

FIFE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Fife City Hall
Council Chambers

Date: June 24, 2008
Time: 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Johnson convened an executive session at 6:35 p.m. for the purpose of Real Estate RCW 42.30.140 for approximately 20 minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Johnson adjourned the executive session at 7:04 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Johnson called the regular meeting of the Fife City Council to order at 7:07 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Richard Godwin, Barry Johnson, Glenn Hull, Butch Brooks, Rob Cerqui, Nancy de Booy, and Kim Roscoe.

Staff Present: Assistant City Manager Jim Reinbold; Finance Director Steve Marcotte; Public Works Director Russ Blount; Confidential Administrative Assistant Andrea Richards; City Attorney Loren Combs; Police Chief Brad Blackburn; Marketing Coordinator Laurel Potter; Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services (PRCS) Kurt Reuter; Community Development Director Carl Smith; Financial Analysis Dave DeGroot; Municipal Court Judge Kevin Ringus; Planner 1 Chris Pasinetti; and Recording Secretary Cheri Lindgren.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Brooks led the pledge of allegiance.

CHANGES, ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Item 6b, *New Employees*, was removed from the agenda. Resolution #1220 – *approving purchase of real property and easements from Georgine Salzmann for right-of-way and utilities purposes* - was added as item 9d. Additionally, an executive session will follow the regular meeting.

Motion

Councilmember Godwin moved, seconded by Councilmember Roscoe, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mike Seeger, 5121 Pacific Highway East, shared an idea for acquiring a locomotive to accompany the caboose, which would help stimulate tourism in Fife. He volunteered to partner with the City, Fife Historical Society, hoteliers, the City, Fife Chamber of Commerce, and other local businesses willing to donate funds to purchase a locomotive currently available. Estimated total for the locomotive is about \$90,000. He suggested working with Councilmembers and City staff over the next two weeks to discuss the idea.

The Council voiced no objections with Mr. Seeger contacting Councilmembers and staff to discuss the concept.

Phil Waldner, President, Fife Towing, Fife Recovery Service, Northwest Towing, and Northwest Equipment Sales and Service, responded to Kenny and Karen Robinson Nieto's recent experience with Fife Towing as reported at the Council's May 27, 2008 meeting. Mr. Waldner indicated he responded in writing to the City Manager. He confirmed the Nieto's vehicle was impounded because Ms. Nieto did not initially have any identification. Ms. Nieto had indicated that her proof of

**Tall Ships Grand
Drawing**

Coordinator Potter announced Walt's Car Show, which will be held on Sunday, June 29, 2008 at Dacca Park.

Coordinator Potter asked the Council to forward any ticket requests by June 27, 2008, as well as advising of any interest in assisting at the City's Tall Ships booth. She introduced Claire Petrich, Port of Tacoma.

Ms. Petrich reported 31 tall ships are sailing from California to Victoria. Ships will arrive at Foss Waterway on July 3, 2008. Volunteers have been selected and trained. Boarding passes are on sale. Visitors will receive a passport and can have their passports stamped when visiting the ships. The City was an early event sponsor and will lead the parade aboard the Lady Washington on July 3. She thanked Fife for its support.

Ms. Petrich selected the final two drawing winners from the treasure box. Sharon Belouski won two VIP tickets to the viewing area. Marina Baker won the grand prize drawing of two tickets for a sailing trip led by the Lady Washington.

Assistant City Manager Reinbold reported there are a limited number of tickets available to Council, staff, and the public. Supplemental information was provided to the Council.

**Water Efficiency
Standards**

Director Blount reported Fife currently experiences 15% unaccounted water loss, part of which can be attributed to wasted irrigation water. Separately metered commercial irrigation accounts for 23% of the total water used in the City. One program to assist in meeting water efficiency goals identified in the draft Comprehensive Water System Plan is rain/moisture sensors for existing commercial irrigation customers. Fife will provide the sensors and install the units free of charge for commercial customers. Staff will return at a later date with a draft ordinance requiring the installation of rain/moisture sensors for all new irrigation systems (commercial and residential).

Councilmember Roscoe asked about steps the City is taking to ensure the City's sprinkler heads are aligned correctly to avoid watering sidewalks. Director Blount replied that the department initiated maintenance improvements with the expansion of staff capacity.

Councilmember de Booy suggested checking sprinkler heads when conducting mowing and maintenance activities in City parks and facilities.

Councilmember Hull asked whether residential customers will receive free rain/moisture sensors as well. Director Blount reported the current program is targeted only to commercial customers.

Councilmember Hull asked about the responsibility of maintaining sprinkler heads at the Radiance subdivision. Director Blount replied the Radiance Homeowners Association (HOA) is responsible for maintenance. He said he will follow up with the HOA.

Mayor Johnson asked about the cost of the rain/moisture sensors and whether staff has examined off-season irrigation usage. Director Blount said the cost is \$500, which has been budgeted. Saving water during other months of the year helps reserve groundwater for use during the drier summer months. He reviewed water conservation goals.

Mayor Johnson asked whether low flow showerheads are required in new development. Director Blount replied that they are now required.

COUNCIL DELEGATE REPORT

Councilmember Hull reported on his attendance to the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) annual conference last week along with Mayor Johnson, City Manager Worthington, and former Councilmember Cory Edwards.

Councilmember Brooks reported he met with leaders from the Senate Transportation Committee recently and discussed funding issues facing cities. He also attended the Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) meeting last week. PCRC staff briefed attendees on buildable lands issues. The cities of Puyallup, Sumner, and Edgewood presented an idea for a potential regional Sound Transit commuter facility. Attendees learned about a potential stimulus package to fund transportation projects of regional significance.

Councilmember de Booy said she attended a reception for the Tacoma Pierce County Visitor Convention Bureau (TPCVCB). The TPCVCB published a new book showcasing surrounding communities. Fife is not reflected on the map. Councilmember de Booy said she will follow up on why Fife was not included.

Mayor Johnson reported he attended the AWC conference. One vendor was promoting a software package to assist municipalities in tracking citizen complaints.

PUBLIC HEARING

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Director Blount reported Fife is required to update its Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) annually. He referred to a map and a spreadsheet detailing the proposed project budgets. A significant new project is the 66th Avenue East/26th Street East arterial connection identified as priority #6 on the spreadsheet. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the TIP.

Mayor Johnson opened and closed the public hearing at 7:51 p.m. There were no public comments.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTIONS

#1197 Authorize

City Clerk/Finance Director Marcotte read the title of Resolution #1197:

**Transportation
Improvement
Program (TIP)**

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, adopting the 2009 to 2014 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program.

Director Blount reported the top five priorities have not changed. The TIP introduces the creation of a new 66th Avenue East connection as priority 6. The proposed new roadway alignment was identified on a map. The Council approved including the project in the comprehensive plan last fall.

The top five priorities were reviewed:

1. Valley Avenue E Reconstruction 70th to Freeman
2. 70th Avenue E Reconstruction – 70th to Valley
3. 20th Street E Reconstruction – 54th to Brookville Gardens
4. Reconstruction of 34th Avenue E and 12th Street East
5. Valley Avenue E Reconstruction – West Segment

Councilmember Hull asked for identification of projects fully funded and ready for construction. Director Blount reported the top three projects are funded and scheduled for construction. He described the current status of the three projects. Councilmember Hull commented that there are 47 projects identified in the TIP of which three are fully funded.

Councilmember Cerqui conveyed that he is pleased that the new connection – 66th Avenue E to 26th Street E – is proposed for inclusion in the TIP.

In response to a request from Councilmember de Booy, Director Blount reviewed when the top three projects are anticipated for construction and completion.

Councilmember Roscoe expressed appreciation for receipt of the map and legend.

Director Blount commented that projects 2 and 3 should read, “70th Avenue E Reconstruction – 20th to Valley” and “20th Street E Reconstruction - 54th to 63rd”, respectively.

Motion

Councilmember Roscoe moved, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, to approve Resolution #1197; Authorize Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Mayor Johnson reported the 47 projects will cost approximately \$123 million. The first 16 are located throughout the City. He asked about the status of connections to facilitate priority 13, “Pedestrian Trail” scheduled for 2011. Director Reuter replied legal staff is contacting property owner for a connection from the “Triangle” property to Frank Albert Parkway. Mayor Johnson expressed interest in having the trail sections constructed and completed.

Motion

Motion carried unanimously.

**#1218 Authorize
Purchasing Material
70th Avenue/Wapato
Creek Culvert
Replacement**

Director Blount reported the 70th/Valley Avenue corridor project requires the removal of an existing culvert over Wapato Creek to accommodate the future widening of 70th Avenue East. Preordering the culverts will facilitate installation during the summer fish window between July and September. The City advertised for bids. United Vault submitted the low bid in the amount of \$180,479.62. Staff recommends the Council authorize the purchase of the box culvert materials.

City Clerk/Finance Director Marcotte read the title of Resolution #1218:

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, authorizing the City Manager to order concrete box culvert from Oldcastle Precast Inc. dba United Vault for the culvert replacement over Wapato Creek on 70th Avenue East.

Motion

Councilmember Brooks moved, seconded by Councilmember Roscoe, to approve Resolution #1218; Authorize Purchasing Material 70th Avenue/Wapato Creek Culvert Replacement.

Councilmember Brooks said purchasing the culvert box materials will advance the 70th Avenue East project this season.

Discussion ensued on the need for night and/or weekend delivery. Director Blount explained the construction will be bid to permit a three-day weekend road closure to accommodate construction of the road. Councilmember Roscoe asked about additional costs associated with night and/or weekend delivery. Director Blount replied that it is approximately 2%-5% of the total bid. Routine delivery will be encouraged; however, completing the installation over a weekend or at night reduces impacts to motorists and the project can be completed more efficiently.

Councilmember Brooks asked how many segments are involved. Director Blount said there are 13 segments. Councilmember Brooks asked if the weekend delivery line item is in addition to the \$500 per segment or in lieu of. Director Blount replied that it is in lieu of.

Councilmember Hull said the City could save some costs by closing the road for an extended period of time rather than only a weekend. The Puyallup Tribe has a levee project on the west side of North Levee Road that will also impact Fife citizens. Director Blount explained the Wapato Creek culvert construction details will be reviewed with the contractor next week. Delivery options will be presented to the Council for a decision. A weekend street closure is necessary to complete the work. A reduced price option is offering the contractor a two-week street closure.

Councilmember de Booy supported completing the installation of the culvert in a timely and efficient manner.

Motion

Motion carried unanimously.

#1219 Accept 23rd Street/54th Avenue Signal as Complete

Director Blount said the traffic signal is located at the intersection of 54th Avenue East and 23rd Street East. A final inspection of the work by Signal Electric, Inc., determined the work on the project is complete and the final punch list is cleared. The project was completed \$17,000 under budget. Staff recommends approval of Resolution #1219.

City Clerk/Finance Director Marcotte read the title of Resolution #1219:

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, accepting the contract construction work for installation of the 23rd Street East/54th Avenue East traffic signal with Signal Electric, Inc. as complete.

Motion

Councilmember Roscoe moved, seconded by Councilmember Cerqui, to approve Resolution #1219; Accept 23rd Street/54th Avenue Signal as Complete.

Councilmember Roscoe said she's pleased and proud of the underlying enhancements to improve the City's walkability.

Councilmember Cerqui said the signal is a great addition to Fife.

Councilmember de Booy appreciated that the project was completed under budget.

Motion

Motion carried unanimously.

#1220 Approving Purchase of Real Property and Easements from Georgine Salzmänn for Right-of-Way and Utilities Purposes

Director Blount referred to a map of the location and identified the right-of-way and construction easements required to replace an existing culvert over Wapato Creek and for the future railroad grade separation over the UPRR tracks. The required property totals 12,000 square feet. The sale agreement negotiated a purchase price of \$141,000 for the rights-of-way and easements. A proper appraisal was completed and reviewed. Ms. Salzmänn, the property owner, has accepted the offer. Staff recommends approval of Resolution #1220.

City Clerk/Finance Director Marcotte read the title of Resolution #1220:

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, approving the agreement with Georgine Salzmänn to purchase real property and easements for right-of-way and utilities purposes.

Motion

Councilmember Roscoe moved, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, to approve Resolution #1220; Approving Purchase of Real Property and Easements from Georgine Salzmänn for Right-of-Way and Utilities Purposes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Community Mixed Use Zone Street Standards

Director Smith reviewed the background and process to create a new pedestrian-oriented arterial for the Community Mixed Use (CMU) zone along 20th Street between 54th and 70th Avenues. The Council considered the idea at its April 15, 2008 study

session. A notice was prepared and mailed to all property owners within the 20th Street corridor. A community meeting was held on May 21, 2008. The same graphic used for the community meeting was presented. Property owners along the corridor generally support the pedestrian oriented downtown concept.

Director Smith provided a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed the Council's vision for 20th Street East along with adopted ordinances supporting the vision.

The street section is critical for creating a pedestrian-friendly corridor. A drawing of Fife's current minor arterial street standard and a proposed pedestrian-oriented street design concept were displayed. Slides illustrating the new design along various sections of the 20th Street corridor (54th and the Fife pool, 58th Avenue, 62nd Avenue, 70th Avenue, and Mayfair Condominiums) were provided. On-street parking is not planned at intersections to provide ample space for turn movements. Corner bulb-outs are proposed to promote pedestrian safety and as traffic calming devices. A signal is proposed at the 62nd /20th intersection. A center turn lane is planned along a section of 70th Avenue to serve Mayfair residents.

Discussion ensued on the concept related to a project proposed beyond Mayfair and in the vicinity of the 66th Avenue intersection. Director Blount said left-turn pockets are planned at the intersection. On-street parking is envisioned between Mayfair and east of 66th with a left-turn lane onto 66th.

Director Smith emphasized the importance for pedestrians to feel safe and comfortable. He displayed a bar chart illustrating a pedestrian's chance of death if hit by a motor vehicle at vehicle speeds of 20, 30, and 40 MPH. Elements used to promote a pedestrian-friendly school zone were reviewed. He shared slides of examples of on-street parking, bulb-outs, comfort features for providing social gatherings, informational kiosks, and how to create points of interest. Operational factors related to traffic (speed, delay) and safety were highlighted. An analysis completed by David Evans and Associates concludes that on-street parking will slow traffic slightly, which is safer for cars and pedestrians, but will modestly increase traffic delays. Director Smith noted the proposed street section will provide more than an adequate lane width for emergency vehicles.

The proposed pedestrian-oriented street design is not anti-auto. Pedestrians are the priority. Traffic will be slower and safer for schoolchildren, pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. Downtown areas with on-street parking are generally more attractive, aesthetically pleasing, and encourages pedestrian activity.

Mayor Johnson complimented staff on the presentation. The project is consistent with the Council's vision for the 20th Street corridor.

Motion

Councilmember Roscoe moved, seconded by Councilmember Cerqui, to direct staff to draft an ordinance to amend Fife Municipal Code (FMC) 12.20.070 to include the "downtown" pedestrian-oriented arterial for the CMU zone.

Councilmember Roscoe asked whether surrounding cities regulate what is and isn't allowed on sidewalks. Director Smith indicated those types of regulations will be addressed at a later date.

Councilmember Cerqui expressed support for the proposed street standards and conveyed interest in having the standards implemented in other areas of the City in the future. He asked staff about citizen feedback on the proposal. Director Smith replied feedback obtained during the community meeting was generally positive.

Mayor Johnson added he and Councilmember Hull were also present at the community meeting, which was well attended. The business community and property owners are supportive. Residents expressed concerns regarding turning movements and access to 20th Street.

Councilmember Hull shared a different perspective. Sixty-third Avenue residents are opposed to the concept and will be significantly impacted by the project. He asked if staff reached out to the entire community. Director Smith replied that a notice was published in the *Fife Flyer* and a mailing was sent to all 20th Street corridor property owners. Councilmember Hull said the proposal affects the entire City and not just the property owners along 20th Street. He said he doesn't support moving the proposal forward to an ordinance and would like the City to engage in outreach activities with the larger community and host additional community meetings to solicit input on how the citizens would like to see 20th Street developed.

Councilmember Brooks commented that change is often difficult. He supported moving forward with the concepts as presented. The Community Development and Public Works Departments and the Planning Commission have worked diligently to develop the proposed standards. The concepts are consistent with the Council's vision for 20th Street and the CMU zone. The area will change regardless of how the street develops. The project will ultimately benefit property owners. There will be additional opportunities to solicit public input when an ordinance is scheduled for a public hearing. Fife residents want to change the way the community is perceived. The project represents a positive change, will help develop a sense of community, and supports creating a walkable City.

Councilmember de Booy said she's excited and will support the project, which will help build community. She expressed appreciation for staff's work and that of the Planning Commission. It's important to plan for the future.

Public Comment

PK McLean, Fife Regional Chamber of Commerce, referred to a reconfiguration project for Lake Washington Boulevard through Kirkland involving the removal of two travel lanes. Lake Washington Boulevard was one of the busiest streets in Kirkland. The modified street configuration is nearly identical to staff's proposal. Kirkland's modification created fewer accidents and vehicle speeds were reduced.

Ms. McLean responded to Councilmember Hull's comments about public outreach and noted there was a lengthy visioning process that took place two years ago. The

community at-large offered input in addition to 20th Street property owners. The visioning meetings were well attended. The community is on board with the development of 20th for CMU. She asked whether the City plans to enforce on-street parking limits along 20th Street. Director Smith advised that enforcement of on-street parking will be considered at a future date.

Ms. McLean asked staff to evaluate the type of street trees that will best serve the corridor. She commended the Council and staff for developing a vision for 20th Street. It is exciting to talk about a downtown core in Fife.

John O'Brien, representing Robinson Engineers, said the organization commends the City on the steps it's taking to develop the 20th Street corridor. The road improvements as proposed will help promote multi-modal opportunities, minimize conflicts, provide for long-term transportation needs, and are consistent with adopted policies. Mr. O'Brien said he's worked on similar projects in two different jurisdictions. The improvements have revitalized specific areas and economic benefits have been achieved. There will be a need to solicit additional public input as the design and the project moves forward. Robinson Engineers looks forward to working with members of the community, the Council, and staff on the completion of the design.

Dave Boytano, 63rd Avenue, acknowledged there are mixed emotions related to change. The goal is to ensure a positive outcome. He said he likes the direction of the project that will assist in creating a nice environment. He asked whether the improvements will end at 63rd and continue as new development occurs. Mr. Boytano said he owns the property and asked that the City consider addressing the gap as part of the proposal. A major portion of developable land has stormwater issues. A stormwater system is needed to enable the feasibility of future development.

Director Smith said the current project ends at 63rd. Future development to include Portside and the KSS office building projects will be required to construct frontage improvements consistent with City standards.

Mayor Johnson shared that the project is long overdue and one that the Council has been working on for some time. Members of the community have expressed a desire for more retail services rather than warehouse uses. He agreed residents along 63rd Avenue have expressed concerns at the community meeting. The improvements will enhance residential property values and benefit the City as a whole.

Councilmember Roscoe said the Council has an opportunity to shape the future development of Fife. If the proposed concept does not move forward, current standards will govern future development, which could have greater negative impacts on residents.

Councilmember Hull emphasized he supports the project; however, staff can do a better job of communicating with Fife citizens. One community meeting with limited notification doesn't suffice. It's important that all citizens buy into City projects. He

suggested that in the future City staff reach out to the citizens based on where they live rather than making residents speak on TV or at a community hall meeting.

Motion

Motion carried. Councilmember Hull opposed.

**CITY MANAGER
REPORT**

Assistant City Manager Reinbold shared that City staff is excited that the Tall Ships event is in Fife again this year.

The annual report has been distributed to local news media and residents. City Manager Worthington will provide the Council with a PowerPoint presentation at a future meeting.

Proposals for the grocery store are due by July 18, 2008 and not July 7, 2008, as published.

The Fife swimming pool is now open following a two-week maintenance exercise.

The PCRS summer recreation program is nearly full.

A Pontiac Prescription Drug Disposal (P2D2) presentation is scheduled for July 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Columbia Junior High School Performing Arts Center.

**COUNCILMEMBER
COMMENTS**

Councilmember Hull reported on the following:

- He responded to a citizen's inquiry concerning construction trucks on the west side of 54th Avenue. The Puyallup Indian Tribe is engaged in a \$6 million ring levee renovation project to improve restoration and fish habitat.
- He commended the Police and Fire Departments for responding to a potential disaster in Radiance. A yard fire occurred at the far northwest corner of the development that could have consumed the home. The emergency call was placed at 4:17 p.m. Crews were on scene and extinguishing the fire within five minutes.
- He invited citizens to stop by the City's Tall Ships booth on Saturday, July 5 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. to discuss any issues of concern.
- Paul Ritter is scheduled to speak at the P2d2 presentation. He commended the *Fife Free Press* for its excellent article concerning the prescription drug disposal program.

Councilmember Brooks said neighborhood residents will appreciate the City placing the new speed trailer on 48th Street for a short period of time.

Councilmember de Booy conveyed that she is also available to answer citizen questions at the City's Tall Ships booth on Saturday morning.

Councilmember Roscoe reported on her family's enjoyment of the Fife pool and swimming lessons. The family restroom has been well received. She asked whether the City plans to restripe crosswalks along 20th Street. Director Blount affirmed there

are plans for restriping.

Mayor Johnson reported the City received the 2008 AWC *WellCity Award* for the second year in a row. He thanked City staff for a job well done.

Mayor Johnson said the issue of prescription drug disposal is a regional issue. Prescriptions are typically flushed down the toilet and end up in groundwater. Governor Gregoire was formally invited to attend the event. He encouraged citizens to attend the presentation at Columbia Junior High School.

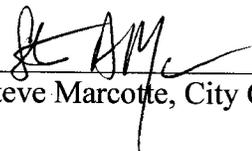
**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Mayor Johnson convened an executive session at 9:25 p.m. for the purpose of potential litigation for approximately 30 minutes. No action will follow the executive session.

**RECONVENE/
ADJOURNMENT**

With there being no further business, Mayor Johnson reconvened and adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m.



Barry Johnson, Mayor

Steve Marcotte, City Clerk/Finance Director