FIFE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL STUDY SESSION
MINUTES

Fife City Hall
Council Chambers

Date: February 19, 2008
Time: 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro Tem Cerqui called the special meeting study session of the Fife City Council to order at 7:02 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Godwin, Hull, Brooks, Johnson, Cerqui, and Roscoe.

Excused: Councilmember de Booy.

Staff Present: City Manager Steve Worthington, Assistant City Manager Jim Reinbold, Finance Director Steve Marcotte, Community Development Director Carl Smith, Public Works Director Russ Blount, Police Chief Brad Blackburn, Confidential Secretary Andrea Richards, Code Compliance officer Chris Larson and Recording Secretary Jessica Tate.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Roscoe led the pledge of allegiance.

CHANGES, ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Cerqui welcomed Glen Hull as a new Councilmember.

STUDY SESSION

Library Services

City Manager Worthington reported the Council established a goal in 2008 to explore options for library services. He and Pierce County Library District Director Neel Parikh have been discussing the potential for library service and the cost of city-operated systems.

The City of Fife currently provides library services by reimbursing residents for the cost of a library card from either the Puyallup City Library or City of Tacoma Library. The cost per household averages $68.58. The City spends less than $8,000 to $10,000 annually. Currently, the libraries are the only library providers available to the City. This is a minimal cost and undoubtedly the least cost to the City and its taxpayers.

There are three potential courses of action available to the City:

1. Stay as we are. The least cost alternative.
2. Create the City of Fife Library System. The creation of the City of Fife Library System provides no new funds except for late fines for books. Both reserves and current general fund revenue would be required to create the system. The estimated cost is $3 million to $4 million for the building, $1.5 million for collections, $200,000 to $300,000 for software system development. Operating costs are estimated at $600,000 to $1 million annually depending on hours and days of operation, continued additions to collection and periodical, building maintenance, utilities, and equipment cost.

3. Annex into the Pierce County Library District. For this to occur, the Council adopts a resolution for submitting a ballot measure to the voters for joining the Pierce County Library District. If the voters approve the measure, the District collects a new property tax rate of approximately $.4312 per $1,000 of assessed property value for a branch library in Fife operated by the Library District.

The last date for a 2008 special election is May 20, 2008. To consider an election, the Council needs to act on a resolution by March 28, 2008 for the special election.

Neel Parikh, Director, Pierce County Library District, distributed and reviewed information on the Pierce County Library District System, which was established in 1946. She reviewed the history of the District. The District serves an area of 1,600 square miles and is the fourth largest library system in the state.

Creating a stand-alone library involves capital expenditures similar to establishing a branch library of Pierce County Library System, such as the building, furnishings, and equipment. However, a stand-alone library must also create the infrastructure necessary to provide service to the public. Additional expenses include purchasing and developing a circulation and cataloging system, selection of materials (books, DVDs, databases, magazines, etc.), establishing internet and communication systems, and hiring and training staff.

It will take approximately two years to set up a stand-alone library. This assumes leased space is utilized. The levy rate is approximately $0.44 per $1,000 of assessed valuation. Ms. Parikh reviewed the configuration and elements of a storefront Pierce County Library:

Building Size: Square Footage:	5,000 to 7,000 square feet
Annual Number of Open Hours:	2,444 (47 hours per week)
Schedule:	Six Day Service Mon.-Wed. 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Thurs. and Fri. 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Collection Size:	45,000
Number of Internet Computers:	10 to 12 fixed public computers plus Wi-Fi

The district strives to create partnerships in the community through regular planning efforts.

Al Rose, Chair, Pierce County Library District Board of Directors, reported library service unites communities and fuels early literacy. The district prides itself on strong partnerships with communities. In 2007, libraries within the district received 2.1 million visits and 729,000 visits to the library's website. The district has a strong local and national reputation. The City's branch will have access to the district's catalog system.

Mayor Johnson requested a per capita comparison between Fife and other cities. Ms. Parikh acknowledged the request and said she is willing to work with the City on all issues.

Councilmember Hull expressed support for the advantages of becoming part of the library system and indicated the facility should also include meeting rooms.

Councilmember Brooks said growth a library will provide to youth and the community cannot be measured monetarily. He favored exploring the issue.

Councilmember Roscoe said she is very interested in the community aspect of the library. A storefront may serve the City well, but the goal is for the library to grow with the City. She expressed concerns about the district closing the Milton branch. Ms. Parikh explained the City of Milton was aware of the situation when they annexed into the district. The Milton branch will be closed and a new facility will be appropriately placed to serve both Milton and Edgewood. Libraries are not usually located less than five miles apart.

Mayor Pro Tem Cerqui said he hopes to see a first class facility with a good location and services for the public as well as appropriate square footage including meeting rooms. The intent is for the library to work as an anchor for other places, such as the Gathering Place.

Mayor Johnson said meeting rooms are warranted for the library, as businesses are large users of libraries.

Ms. Parikh thanked the Council for the opportunity to share information. She said she looks forward to working with the City of Fife.

Consensus

The City Council directed staff to continue reviewing the potential for library service in Fife and continue developing additional details.

Benthien Loop Annexation

Director Smith said a report titled, "Proposed Benthien Loop Annexation Report" was distributed to the Council on February 11, 2008. The report describes the current conditions and estimated impacts to the City of the proposed annexation known as Benthien Loop.

The annexation request was initiated by the residents of the area representing

at least 10% of the assessed valuation, which was received by the City on June 25, 2007. Benthien Loop is 36.2 acres in size and includes 70 parcels located in the City's northern section of the urban growth area (UGA). There are approximately 126 residences and 7 businesses in the annexation area. Infrastructure within the annexation is below City standards.

The largest impact to the City is the cost of improving existing infrastructure to current standards at an estimated cost of $11 million for the entire annexation area. It's estimated the annexation could provide the City with approximately $32,000 annually in new revenues. Before the annexation can proceed, the Council needs to take formal action to approve the circulation of petitions in the Benthien Loop area. Signatures of residents owning at least 60% of the area's assessed value are required for a successful annexation. The Council's acceptance of the valid petitions is also required. Prior to authorization for circulation of the petitions or approving the annexation, it's appropriate for the Council to discuss and determine any desired conditions as a prerequisite to annexation.

Several options include:

1. Authorize the circulation of petitions for the annexation area "as is."
2. Prior to annexation, enter into negotiations with Pierce County for all or a portion of the infrastructure improvements needed to bring the area up to City standards.
3. Prior to annexation, reduce infrastructure standards for the annexation area so that they are not below existing City standards.
4. Take no action.

Director Smith provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Benthien Loop area boundaries.

Councilmember Godwin commented that it is not unusual for Fife to annex areas with low quality infrastructure. He said he favors the annexation if the appropriate number of petitions is acquired.

Councilmember Brooks said he would like to hear from Pierce County regarding potential funding options for infrastructure improvements.

Chip Vincent, Planning and Land Services, Pierce County, reported it's important to recognize the Benthien Loop area is part of the Fife urban growth area (UGA). The Growth Management Act (GMA) requires transition of unincorporated county areas into the City. Part of the challenge is achieving a fair balance in commercial and residential bases for a viable and livable community. The county is willing to discuss all issues with the City.

Councilmember Brooks requested a financial breakdown of the estimated $11,000,000. Public Works Director Blount acknowledged the request.

Mayor Johnson requested staff review options for potential financial assistance from Pierce County for infrastructure improvements because the county collects road tax on an annual basis and not much improvement has occurred in the area. Director Smith acknowledged the request.

Mayor Johnson referred to areas in the northwest corner and suggested including five parcels within the annexation to avoid creating an island. Director Smith acknowledged the request. Mayor Johnson commented that the vacant parcel owned by WSDOT might be a good location for a small park.

Councilmember Roscoe said she looks forward to any increase in the sense of community. However, it's disconcerting as to the cost for infrastructure improvements. She said she hopes discussions will occur with Pierce County on how to ease the transition to Fife standards. Staff can inform the Council of when it's appropriate to move forward without haste.

Councilmember Hull said he's opposed to reducing infrastructure standards for annexation because it will create future problems for the community. He expressed support for the annexation, but wants to look for various funding sources such as the county for infrastructure improvement. Citizens must also be aware of potential costs to them as well.

Mayor Pro Tem Cerqui thanked staff for the thorough presentation. He said he wants to ensure infrastructure costs remain apparent. He encouraged discussion with the county regarding infrastructure improvement costs and supports the citizen-initiated annexation. It might be necessary to review infrastructure standards so they are not so cost prohibitive. The $11,000,000 estimate appears to be high.

City Manager Worthington reported staff published a notice for the public hearing on the annexation at the next regular Council meeting.

Director Smith advised he will follow up on the issues addressed by the Council.

Consensus

The City Council agreed to have staff continue obtaining information on the Benthien Loop Annexation including discussions with Pierce County regarding potential funding assistance for infrastructure improvements.

Water Comp Plan

Director Blount reported the City Council authorized retention of RH2 Engineers to complete a water comp plan, and directed them to consider development of additional wells among the options for future water supply.

The matter was last discussed at the September 18, 2007 study session. The draft Comprehensive Water Plan was distributed during the February 12, 2008 meeting.

Wells have high initial capital cost, but have the potential for long-term reduced operating costs. RH2 presented the rate impacts and break-even schedule for various alternatives on September 18, 2007, and incorporated the Council's selection of the well development alternative into the draft comprehensive plan

The draft plan will be submitted to the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) for review. Once DOH issues a response, staff will consider whether such comments are substantive. If substantive, staff will present the comments to the Council for consideration prior to issuing a response. If not substantive, staff will respond to DOH and obtain a tentative approval from DOH. After the plan is approved by DOH, staff will schedule formal adoption by the Council.

The development of wells and storage will require substantial water rate increases over the next decade. The total increase could exceed 60 percent.

Mayor Pro Tem Cerqui said he would like to discuss the plan during another study session prior to submitting the plan to DOH. Director Blount acknowledged that it's possible but pointed out that it's been a lengthy process and that DOH is expecting a response.

Councilmember Brooks said the City must come to terms with the fact that the water system is undersized and in dire need of replacement.

Councilmember Godwin asked if the number of properties discussed previously were considered. Director Blount indicated they were but none of the wells produce over 200 gallons per minute. A good municipal well produces 500 to 1,000 gallons per minute.

Mayor Johnson recommended staff continue to explore wet water options.

Mayor Pro Tem Cerqui said he always supports exploring alternative water supplies. He asked whether recycled water for parks was considered in the plan. Director Blount said not at this time because there currently is no source for recycled water.

Consensus

The City Council directed staff to move forward with DOH review of the Water Comprehensive Plan.

Gathering Place Marketing Feasibility Report

Director Smith reported during the August 14, 2007 meeting, the Council contracted with Berk & Associates to prepare an economic feasibility analysis study for the Gathering Place property and the 20th Street East corridor. The study is to help the Council make informed decisions on future uses of the Gathering Place and how those choices may influence other development, especially along the 20th Street corridor. The study will also provide information on the role City policy can play in the future of those areas.

Berk & Associates prepared market information and analysis for the Gathering Place property and the 20th Street corridor. The Council received a preliminary findings report on November 27, 2007. On January 12, 2008 and October 26, 2007, the Gathering Place Subcommittee met with Berk & Associates for an update on initial findings and to provide additional input to the Berk & Associates team.

Brian Murphy, Senior Associate, Berk and Associates, presented the City of Fife Gathering Place and 20th Street Corridor Economic Feasibility Analysis.

Desired Outcomes Established by Fife City Council:

Gathering Place
- Create benefits for Fife residents including recreation, culture, shopping, etc.
- Enhance sense of community
- Open space with small scale development
- Support development along 20th Street
- Provide stormwater retention
- Create a regional tourism draw

20th Street
- Link Gathering Place and Civic Campus
- Pedestrian-oriented development with a sense of character and sense of place including building design standards, continuous pattern of development, awnings, trees/landscaping/sidewalks

Assessment of Gathering Place Uses:

Uses Analyzed
- Passive Park
- Passive Park with simple multi-purpose facility such as a public market, small-scale events and exhibits, and other

Evaluation Criteria
- Overall feasibility
- Regional tourism draw and stormwater retention
- Community benefit
- Economic development

special events
- WSDOT Mitigation
- Pierce County Library Branch

(Uses are not mutually exclusive.)

stimulus (number and character of trips/correlates with level of activity)
- Net fiscal impacts (development and O&M costs/indirect fiscal impacts)

Summary Assessment of Potential Gathering Place Uses:

- All studies are feasible, allow for stormwater retention, and would likely meet the regional tourism requirement to allow use of hotel/motel tax dollars.
  - While all are possible at the Gathering Place, a library, public market, events and exhibits are more feasible and have greater impact on the 20th Street corridor.
- With no direct revenue generation, fiscal impacts equal investment and O&M costs minus indirect benefits.
  - Indirect benefits are likely to be small in terms of dollars.
  - Gathering Place uses make residential and office development more attractive, indirectly supporting retail
- The potential impact on 20th Street development depends on:
  - Level of activity (number of trips)
  - Frequency of trips generated
  - Character of trips generated
- The proposed Gathering Place uses should be considered primarily as community amenities that would have a complementary and supportive, but likely not catalytic impact on 20th Street.
  - Support for 20th Street development includes the provision of complementary uses and increased interest and energy, and changing perceptions and trip patterns related to 20th Street.
  - A Pierce County Library on 20th Street would have the greatest impact, as would other more intensive uses of the Gathering Place site.

Under the current market position, Fife's potential for short-term community scale retail development is limited. The total additional demand for community-scale retail space in selected categories is projected to be roughly equivelant to a neighborhood retail center.

Estimated Aggregate Retail Long-term Demand:

- This demand translates to specific demand for 20th Street:
  - Community-oriented restaurants
  - Convenience-oriented services (salons, dry cleaners, real estate offices, etc.)
  - Small-scale general retail (apparel, music, books) – challenging due to strong retail in Tacoma, Federal Way, and Puyallup
- Capture of these uses on 20th Street will depend on an anchor tenant such

as a grocery store
- Grocery competition is strong in neighboring communities
- Fife is becoming more attractive (denser population, more single family homes)

Market Assessment for Grocery in Fife:

Potential Strategies to Attract a Grocery Anchor
- Grow close-in residential and/or office population
- Recruit a competitor grocer (QFC, Top Foods, Haggen) hoping to offer a higher-end option than Milton offers and seeking to intercept shoppers on their way home
- Target a smaller grocery store
- Establish incentives and invest in streetscape improvements and infrastructure
- Conduct proactive recruitment, describing plans for 20th Street

Estimated Office Demand and Market Assessment:
- Overall future demand is framed by employment growth location needs of businesses
- Fife is well positioned to capture mid-rise office (general office space) demand in the area from:
  - Port of Tacoma expansion and Tribal business growth
  - Increasing costs in regional (Tacoma/Seattle/Eastside) market
  - Good highway visibility and access
  - Access to the Port and workforce
- Many offices may be more attracted to Pacific Highway, but 20th Street may be attractive to small offices such as the headquarters of locally-owned businesses
  - Highway visibility and amenities within walking distance

Discussion of Mixed Use Development on 20th Street:
- Generally, mixed use is a challenging product.
  - Requires integration and compatibility of uses
  - Strong demand for a primary use is necessity
  - Comes with higher construction costs, creating higher rents
  - Multiple parking needs for multiple uses
- Fife has not yet demonstrated a viable market for mixed use developments.
  - Fife has a strong base: a proven multi-family housing market
  - Modest demand for commercial uses
- Community vision is ahead of the market: investment, incentives, patience, and adherence to the vision will be necessary to see it realized.
  - New community mixed use zone is a good first step
  - Strategies: public investment and establishing the market (proof-of-market)
  - Use development pro-formas to understand the market and

collaborate incentives

Strategies and Next Steps: Combinations and Locations of Use:

- The combined goals and opportunities on the 20th Street corridor and the Gathering Place should continue to be considered together.
- While the proposed GP uses will not catalyze commercial development on 20th Street, they are highly complementary and will contribute to the desired character and community-scale use desired for 20th Street.
- Multiple projects should be pursued:
  - The development of a passive park and/or WSDOT mitigation at the Gathering Place
  - A Pierce County Library on 20th Street, with space for a public market and small-scale events and exhibits
  - A grocery-anchored community-retail center on 20th Street
- Establish priorities:
  - If a library or grocery store and activation of the 20th Street is the highest priority, consider sale of the Gathering Place site to fund investment
  - If funding allows, consider both

Strategies and Next Steps: The Gathering Place:

- Consider the Gathering Place primarily as a community amenity with synergistic but not catalytic impacts on 20th Street development.
- Determine desired uses and timeline for development; additional planning will be required.
- Concentrate uses and community activity at the Gathering Place to activate the corridor and change perceptions/habits:
  - Move events from Dacca Park to Gathering Place
  - Consider parades from City Hall to Gathering Place
  - Anticipate a 5-year timeframe to establish the Gathering Place and habituate people to going there
- Pursue potential land swap with WSDOT – location of property on the west side of 70th Avenue East is more desirable given easier access and proximity to 20th Street.

Strategies and Next Steps: 20th Street:

- ***Goal: Actively pursue development of desired uses***
  - Identify and consider acquiring sites for a grocery-anchored retail center and a Fife branch of the Pierce County Library with space for public market/events
  - Engage a business recruiter to tell the City's story and encourage location of a grocery store anchor, particularly if the City can acquire a site for this use
- ***Goal: Increase the nearby demand for services***
  - Increase nearby residential development
  - Encourage the development of office space, establishing a daytime

population

- ***Concentrate public infrastructure investment and private development in targeted areas***
  - Identify target sub-areas along the corridor
  - Do development pro formas to understand the market and calibrate incentives
  - Actively communicate the vision and ensure development services are ready to go
- ***Enhance the corridor's attractiveness, visibility, & accessibility***
  - Signage, landscaping, underground utilities, other streetscape improvements
  - Pedestrian connections to and parallel to 20th Street, connecting neighborhoods,
  - City Hall, and Gathering Place
  - Activate the corridor

Councilmember Godwin said he appreciates the report's honesty. It might be best to allow private developers to create a viable area.

Councilmember Hull expressed concerns for encouraging higher-priced grocery stores such as QFC, as it will create a challenging market.

Councilmember Brooks expressed concerns that SR167 is not addressed in the report because of its significance. Mr. Murphy commented that office use will be the most beneficial use should the construction of SR 167 occur because of the high visibility. However, the issue was too uncertain to add to the report.

Councilmember Brooks said the Gathering Place element of the study is disappointing. Many of the proposed uses appear to be impractical. The Council previously discussed options such as a passive park or an athletic complex. Mr. Murphy explained the frequency and number of trips did not have significant impact on 20th Street. A more intensive use such as an athletic complex would more likely generate traffic on 20th Street. Berk & Associates was directed to look at fairly non-intensive uses for the Gathering Place.

Mayor Johnson agreed with the findings of the study. The option to sell the Gathering Place property to WSDOT might be warranted, as the funds could be applied to create a more successful 20th Street corridor.

Councilmember Roscoe recommended adding a description of what the City wants to achieve to the City's website.

Mayor Pro Tem Cerqui indicated it's a good study that looks at many different options. He said he hopes a portion of the site will be used for stormwater retention as well as working with WSDOT regarding WSDOT

property.

Mayor Johnson commented that it would be beneficial to pursue a grocer that is not locally located.

Mayor Pro Tem Cerqui thanked Berk & Associates for their work.

City Manager Worthington advised that the report completes the study process of the project. Now is the time for external review of the various potentials for the Gathering Place and 20th Street corridor. Staff will explore potential sale or joint agreement with WSDOT regarding use. The study will be used to polish the vision for the area.

Wapato Creek Flow Report

Director Blount reported the upper reaches of Wapato Creek was diverted to discharge into the Puyallup River in 1975 in an effort to reduce the flood impact of development in the vicinity of Valley Avenue and Meridian (State Route 161) in what is now Puyallup.

The Council authorized a contract with David Evans & Associates (DEA). Dale Anderson of DEA prepared a draft report, which was distributed to the Council.

Dale Anderson, David Evans & Associates, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Wapato Creek Flow Report. He reviewed a map of the creek system in 1900 when it was essentially a spring creek. At that time, the flow was adequate to support all species existing within the creek at that time. Salmon gradually declined as development increased.

Key limiting factors for salmon is adequate stream flow:

- **Inflow:**
  - Direct rainfall
  - Surface water runoff
  - Groundwater flows/hillside springs
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- **Outflow:**
  - Human Uses (irrigation/water supply)
  - Outflow to groundwater aquifer
  - Evaporation

Mr. Anderson reported the findings did not indicate that the diversion is the key reason for low summer flows. Groundwater pumping for human uses and conversion of forest to impervious surface is believed to be the key reasons for low summer flows.

Motion

Councilmember Roscoe moved, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, to extend the meeting 20 minutes. Motion carried.

Mr. Anderson recommended the City pursue development of a salmon recovery plan for Wapato Creek, which would be a more comprehensive review than a flow report. The creek should be evaluated overall to determine if there are fish in the creek.

Councilmember Godwin said discussions with the Puyallup Tribe and experts have indicated that no fish species are present until approaching Simon's Creek. He said he'd like to see further assessment regarding flooding. He said he is disappointed with the report, but appreciates Mr. Anderson's honesty.

Mayor Johnson said the report was depressing, but has potential highlights for achieving flows. The City should take leadership on the issue. The City of Milton might be part of the solution to potentially divert lake water back into Wapato Creek.

Councilmember Roscoe commented that it's a complicated issue and the City should proceed with caution. She said she's apprehensive about fully pursuing an issue that might not be fixable.

Mayor Pro Tem Cerqui said it's taken many years to degrade the creek and it will take much time to restore the creek. He said he hopes any approaches such as low-impact development will assist in improving the creek.

City Manager Worthington suggested it's timely for the Council to begin thinking about the issue in terms of the potential to develop a holistic program.

Director Blount indicated a separate study session and the budget retreat will address stormwater.

Councilmember Godwin reiterated his previous request for information regarding summer and winter flows. Flows from the City of Puyallup must also be assessed.

Motion

Councilmember Roscoe moved, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, to extend the meeting an additional 15 minutes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Cerqui said drain size should also be reviewed with respect to flooding issues.

2008 Council Scholarship Program –

Director Reuter reported staff has implemented the Youth Recreation Scholarship Program. The program was developed to accomplish one of the

Youth Recreation

Council's budget goals in 2008. The program is advertised on the City's website and through Fife schools.

One of the Council's goals for 2008 is increasing youth recreation programming, especially in the areas of low cost and no cost programs. Taking that direction, staff worked to develop a scholarship program to assist low and moderate-income families. The Council appropriated $8,000 in the 2008 budget for the program. Staff prepared an application packet.

An issue regarding geographic eligibility has been raised and staff is seeking feedback and direction from the Council. Generally, the Council has taken a position that citizens must live within the boundary of the City if they are to benefit from City's programs and benefits. One exception is the After School Program, which is held at Surprise Lake Middle School in Milton and is open to all students who attend the school regardless of where they live. A scholarship application from a resident of Edgewood is triggering the issue of geographic eligibility. The student attends Fife schools, but under the current policy would not be eligible for the scholarship program.

The Parks Board discussed the issue and supports a change in policy. The Board recommends extending geographic eligibility for the scholarship program to include not only the City of Fife, but the Fife School District as well. The Board unanimously passed a motion to this effect. Staff supports the recommendation of the Parks Board.

Councilmember Godwin requested staff reevaluate the gross family income table. The eligibility amount should be increased. He expressed support of the Parks Board recommendation.

Councilmember Hull commented that the program is a great idea because it's the City's responsibility to assist children who cannot help themselves. He said proof of income should be adequate and that personal information is unnecessary.

Councilmember Brooks expressed support for the program but cautioned against possible abuse of the program. He said he has some conflict with including the entire Fife School District, as neighboring cities could provide financial assistance as well.

Motion

Councilmember Roscoe moved, seconded by Councilmember Godwin, to extend the meeting an additional 10 minutes. Motion carried.

Director Reuter suggested staff could have discussions with the cities of Milton and Edgewood regarding potential financial assistance for the program.

Mayor Johnson suggested the City should give preference to Fife residents

first and then Milton and Edgewood if funding remains.

Councilmember Roscoe suggested one possibility is assessing each situation and billing Milton and Edgewood for their resident's participation.

Mayor Pro Tem Cerqui expressed support of the program. He indicated he prefers serving Fife residents before providing assistance to Milton and Edgewood residents. However, staff should discuss potential funding assistance from the neighboring cities.

City Manager Worthington suggested running the program on a trial basis to assess the actual involvement from Fife residents and neighboring city residents. This allows Fife to gain experience prior to discussions with neighboring cities.

Mayor Johnson requested having the information and application available in Spanish as well. Director Reuter acknowledged the request.

Interchange with 70th & I-5

City Manager Worthington reported staff is seeking direction on whether to move forward with the fatal flaw study regarding the I-5 Interchange at 70th Avenue. Council approved $15,000 for the study.

Consensus

The City Council directed staff to pursue a study regarding the I-5 Interchange at 70th Avenue not to exceed $15,000.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Mayor Pro Tem Cerqui adjourned the meeting at 10:38 p.m.

Rob Cerqui, Mayor Pro Tem

Steve Marcotte, City Clerk/Finance Director

Prepared by Jessica Tate, Recording Secretary
Puget Sound Meeting Services