

Presentation

the Council on the Puyallup River Bridge Replacement and I-5 Port of Tacoma Road to King County line High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) projects. The Puyallup River Bridge project addresses bridge safety and roadway concerns. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2011. The plan also calls for realigning 20th Street around the abutment of the river bridges.

Construction of the HOV project will begin in spring 2010. WSDOT is constructing HOV lanes on northbound and southbound I-5 lanes between Port of Tacoma Road and the King County line. Resurfacing of the ramps at the Port of Tacoma and 54th Avenue interchanges and the I-5 mainline is planned. Additional Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) traffic cameras will be installed. The project also includes floodplain mitigation.

A noise analysis concluded two noise walls are warranted. WSDOT will engage in a community outreach process to receive feedback on November 6, 2008. Other factors to consider include environmental impacts and finalizing a construction benefit analysis. The proposed noise walls are approximately 24 feet high. Illustrations of the noise walls were shared. A decision is expected by mid-December. If noise walls are warranted, WSDOT will begin a technical analysis in January 2009.

WSDOT is using the new 2008 Highway Runoff Manual to address the stormwater component. The floodplain mitigation site provides dual usage for floodplain storage and stormwater flood control. An analysis to address issues concerning a number of the culverts along State Route (SR) 509 is underway.

In response to a request from Councilmember Brooks, Marty Garman, Design Manager, WSDOT, provided an overview of the funded Pierce County/Tacoma HOV projects on I-5:

- A contract was awarded for the westbound Nalley Valley viaduct project (SR 16 interchange). Construction will begin in early 2009.
- The M Street to Portland Avenue component will be released for bid in summer 2010. The project includes replacement of the Pacific Avenue, McKinley Street, and L Street bridges, and the construction of interior HOV lanes on I-5.
- Replacement of the Puyallup River Bridges will complete the reconstruction of the Portland Avenue/SR 167 interchange.
- In spring 2011, work will begin on the eastbound Nalley Valley interchange. The existing viaduct will be demolished and new ramps and connections from eastbound SR 16 to I-5 are planned.
- Advertising for the southbound component of the Puyallup River Bridge will begin once the northbound piece is complete in 2014.
- The last funded project in the program involves the direct connections between I-5 and SR 16 for a complete continuous HOV system from Gig Harbor north beyond Seattle.

Discussion ensued on whether WSDOT is considering the use of quiet pavement on I-5 lanes through Fife. Mr. Perez reported hot mix asphalt (HMA) is quieter than concrete. WSDOT has a number of quiet pavement test areas around the state. The sustainability of quiet pavement is unknown. It's risky to use quiet pavement in the area because of poor soil conditions and liquefaction.

Mayor Johnson reported on the City's difficulties in enforcing the noise ordinance because of ambient noise from I-5. Noise walls are not a viable option because a number of businesses rely on visibility from I-5.

City Manager Worthington asked about the City's process to provide feedback on noise walls. Mr. Perez said the agency will solicit feedback from the community within 500 feet of the proposed noise wall. If the community does not support noise walls, the process ends at that point. The agency will begin coordinating with the City if there is support for noise walls.

Discussion followed on the Port of Tacoma interchange and widening the I-5 mainline under the interchange to accommodate HOV lanes. It was confirmed no bridge structure will be moved in the near term.

Councilmember Roscoe asked whether WSDOT plans to contact residents or property owners within 500 feet of proposed noise walls. Mr. Perez said business and apartment owners will be contacted. Acting Director Durham was invited to attend the November 6, 2008 outreach meeting.

Halloween Carnival

Chief Blackburn reported the annual Halloween Carnival will begin at 5:00 p.m. on October 31, 2008 at the Fife Community Center.

COUNCIL DELEGATE REPORT

Councilmember Brooks reported he attended the Puyallup Tribe voter rally on Saturday, October 25, 2008 at Columbia Junior High School and a Pierce County Regional Council meeting.

Councilmember Cerqui reported on his attendance to the voter rally. He reminded citizens to vote on November 4, 2008.

Councilmember Roscoe reported at the last Fife School Board meeting, Jeff Nelson and Kirk Dodge presented the *Math WASL Playbook*. The Zoo Trek Advisory Board will discuss the budget at its meeting on November 5, 2008. A joint Zoo Trek and Parks and Recreation Department meeting is planned for the future.

Councilmember Hull reported on his recent election to the board of the home course.

Mayor Johnson reported he and City Manager Worthington attended the last Puyallup River Watershed Task Force meeting. He was recently appointed to serve on the Washington State Urban Forestry Board and will attend a board meeting on November 12, 2008 in Camas.

PUBLIC HEARING

2008 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Acting Director Durham requested opening and continuing the public hearing to the Council's next meeting because of issues emerging earlier in the day on zoning revisions for 48th Street and 70th Avenue.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing at 7:33 p.m.

Planner Pasinetti provided an overview of the proposed 2008 comprehensive plan amendments:

- CPA 08-01 – Land use designation map and zoning revisions (48th Street and 70th Avenue)
- CPA 08-02 – Land Use Element – Updates to Developable Lands, Housing and Employment Capacities
- CPA 08-03 – Sustainable Development Goals & Policies
- CPA 08-04 – Updates to the Housing Element
- CPA 08-05 – Updates to the Parks Element
- CPA 08-06 – Capital Facilities Element – Updates to transportation, parks, school, and storm water

Public Testimony

Adriana Johnson, 6621 44th Street, presented the Council with an alternate proposal for amendment #CPA 08-01. The alternative is signed by several property owners. Proponents want some lots in the vicinity of Saddle Creek Loop rezoned from Industrial to Medium Density Residential (MDR) to retain residential character. The proposal also requests converting some parcels along 70th Avenue to Community Commercial (CC). Ms. Johnson said she's opposed to the rezone proposal.

David Johnson, 6621 44th Street, said he's opposed to warehouse development adjacent to his neighborhood.

Dave Roesch, 7614 and 7618 48th Street East, expressed opposition to the proposal to rezone his parcels from CC to Single Family Residential (SFR). Prior to purchasing the property in 2007, he said he met with City planners and discussed the potential of rezoning. At that time, City staff said there were no plans to rezone the land. A rezone will create economic impacts and will be detrimental to his retirement. He said he doesn't understand why Fife wants to rezone City-owned parcels from CC to SFR, as that action depreciates property value.

John Troope, 2401 David Court East, said the proposed rezone is actually a downzone. He spoke on how Mr. Roesch could create 2, two-acre parcels through a lot line adjustment. Subdividing the parcels into 9,000 square-foot single-family lots creates additional survey, engineering, and development related costs. Residential is not the best and highest use of the property. Mr. Troope spoke in

opposition of the proposed rezone.

Mr. Roesch reported he was not notified about the rezone until the 48th Street Local Improvement District (LID) was passed. He said if he had been aware of the rezone, he might not have voted in favor of the LID. His property is more valuable as CC.

Planner Pasinetti identified the location of Mr. Roesch's parcels on a map.

Allan Wallace, legal counsel, Waste Connections, asked the Council to support Acting Director Durham's request to continue the public hearing. The Waste Connection site is located on the southwest corner of Levee Road at 70th Street. The property contains a solid waste transfer station, an essential public facility. Waste Connections recently implemented stormwater improvements and voted in favor of the sewer LID. Mr. Wallace said he learned of the rezone when checking on the status of the LID. Waste Connections was provided a copy of the revised ordinance earlier in the day and would like an opportunity to work with the City Attorney and staff over the next two weeks to vet issues related to zoning compliance and planned improvements for the essential public facility.

Jemima McCallum, representing the property owner at 4512 70th Avenue East, stated she also learned of the rezone earlier. She voiced support for the Council continuing the public hearing. Ms. McCallum referred to prior rezoning of a client's three parcels from MFR to Industrial to achieve zoning conformity. The proposed zoning change is incompatible with what the property owner has attempted to achieve and what the Council approved a year ago. Industrial zoning is still appropriate for the parcels. The site contains natural buffers separating the properties from the adjacent residential community. A commercial designation does not make sense with heavy industrial development in the surrounding area. The current market will not support commercial development. The owners are relying on the industrial zoning the Council approved last year and oppose the rezone.

Steve McKeen, representing the property owner at 7704 48th Street E, identified the location of the parcel on a map. The site contains an existing small business. Expansion of the structure will require water and sewer utilities. Mr. McKeen said he was surprised to learn that the LID was approved, which stops just short of the property at 7704 48th Street East. The property owner was not contacted or notified. Even more surprising is the proposal to rezone from CC to SFR. A rezone prohibits the property owner from expanding his business. Mr. McKeen spoke in opposition to the rezone, which is contrary to what has been discussed with City staff over the last 18 months.

Bruce Valentine, Neil Walker Company, 3919 North Orchard, Tacoma, referred to the Richter land on 70th Street. He said he understands the neighbors' concerns living next door to industrial zoned land. The Richter property was zoned industrial before residential properties were developed. The owner has been

moving forward with a project based on the zoning. There is no other demand for the Richter land other than for industrial uses. Mr. Valentine said the Richter family is opposed to any rezone of the site.

Councilmember Godwin commented that there appears to be a great deal of miscommunication. Investments have been made based on previous conversations. He suggested removing CPA 08-01 from the 2008 docket and considering the amendment in the 2009 docket. He said he's perplexed by the proposed zoning changes.

Councilmember Hull asked citizens if they had been notified of the hearing before the Planning Commission. Acting Director Durham reported the public hearing was advertised. Property owners within 300 feet of any property proposed for rezone were notified of the public hearing. Councilmember Hull said he would like to remand the issue back to the Planning Commission.

The Council discussed the process to remove CPA 08-01 from the docket.

Councilmember Roscoe reported the Council is looking at how to buffer residential uses from industrial uses. The issue is the number of property owners who did not testify during the Commission's hearing. Councilmembers were not provided with copies of the Commission's meeting minutes. City Manager Worthington advised that staff can provide additional information concerning the public notification process. Councilmembers were provided with background materials approximately a month ago.

Councilmember Cerqui asked staff to provide copies of the Commission's meeting minutes and Findings of Fact prior to the next meeting.

Motion

Councilmember Hull moved, seconded by Councilmember Roscoe, to continue the public hearing to the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Councilmembers de Booy and Godwin thanked members of the public for attending the hearing. They encouraged them to attend the November 12, 2008 meeting.

Proposed 2009 Budget

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing at 8:06 p.m.

City Manager Worthington reported the Council has worked to establish goals and identify revenues and expenditures over the last nine months.

Director Marcotte reported state law requires the City to hold two public hearings prior to final adoption of the 2009 budget. The second public hearing is scheduled on November 12, 2008. The Council held the required revenue hearing and set the annual property tax levy on October 14, 2008. Adoption of the budget is scheduled during the November 25, 2008 meeting.

The preliminary budget totals approximately \$74.9 million. It includes planned

expenditures of \$50 million and ending fund balances of \$24.9 million. The budget is comprised of 22 separate funds. General fund tends to receive the most attention because it supports the City's basic activities. Total general fund resources are \$18.6 million.

Discussion ensued on the pros and cons of delaying adoption of the 2009 budget beyond November 25, 2009.

City Manager Worthington reported staff will continue to monitor revenue performances and adjust expenditures accordingly. With the exception of the general fund, the City's other funds are performing similar to prior years. General fund revenues are \$1.3 million less than those budgeted for 2008 and a reduction in services is required. Eight or more open positions within the City will be affected. There will be fewer police officers. The operating hours for the Fife Pool and Fife Community Center will be reduced.

Director Marcotte reported copies of the preliminary budget are available for public review at City Hall.

Public Testimony

Richard Garchow, Great American RV Center, 3801 20th Street, referred to conversations with City Manager Worthington on the market as it relates to the sale of automobiles, boats, and recreation vehicles (RVs). Businesses in Fife also have to make cutbacks. Washington's economy is better than other state economies in the nation.

Councilmember Hull suggested revising the proposed budget adoption schedule to include the second public hearing on November 12, 2008 with the first reading of the budget on November 25, 2008 and adoption of the budget scheduled for December 9, 2008. City Manager Worthington reported there is the likelihood of receiving new revenue data later in December. Another option is scheduling a special meeting for December 16, 2008. There were no objections from the Council for scheduling a December 16, 2008 special meeting, if required.

Councilmember Roscoe said she's unable to attend the December 9, 2008 meeting.

Councilmembers Brooks and de Booy expressed support for delaying adoption of the 2009 budget pending additional revenue data.

Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing 8:20 p.m.

Initiative 985

City Manager Worthington reported the Council expressed a desire to engage in a discussion on Initiative 985 (I-985) and potentially taking a position. He described how the proposal will affect the City's Red Light Photo Enforcement Program.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing at 8:21 p.m.

Public Testimony

Doug McDonald 902 North 79th, Seattle, spoke in opposition of I-985. Mr.

McDonald said he served as the Secretary of Transportation for the State of Washington for a number of years. The ballot proposal is bad for voters. Audit recommendations in Snohomish, King, and Pierce counties are not addressed in the initiative. A number of city councils in the state are taking positions of opposition to the measure. The initiative is not about traffic management. Its focus is directing revenues from red light enforcement cameras to a statewide traffic management account. In general, cities pay for the red light enforcement cameras. Over time, violations and revenues decrease because motorist behavior changes. Mr. Eyman argues that red light revenues are a “cash cow” for cities. The experience across the state demonstrates red light programs are valuable traffic safety tools. The second issue involves carpool lanes. HOV lanes are designed for relatively lighter traffic volumes. The initiative calls for a “free for all” general purpose lane for all but six hours a day with traffic distributed across all traffic lanes on I-5. He described the initial intent of HOV lanes, specifically to facilitate transit in some areas. Left-hand on and off ramps are a bad practice for general traffic. If the initiative passes, direct HOV lanes at 317th and seven other locations around Puget Sound will be closed except during peak periods because they can’t be safely operated as general purpose lanes as the measure requires. There are concrete safety implications to opening HOV lanes to general traffic. The lanes were designed for limited traffic volumes. The HOV lane system will deteriorate.

Mr. McDonald encouraged the Council to take a position against I-985, which will preserve the HOV system and traffic safety as well as preserving local control of revenues derived from red light enforcement camera program.

Discussion ensued on the *Good to Go!* electronic program and the SR 167 High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lane pilot project and how I-985 could impact tolls. Mr. McDonald shared statistics described in a recent *Tacoma News Tribune* article. Tolls are an effective way to finance and manage important changes in transportation.

There was no further public testimony.

Councilmember Brooks thanked Mr. McDonald for attending the meeting and for setting a new example at WSDOT while Secretary.

Chief Blackburn provided an overview on how the City’s red light enforcement program has created better intersections resulting in fewer accidents. Approximately 300 violations are issued weekly for the City’s newest intersection at 54th/20th. The program is working well for Fife.

Director Marcotte advised that the City has collected \$207,000 in revenues from the program to date. City Manager Worthington added that expenditures to date are approximately \$70,000. The revenues are dedicated to public safety programs.

Councilmember Godwin expressed opposition to I-985.

Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing at 8:50 p.m.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES

**#1684 2008
Comprehensive Plan
Amendments** Acting Director Durham asked the Council to continue Ordinance #1684, Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments, to the next meeting.

Motion **Councilmember Hull moved, seconded by Councilmember Roscoe, to table Ordinance #1684; 2008 Comprehensive Plan Amendments, to the Council's next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.**

ADOPT

#1683 48th Street LID Director Blount reported the Council approved first reading of Ordinance #1683 on October 14, 2008. Staff recommends adoption of the ordinance.

Motion **Councilmember Hull moved, seconded by Councilmember Roscoe, to approve Ordinance #1683; 48th Street LID.**

City Clerk/Finance Director Marcotte read the title of Ordinance #1683:

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, ordering certain sanitary sewer improvements on 70th Avenue East, south of 43rd Street East, and on 45th Street East, east of 70th Avenue East, and certain sanitary sewer, water and storm drainage improvements on 48th Street East, east of 70th Avenue East; establishing Local Improvement District No. 08-2 and ordering the carrying out of the proposed improvements; providing that payment for the improvements be made by special assessments on property in the district, payable by the mode of "Payment by Bonds"; and providing for the issuance and sale of Local Improvement District warrants redeemable in cash or other short-term financing and Local Improvement District bonds.

Councilmember Godwin said a number of citizens testifying on the rezone issue also provided comments concerning the LID. He indicated he will not support the LID and is uncomfortable voting on the ordinance until the City resolves the zoning issue.

Councilmember Cerqui expressed concerns on how the assessment will impact small landowners. He said he's also hesitant about approving the ordinance based on the testimony on the proposed rezone and will not support the motion.

Councilmember Brooks acknowledged Councilmember Godwin's comments. However, the rezone and LID are two separate issues. Approximately 73% of the

property owners are in favor of the LID. Fife is picking up a large portion of the construction costs and all of the costs for the storm drainage improvements. He expressed support for the motion.

Mayor Johnson expressed support for the LID. Utilities are necessary to serve benefitting properties regardless of how they develop. A majority of the property owners support the LID.

Motion

Motion carried. Councilmembers Godwin and Cerqui opposed.

**#1676 Chapter 18
Subdivision Code**

Acting Director Durham reported the Council approved first reading of Ordinance #1676 at the September 23, 2008 meeting. He reviewed revisions incorporated since that time to include the addition of a "Duration of Vesting" section. Vesting of a short plat is also referenced in Title 14 by the addition of section 14.11.020 (B). Staff recommends the Council approve second reading of the ordinance.

Motion

Councilmember Hull moved, seconded by Councilmember Roscoe, to approve second reading of Ordinance #1676; Chapter 18 Subdivision Code.

City Clerk/Finance Director Marcotte read the title of Ordinance #1676:

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fife, Washington, regarding divisions of land, adding new chapters 18.01, 18.03, 18.05, 18.07, and 18.09, amending chapter 18.48 and subsection 14.11.020(B) and repealing chapters 18.04, 18.08, 18.12, 18.16, 18.20, 18.24, 18.28, 18.32, 18.36, 18.40, and 18.44 and sections 18.48.020, 18.48.160, 18.48.180, 18.48.190, and 18.48.240.

Councilmember Hull expressed appreciation to Acting Director Durham for his hard work and sense of urgency concerning the ordinance.

Motion

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

**#1250 Pierce
Countywide Planning
Policies**

Motion

Councilmember Hull moved, seconded by Councilmember Roscoe, to approve Resolution #1250, Amendments to the Countywide Planning Policies.

City Clerk/Finance Director Marcotte read the title of Resolution #1250:

A resolution of the City of Fife, Washington, authorizing the City Manager to execute an interlocal agreement with Pierce County, thereby ratifying the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies as recommended by the Pierce County Regional Council.

Planner Pasinetti provided a summary of the process and amendments to the Countywide Planning Policies discussed at the Council's last study session. The Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) adopted *Vision 2040* during the general assembly. The vision is to accommodate 1.7 million people and 1.2 million jobs. The proposed amendments include adoption of the "Centers" designation. Centers are areas of concentrated employment and/or housing within urban growth areas (UGAs), which serve as the hubs of transit and transportation systems. Adoption of the policies is required by the Growth Management Act (GMA).

Motion

Motion carried. Councilmember Roscoe opposed.

**#1251 Award Contract
For Fife Public
Facilities Study**

Motion

Councilmember Hull moved, seconded by Councilmember Roscoe, to approve Resolution #1251, Award Contract for Public Facilities Study and Needs Assessment.

City Clerk/Finance Director Marcotte read the title of Resolution #1251:

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington authorizing the City Manager to negotiate an agreement with Driftmier Architects, PS, for a public facilities study and needs assessment.

City Manager Worthington reported the City issued a Request for Proposals (RFPs) to help the City plan for future maintenance and acquisition of capital facilities to meet its needs over the next 20 years. Thirteen responses were received. All firms were interviewed. Councilmember Godwin participated on the interview panel. The panel recommends awarding the contract to Driftmier Architects. The consultant developed a Scope of Work (SOW), which meets budget constraints. The cost of the contract will not exceed \$40,000.

Mr. Driftmier reviewed the major focus points of the study and needs assessment.

Councilmember Roscoe thanked Mr. Driftmier for attending the meeting. She expressed appreciation on the consultant selection process.

Councilmember de Booy asked if the Council will have an opportunity to review a draft master plan. Mr. Driftmier said the consultant will work with the Council, staff, and public in a work session format to obtain input. As the components come together, a written draft of identified needs will be presented to the Council prior to submittal of a final master plan.

City Manager Worthington added the subject is scheduled for discussion at the Council's November 18, 2008 study session. The Council will receive reports as

the project advances.

Mayor Johnson asked staff to develop a project timeline with key milestones.

Motion

Motion carried unanimously.

**#1252 Authorize K &
M Holding Right Of
Way**

Motion

Councilmember Hull moved, seconded by Councilmember Roscoe, to approve Resolution #1252; authorizing the purchase of a portion of tax parcel No. 0420074720 from K & M Holdings II, LLC for right-of-way, slope easement, and a temporary construction easement.

City Clerk/Finance Director Marcotte read the title of Resolution #1252:

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington authorizing the purchase of a portion of tax parcel No. 0420074720 from K & M Holdings II, LLC for right-of-way and a slope easement and temporary construction easement in lieu of condemnation.

Director Blount reported the purchase is required to complete reconstruction of the 70th Avenue East and Valley Avenue East intersection, which is part of the larger road improvement project. The City Attorney negotiated the purchase for the sum of \$111,540. The appraised value is \$11.50 per square foot. Staff recommends approval of Resolution #1252.

Motion

Motion carried unanimously.

**#1253 Traffic
Congestion Initiative
985**

Motion

Councilmember Hull moved, seconded by Councilmember Roscoe, to approve Resolution #1253; opposing Initiative 985.

City Clerk/Finance Director Marcotte read the title of Resolution #1253:

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington opposing Initiative Measure 985 on the November 4, 2008 general election ballot.

Councilmember Brooks commented negatively on the proposed initiative. Funds collected from the City's program fund public safety improvements. Additionally, the proposed 15% reduction in sales tax collected from the sale of new vehicles is likely to end up in the courts and it's likely the City will lose a tremendous revenue source.

Councilmember Cerqui agreed with the comments. Cities should be able to retain local funds.

Councilmember de Booy said she will support the motion.

Mayor Johnson said he supports statements offered by Mr. McDonald and is also opposed to the proposed initiative.

Motion

Motion carried unanimously.

**#1254 Approval Of
IAMAW Collective
Bargaining Unit
Agreement**

Motion

Councilmember Hull moved, seconded by Councilmember Roscoe, to approve Resolution #1254; ratifying the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAMAW) collective bargaining agreement.

City Clerk/Finance Director Marcotte read the title of Resolution #1254:

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington authorizing the City Manager to execute a collective bargaining agreement with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, AFL-CIO, District Lodge No. 160, Local Lodge No. 297 ("UNION").

City Manager Worthington reported staff received a signed copy of the bargaining agreement.

Councilmember Hull acknowledged the Council's prior steps to establish a reserve account to offer City employees a cost of living adjustment (COLA).

Motion

Motion carried unanimously.

**CITY MANAGER
REPORT**

City Manager Worthington reported on the following activities:

Former Councilmember and Planning Commissioner Dale Lindstead passed away last week. The City wished his family well and expressed its appreciation of Mr. Linstead's years of public service.

Colin Brooks, Recreation Program Manager, has accepted a position at McChord Air Force Base. Staff will provide Councilmembers with a youth parks and recreation report within the next month.

An open house is scheduled for November 19, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fife Community Center to seek input on establishing library service in Fife. A notice of

the meeting will be included in the utility bill mailing. An article will be posted in the *Fife Free Press*.

The contract between the City and the fire district providing services to Fife is expiring. Fire district representatives have requested a meeting with the Mayor and City Manager.

Staff will forward a letter from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding the National Incident Management System (NIMS) process to the Council.

**COUNCILMEMBER
COMMENTS**

Councilmember Godwin said it's apparent from the hearing that citizens were not involved in the proposed rezone process. He asked staff to explain how the 48th Street and 70th Avenue rezone progressed to this point without public involvement, as well as the purpose of the rezone. Councilmember Roscoe responded that a number of years ago the City explored the option of a rezone in conjunction with Pierce County's bridge project. Fife did not move forward at that point. The 48th Street/70th Avenue rezone was brought forward this year as a potential comprehensive plan amendment to obtain input from the community. She said she understood that Councilmember Godwin was opposed to that portion of the amendment docket. It's important to hear from property owners and community members as the City proceeds to full buildout. The Council was aware that the rezone was part of the docket of amendments at the beginning of the year.

Mayor Johnson added that Councilmember Godwin's concern is with the lack of public noticing. Staff has an opportunity to address that aspect between now and the next meeting.

Councilmember Godwin said a letter to property owners along the west side of 70th Avenue notifying them of the hearings would have been appropriate.

Councilmember Hull thanked the Puyallup Tribe for hosting the recent voters rally. It was impressive that Governor Gregoire, a U.S. Congressman, and several other state representatives, senators, and candidates for office also attended the event. He reported a streetlight is flickering on Anthem. He asked if an overlay of the street is planned after completion of the culvert project. Director Blount advised that a final overlay is part of the overall street project, which is scheduled for next year. The pothole will be repaired. Councilmember Hull thanked Councilmember Roscoe for hosting a pumpkin carving event over the weekend.

Councilmember Brooks said written notification to affected property owners should be part of the process for rezones. There were a number of people who testified that they just learned about the proposal.

Councilmember Cerqui said he's also surprised many property owners were not aware of the rezone prior to the public hearing.

Councilmember de Booy reminded citizens to vote on Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

Councilmember Roscoe stated her earlier comments concerning the rezone were not intended to be disrespectful to Councilmember Godwin. She said she wants to clarify to citizens that the Council was aware of the process. She agreed something was missed. She thanked Councilmember Hull for attending her family's pumpkin carving party. It's sad to hear about the passing of Dale Lindstead. She wished everyone a happy Halloween and encouraged everyone to vote.

Mayor Johnson thanked the Fife School District for hosting the voters rally at Columbia Junior High School. A grand reopening and ribbon-cutting event is planned for October 29, 2008 at Fife Flowers from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Barry D. Johnson, Mayor

Steve Marcotte, City Clerk/Finance Director

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