johnson acknowledged former Mayor Pro Tem Kory Edwards for his six years of service on the Council and to the City of Fife. Mr. Edwards was an outstanding member of the Council, was instrumental in involving the City in the Association of Washington Cities, and helped initiate the Wellness Program for the City.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

### **COUNCIL DELEGATE REPORTS**

Councilmember Godwin reported on his participation in the City's interview panel to select a consultant to assist the City in rewriting the City's Stormwater Management Plan. He said the selection process was interesting and he looks forward to the development of the plan.

Councilmember Hull reported on his attendance to the North Pierce County Community Coalition. The Coalition is interested in maintaining the Resource Center. The Coalition expressed support to Fife for a library.

Councilmember Brooks said he traveled to Washington, D.C. with several other Councilmembers and City Manager Worthington and met with Fife's congressional delegation to seek federal funding for the 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue project, Port of Tacoma interchange, and support for Pierce County in its effort to study floodplain issues. The Council received mixed messages and didn't receive encouraging words in terms of future earmarks, but was encouraged by the delegation's response. He reported on his attendance to the state Legislature since his return in terms of the transportation funding from the state for the same projects.

Councilmember Cerqui reported on his attendance to Washington, D.C. He submitted an article on the trip for publication in the *Fife Flyer*. Councilmember Cerqui reported he attended a planning short course session at City Hall several weeks ago on the Growth Management Act and comprehensive plan. He attended the last Fife Planning Commission meeting as well. Earlier in the evening, he participated in the Park Board and Planning Commission interviews.

Councilmember de Booy said she participated in the interviews for the Parks and Recreation Board and Planning Commission. She is working on a trip for the Senior Advisory Board and attended the Pierce County Citizens Advisory Board meeting. She said she represented Fife and attended a special Korean night honoring Tacoma's sister city in Tacoma along with Tacoma Mayor Bill Baarsma and Pierce County Councilmembers.

Councilmember Roscoe reported she also traveled to Washington, D.C. and met with the congressional delegation. The Council applied for an Economic

Development grant for community projects. She acknowledged the City's lobbyist, Strategies 360, for informing the Council about the grant opportunity. The City applied for the grant for the Brookville Gardens project. Councilmember Roscoe referred to the North Pierce County Community Coalition Resource Center in Milton, which serves Fife School District and the Fife Food Bank. On Saturday, March 8, the Cub and Boy Scouts of America began their annual food drive called, "Scouting for Food." Scouts throughout the area distributed flyers for food pickup on Saturday, March 15, 2008. There is a central drop site in Radiance from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the Fife public park as well as Discovery Elementary School from 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Before the US Postal Service food drive, the scout program was the largest single-day food drive effort in the nation.

Mayor Johnson reported on the Council's first budget retreat for the 2009 budget on Saturday, March 8, 2009.

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **Ordinance #1661 Update School Impact Fees**

Planner Pasinetti reported the ordinance was previously presented to the Council at its February meeting to adjust school impact fees for single family and multifamily based on the Fife School District Capital Facilities Plan. The rate is \$3,588 for single family units and \$2,001 for multifamily units. The action requested is second reading and adoption of the ordinance.

City Clerk/Finance Director Marcotte read the title of Ordinance No. 1661:

*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 Brooks moved, seconded by Councilmember Roscoe, to approve Ordinance #1661; Update School Impact Fees.**

Councilmember Godwin conveyed that he is putting the school districts on notice that he expects some movement on the boundary line adjustment prior to approval of any future impact fees.

Councilmember Brooks acknowledged Councilmember Godwin's previous action on the ordinance to enable the request to be considered by the entire Council. Councilmembers de Booy and Roscoe expressed support for Councilmember's Godwin position. Councilmember Roscoe thanked Councilmember Hull for discussing the issue with both superintendents in terms of the school districts' positions on the boundary issue. Although the issue is coming forward for discussion, the final resolution may not be satisfactory to all parties.

**Motion**

**Motion carried. Councilmember Godwin opposed.**

**Ordinance #1665;  
Emergency  
Ordinance**

City Clerk/Finance Director Marcotte read the title of Ordinance No. 1665:

*An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, placing a temporary prohibition on accepting land use applications for large parcel development or redevelopment within the City and declaring this ordinance a public emergency ordinance and thus effective immediately.*

City Attorney Combs reported the Council previously indicated a desire to undertake a public hearing process to adopt the 2005 Department of Ecology's Storm Water Manual, which is scheduled for the Council's April 22, 2008 meeting. In the interim, there is some concern with the City's existing storm water manual that is 16 years old using standards adopted in the 1990s. The City is updating to the 2005 standard to ensure stormwater is properly handled for new development using best available science. The proposed emergency ordinance prohibits the filing of large parcel developments or redevelopment applications until such time as the new storm water manual is adopted. The ordinance is a short-term ordinance prohibiting large parcel developments, and it exempts those parcels upon which those projects have filed applications for storm water system. The ordinance only applies to applications not received by the City and it does not apply to single family residences. Passage of the ordinance requires a super majority of the Council. Staff recommends adopting the emergency ordinance.

**Motion**

**Councilmember de Booy moved, seconded by Councilmember Godwin, to adopt Ordinance #1665; Emergency Ordinance.**

Councilmember de Booy noted the Council received a list of projects that are exempt from the proposed ordinance.

Councilmember Brooks requested an executive session to discuss several issues. City Attorney Combs advised the Council they can adjourn to an executive session.

Councilmember Cerqui expressed some concerns about the proposed ordinance. He acknowledged the City is operating under outdated standards but questioned whether the action is the right action to take, especially if the prohibition extends beyond the original intent. While the City's regulations could be better, Councilmember Cerqui said he doesn't believe they are terrible and that staff is doing a good job. He acknowledged the list of exempt projects.

Councilmember Roscoe asked whether both phases of the 70<sup>th</sup> and Valley Avenue Corridor are exempt from the ordinance. City Attorney Combs advised both phases are exempt from the proposed ordinance. Councilmember

Roscoe expressed support of the ordinance at this time because of the time staff needs to study the matter and to receive public input.

**RECESS:** Councilmember Roscoe moved, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, to adjourn to an executive session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss potential litigation for 20 minutes. The Council will take action following the executive session. Motion carried.

**RECONVENE:** Mayor Johnson reconvened the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

**Motion** Councilmember Brooks moved, seconded by Councilmember Godwin, to amend Ordinance #1665 on page 2, section 7 changing “May 10, 2008” to “May 13, 2008” and on page 3, Section 2, changing “May 23, 2008” to “May 30, 2008.” Motion carried.

Councilmember Brooks commented on his inclination to avoid moratoriums. However, changes in the ordinance to shorten the duration from six months to two and half months provide developers with a level of certainty that they need to move forward. Based on observations during last winter, the emergency ordinance is necessary.

Mayor Johnson expressed support of the ordinance in light of the flooding the City has experienced.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Councilmember Godwin – Yes  
Mayor Johnson – Yes  
Councilmember Hull – Yes  
Councilmember Brooks – Yes  
Mayor Pro Tem Cerqui – Yes  
Councilmember de Booy – Yes  
Councilmember Roscoe – Yes.

**Motion** The amended main motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**#1188 Authorize  
Robinson Engineers  
to design  
Reconstruction of 20<sup>th</sup>  
Street E., 54<sup>th</sup> to 63<sup>rd</sup>**

Director Blount reported the next phase of the project is ready to move forward. State law mandates a process for contracting engineering services. Staff first interviews for the most qualified firm and then negotiates scope and fee. Because of the great uncertainty associated with the work, it is recommended to work contract in phases.

Robinson Engineering prepared a proposal for #326,000 for the major engineering work for the \$4 million construction project. Staff recommends acceptance of the proposed contract.

City Clerk/Finance Director Marcotte read the title of Ordinance No. 1188:

*A resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, authorizing amendment of contract with Robinson Engineers, LLC for design services of improvements to 20<sup>th</sup> Street East from 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue East to 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East.*

**Motion**

**Councilmember Godwin moved, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, to adopt Resolution #1188; Authorize Robinson Engineers to design Reconstruction of 20<sup>th</sup> Street E., 54<sup>th</sup> to 63<sup>rd</sup>.**

Councilmember Hull asked about the leeway of the grant to pay for the services. Director Blount said the grant will pay up to 65.8% of the contract. That will be the reimbursement amount for this phase of the project.

Director Blount responded to questions from Councilmember Cerqui about the change in the scope of the project at the direction of the City Council during a previous study session.

Councilmember de Booy asked why the cost is eligible for reimbursement by the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB). Director Blount reported the City has a little over \$3 million in grants for design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of the roadway. The work completed previously was sanitary sewers and the drainage system that is considered to be an element of the Drainage Utility, which is not eligible for reimbursement.

**Motion**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Red Flex – Photo Enforcement Update**

Police Chief Blackburn reported the installation of the red-light enforcement project has been completed at Alexander Avenue and Pacific Highway East.

Police Chief Blackburn presented a video of red light violators.

In two weeks, there were 320 red light violations. The warning period extends through the end of March. Approximately 162 warning notices have been mailed.

The next intersection for installation of the red light enforcement system is 70<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. At the same time, staff has been working on 54<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and Pacific Highway, which is a state-based intersection requiring some work with the

state. Police Chief Blackburn offered to provide an update after the installation of the system at each of the intersections during the test period. Monthly reports will be provided to the City Manager's office. Up to four intersections will be installed with the systems representing two state intersections and two City intersections.

Police Chief Blackburn described what actions must occur by the motorist to receive a ticket.

Councilmember Cerqui inquired about the status of the bilingual kiosk. Police Chief Blackburn advised the kiosk is on order and is expected to arrive during the week. The kiosk is a stainless steel prototype. He said it's his understanding the issues have been resolved.

City Manager Worthington advised that the City is working with Red Flex to identify another potential intersection, which is 70<sup>th</sup> and Valley, which was recently reconfigured for traffic. It may or may not meet the criteria. Staff will keep the Council advised on the status.

Councilmember Hull expressed support of the program, as it is obviously a good deterrent for bad behavior.

**Board & Commission  
Member Appointment**

City Manager Worthington reported earlier in the evening, a Council committee interviewed candidates for the Parks and Recreation Board and the Planning Commission.

Assistant City Manager Reinbold reported the Council committee of Councilmember Godwin, Mayor Pro Tem Cerqui, and Councilmember de Booy interviewed three applicants. Six applicants expressed interest in serving in three positions; one Planning Commission position and two Parks and Recreation Board positions. The Council committee offers the following recommendation:

- ◆ Mary McGonigal, Planning Commission
- ◆ John Fietz, Parks and Recreation Board
- ◆ Chuck McDonald, Parks and Recreation Board
- ◆ Reconfirmation of Tom Dale's appointment to the Parks and Recreation Board

**Motion**

**Councilmember de Booy moved, seconded by Councilmember Cerqui, to appoint Mary McGonigal to the Fife Planning Commission, John Fietz to the Parks & Recreation Board, Chuck McDonald to the Parks and Recreation Board, and reaffirm the appointment of Tom Dale to the Parks and Recreation Board.**

Councilmembers commented on the caliber of the applicants, acknowledged,

and thanked citizens for their willingness to serve the City. Applicants not selected for positions were encouraged to apply for vacant positions as they become available.

**Motion**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Former  
Councilmember  
Appreciation**

Mayor Johnson presented former Councilmember Kory Edwards with a plaque recognizing Mr. Edwards' six years of service on the Council. A series of photos were shared highlighting some major events during his six years on the Council.

Mr. Edwards said he enjoyed his six years on the Council. He commended the Council on their work and service to the community and acknowledged the difficulty of having to make hard decisions for the benefit of citizens. He acknowledged the Red Flex photo enhancement program and indicated his support for the City instituting the program, which will likely save lives.

**CITY MANAGER  
REPORT**

City Manager Worthington provided the following report on recent activities:

- The City's new website was recently launched with a different style and features. The website is approximately 80% completed with additional features to be added. The Police Department's page features information to citizens on crime-reporting statistics, emergency management issues, and police processes.
- On March 22, 2008, the City will hold the annual Easter egg hunt at Dacca Park at 10:00 a.m.
- The intersection of Valley and 70<sup>th</sup> is undergoing some changes. Currently, the intersection is operating on a timed cycle, which will move at some point to a loop system activation operation. In the interim, the timed operation may spark some citizen comments.
- On March 17, 2008, a special meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for the Commission's work on two development agreements.
- On March 20, 2008, a community meeting will be held on the Brookville Gardens master plan at Columbia Junior High School beginning at 7:00 p.m. The meeting is a chance for citizens to provide input on the master plan for the park.
- Parks Appreciation Day is scheduled at the end of April.
- The City has the opportunity to place daffodils on the float scheduled for the Daffodil Parade on April 11, 2008.
- City Manager Worthington reported on his travel with Councilmembers Cerqui, Roscoe, and Brooks to Washington, D.C., to visit the City's congressional delegation. He was able to participate in the Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board meeting. The board renders funding recommendations for freight-related projects including Fife's 70<sup>th</sup> Street widening project.
- The Council was acknowledged for their attendance to the City's 2009

budget retreat on Saturday, March 8, 2008.

- The City recently completed its annual state audit for 2006 and received an unqualified audit with no findings, exceptions, or reservations from the State Auditor's Office. The audit findings demonstrate staff's interests and concerns for protecting the City's financial assets. Director Marcotte, former Director Marilyn Campbell, and Finance Department staff were acknowledged for their work.

**COUNCILMEMBER  
COMMENTS**

Councilmember Godwin invited citizens to participate in preparing the float for the Daffodil Parade. Interested citizens can call City Hall to participate on Saturday, March 15 at 10:00 a.m.

Councilmember Hull acknowledged the work of Information Technology employees Josh Amato and Matt Wood for their work on upgrading the City's website. He thanked the Radiance Homeowners Association for organizing a website for the association.

Councilmember Brooks reported he and the Council received an e-mail from a resident from Mayfair Place condos concerning adjacent construction and problems with noise and dust. He encouraged staff to monitor construction activities.

Councilmember Cerqui thanked citizens applying for the Parks and Recreation Board and the Planning Commission. He thanked former Mayor Stegman and Dale Rees for their service on the Parks and Recreation Board as well as the leadership and service of former Councilmember Kory Edwards.

Councilmember de Booy acknowledged the willingness and interest of citizens in supporting their community. On March 14, 2008 the Daffodil coronation of the Daffodil Queen will take place. Councilmembers de Booy and Hull are attending and representing the City of Fife.

Councilmember Roscoe thanked citizens for applying for open positions within the City.

Mayor Johnson referred to the City's efforts for renaming parks. City Manager Worthington reported staff is scheduled to present a renaming recommendation during the Council's March 25, 2008 meeting. The five-acre Radiance park at this time does not have a recommended name. Staff will work on generating some name recommendations. Mayor Johnson suggested reaching out to Radiance residents for ideas on naming the park.

Councilmember Cerqui pointed out some pavement problems on 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue near Milwaukee. He encouraged staff to contact Tacoma for possibly repairing the roadway.

City Manager Worthington reported staff met with the developer of the

construction activity occurring near the Mayfield Place condos and discussed concerns of adjacent residents.

Councilmember Godwin suggested the City contact the provider of the Council's new audio system because of the problems associated with the equipment.

Mayor Johnson thanked former Mayor Stegman and Parks and Recreation Board member Dale Rees. He acknowledged former Councilmember Kory Edwards and acknowledged his leadership in pursuing the red light photo enhancement program for the City.

**CITIZEN  
COMMENTS**

**Doug Mueier, 2513 David Court NE**, expressed concerns about congestion, growth, and crime rates in the City. He commented on the difficulty of accessing David Court during rush hour traffic as well as parking. He said he has witnessed racing on David Court, which never previously occurred. He commented on the crime issues within the City and acknowledged the work of the Police Department. He spoke against 54<sup>th</sup> Street improvements and suggested there are other outlets the City should consider. He recently caught a person cutting chain link fencing in his neighborhood. He mentioned the increased crime rate Fife is experiencing and referred to wetland delineation along Valley Avenue.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**With there being no further business, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.**

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Barry Johnson, Mayor

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Steve Marcotte, City Clerk/Finance Director