

**FIFE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**Fife City Hall
Council Chambers**

**Date: July 8, 2008
Time: 7:00 p.m.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION **Mayor Johnson convened an executive session at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of Real Estate and Potential Litigation RCW 42.30.140 for approximately 20 minutes.**

ADJOURNMENT **Mayor Johnson adjourned the executive session at 6:50 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER AND
ROLL CALL** Mayor Johnson called the regular meeting of the Fife City Council to order at 7:01 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Richard Godwin, Glenn Hull, Butch Brooks, Barry Johnson, Rob Cerqui, Nancy de Booy, and Kim Roscoe.

Staff present: City Manager Steve Worthington, Assistant City Manager Jim Reinbold, Finance Director Steve Marcotte, Public Works Director Russ Blount, City Attorney Gregory Amann, Municipal Court Judge Kevin Ringus, Parks and Recreation Director Kurt Reuter, Community Development Director Carl Smith, Police Chief Brad Blackburn, Marketing Coordinator Laurel Porter, Confidential Administrative Assistant Andrea Richards, Financial Analyst Dave DeGroot, Planner I Chris Pasinetti, and Recording Secretary Valerie Gow.

**PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE** Councilmember Hull led the pledge of allegiance.

**CHANGES, ADDITIONS
OR DELETIONS TO
AGENDA** **Councilmember Hull moved, seconded by Mayor Johnson, to add a discussion on the P2D2 Program recap under new business. Motion carried.**

CITIZEN COMMENTS **Carol Sue Brighton, 2410 Barry Lane East, spoke about her concerns with the City Council, City Manager, and planners attempting to move the known location of the City's center from 54th Avenue and Pacific Highway to 20th Avenue and 70th. She spoke about the City's attempt to secure a national grocery store and that national chains are unwilling to purchase local produce from Fife farmers, which is a way to force farmers out of business.**

Ms. Brighton complained about the lack of transit bus service and that the City Council hasn't done anything in 17 years to provide transit service. Transit is supposed to be in close proximity to urban development.

The City Council also knowingly and willingly allowed with malice and forethought people to build in a floodplain. She said the entire area has flooded and that the Council allowed houses to be built in the area. She

said she is concerned. She referred to mitigation on people's property using the drainage law, which the Council cannot do. She complained about the actions of the Council pertaining to 20th Avenue by adding more congestion. She said adding housing such as multi-family dwellings and single family housing has recklessly endangered citizens. The Council's predecessors have never supported the agriculture community. She accused the Council of jeopardizing farmers and the food source and suggested the Council should visit the Poodle Dog Restaurant to hear what citizens are saying about the Council.

Councilmember Brooks called for point of order and conveyed to Ms. Braaten his displeasure at having to listen to her complain at each Council meeting. He suggested Ms. Braaten should consider positive actions rather than insulting the Council at each meeting.

Mayor Johnson advised Ms. Braaten that there are numerous ways to become involved if she doesn't agree with the direction of the City.

Pat Hulcey, Fife Historical Museum, invited everyone to attend the exhibit on the history of the Fife Fire Department.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes: June 24, 2008 Council Meeting
- b. Approval of Vouchers:
Payroll:#44651-44697 \$245,217.30
Claim: #72927-73074 \$516,224.30
- c. Set a Special Meeting for July 15, 2008 Study Session.

Motion

Councilmember de Booy moved, seconded by Councilmember Roscoe, to approve the consent calendar as presented. Motion carried.

Councilmember de Booy commented on the process the Council undertakes through a Council committee to review all vouchers prior to approval of payment.

Mayor Johnson acknowledged the recent death of former Mayor Mike Kelley's father, Bill Kelley. Bill Kelley was 100 years old. Councilmember Cerqui shared information about Bill Kelley and how he was instrumental in the original development of the City to include installation of the first municipal well and infrastructure. A moment of silence was observed for the loss of Mr. Kelley.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Tall Ships Recap

Marketing Coordinator Potter provided a recap and photo presentation on

the Tall Ships event and the City's sponsorship of the Lady Washington held July 3-7, 2008. The City of Fife distributed approximately 9,500 City of Fife tattoos during the event. Fife's sponsorship resulted in many tickets, some of which were offered to local hotels for visitors. The City received many tickets to events and hosted a private party.

Walt's Family Affair Car Show Recap

Marketing Coordinator Potter reported over 1,000 people attended the car show at Dacca Park on June 29, 2008. The car show was the second annual car show in Fife. Over 250 special interest vehicles were on display during the car show. Seven vendor booths provided concessions. Coordinator Potter shared some photo highlights of the event.

City Manager Worthington shared a letter the City received from the Walt Family complimenting Marketing Coordinator Potter and the City's efforts and attention to detail in coordinating the car show.

City of Fife 2007 Annual Report

City Manager Worthington presented the 2007 City of Fife Annual Report. The report was recently distributed through the *Fife Free Press* and is available at Fife City Hall.

City Manager Worthington's presentation included a review of the City of Fife Mission Statement, Fife City Council Members during 2007, Golden Jubilee year-long activities, population change during the last four years, and a summary of activity during 2007 for the following City departments:

- Community Development Department
- Parks & Recreation & Community Services
- Municipal Court
- Finance and Administrative Services
- Police Department
- Public Works Department

Notable accomplishments in 2007 included:

- City turning 50 "Golden Jubilee" year-long events
- Brookville Gardens Parks & Recreation Director Reuter Pool remodel with the Tribe's help
- Destruction of Kingdom Inn, a former site of much criminal activity.
- 20th Street construction
- Building height increase
- 1-5 Port of Tacoma Road Ramp Widened

City Manager Worthington reported the annual report provides value by

documenting how much the City has accomplished as well as experiencing some significant changes. The Council has moved the vision forward and the City has changed. He referred to the opening of the time capsule of 1982 and the burial of the next time capsule to be opened in 2032.

City Manager Worthington thanked the Council for providing leadership and staff for their efforts and support.

Mayor Johnson thanked department directors for their efforts during the year.

COUNCIL DELEGATE REPORT

Councilmember Cerqui reported on his attendance to the car show and the Tall Ships event. He expressed appreciation to staff for their work and to the organizers of the Tall Ships event. He also attended the P2D2 Program.

Councilmember de Booy said she attended the Tall Ships event and also staffed the City's exhibit booth, which provided an opportunity to share information on the City and receive input from citizens. She also attended the P2D2 Program.

Councilmember Roscoe said she attended the Tall Ships event. She commented on the kid's area which included different activities, such as treasure maps, activities, and stamps.

Mayor Johnson commented on the wonderful opportunity for the community the Tall Ships event provided. There are many volunteer opportunities on many of the ships, especially for young people. One of the schooners caters to girl scout troupes, which is a good experience for young people.

Mayor Johnson referred to previous comments about the City's floodplain. Through the City's leadership on the issue, a task force is forming and the City of Fife will be an active member including the Mayor to develop some solutions.

PUBLIC HEARING

Authorize Community Mixed Use Zone Street Standards

Director Smith reported the public hearing is on Ordinance #1674 for adopting a pedestrian-oriented minor arterial standard to help implement a more pedestrian-oriented downtown area. The proposed arterial design is another step in much work that has preceded the proposal as well as meeting the Council's vision for a more pedestrian-oriented downtown for the City of Fife.

Director Smith reviewed previous community, Planning Commission, and Council meetings on the proposed change.

The new arterial will include two travel lanes, two bike lanes, two 8-foot parking aisles, one 5-foot planter area with street trees in grates, and a sidewalk.

Director Smith advised that it is anticipated that there will be an increase in cost of the street on 20th Avenue because of additional concrete and design elements.

Councilmember de Booy asked staff to provide an example of another street or community that is similar to the proposed street improvements. Director Smith referred to Poulsbo as an example of what Fife is trying to achieve. Another example is downtown Puyallup with street art and buildings set close to the sidewalk with awnings as well as landscaping features.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing at 8:00 p.m.

Public Testimony

Monica Adams, Pierce Transit, 1851 SW 304th Street, Federal Way, spoke on behalf of Pierce Transit and the importance of pedestrian enhancements as each transit trip begins and ends as a pedestrian. 20th Street is a major corridor through Fife and very few of the bus stops have passenger amenities, such as benches, shelters, etc. Pierce Transit is interested in partnering with the City to ensure existing bus stops are improved. Pierce Transit would like to contribute up to \$1,000 for each bus stop location for a shelter foundation as well as a bench or shelter at each of the locations.

Diane Evans, 37612 18th Place South, Federal Way, Tacoma Pierce County Health Department, said she co-chairs the Healthy Eating and Active Living Coalition of Pierce County. Activity is a factor in many diseases including obesity, diabetes, heart disease, and stroke. When streets are designed and operated to incorporate all users – pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit users of all ages and abilities, residents are more likely to reach their recommended daily physical activity levels. The Board of Health recently passed a complete streets resolution and is asking Pierce County municipalities to adopt and implement complete street policies. The proposed ordinance is a great step towards that goal. The Department of Health applauds the Council for its direction in creating a more pedestrian-oriented downtown. She thanked the Council for their leadership in improving the health of residents.

Norm Wice, 6824 20th Street East, said he's attended many of the

meetings and agrees with the proposal. The 20th Street corridor must be completed. The City of Fife has evolved from a farming community to an industrial area. The City is finally becoming a city. The key to the success of the City is the improvements and design of 20th Street to make it pedestrian-friendly and an area that will attract visitors from other areas. Mr. Wice commented on the efforts of staff, Planning Commissioners, and the City in its negotiations with Portside. Portside originally backed off from what it originally proposed and agreed to build a development that fits within the corridor. The development and street improvements will be a benefit to the community.

Jeffrey Brown, 6754 Anthem Street E, said he supports the proposed improvements for 20th Street as it will improve accessibility and increase the corridor's pedestrian-friendliness. He noted as a Fife Planning Commissioner, much work was invested in the development of the standards.

David Boitano, 3304 Sound View Drive, University Place, expressed support of the proposed action as it sets the course for what the City of Fife is trying to accomplish in terms of improving an environment and structure that encourages development. One of the parallel items the Council needs to address is the compensatory storage issue so that it's feasible to develop within the zone. The Council needs to develop some solutions in terms of development. Another aspect is the City's consideration for a library. In terms of the zone, a library would be a magnet in attracting pedestrians. He encouraged the Council to address the gap along the corridor between 63rd and Portside.

Carole Sue Braaten, 2410 Barry Lane East, commented on her support for improvements to the State Route. She said she doesn't agree with adding more congestion along the state route because it is an escape route from the valley. She asked the Council to consider that aspect in terms of the safety of citizens. She said she supports pedestrian paths. She complained about the lack of transit service and the lack of adequate service hours. She asked the Council to reconsider its action for the safety of its citizens.

Gerald Albertson, 7911 50th Street East, supported the proposed ordinance for improving 20th Street. The step is an important action in the overall process of what the City is trying to accomplish in the area of the 20th Street corridor.

Jim Call said he is a Planning Commissioner and supports the development of the pedestrian-oriented commercial district. Similar actions have been completed across the country in small and larger towns.

There is a need for a City center.

Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing at 8:15 p.m.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES

#1674 Authorize Community Mixed Use Zone Street Standards

City Clerk/Finance Director Marcotte read the title of Ordinance #1674:

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fife, Washington, amending Fife Municipal Code Section 12.20.070 regarding street standards for minor arterials.

Motion

Councilmember Roscoe moved, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, to approve Ordinance No. 1674; Authorize Community Mixed Use Zone Street Standards.

Councilmember Roscoe commented on how I-5 severed the center of Fife. She referred to a conversation with her nephew concerning the City's downtown and the times they have spent visiting other community centers. Currently, there is no community center for Fife on the south side of I-5. She expressed support of the ordinance.

Councilmember Brooks said the ordinance is a good step in the right direction for creating a community center. He expressed appreciation to Council, staff, and the Planning Commission for their time and efforts as well as citizens who have testified in either support or nonsupport of the proposal.

Councilmember Godwin said it's important to consider the regional stormwater pond because without the facility, development along the corridor will be nearly impossible. Developers instead will have to factor stormwater retainment into their development proposal, which reduces buildable area. The City needs to initiate the system for transporting stormwater from the area into a regional storm facility. He suggested the Council should also begin planning for the gap before waiting for the area to develop.

Councilmember Hull acknowledged his stern comments to staff at the last meeting. He said often when being proactive, mistakes often occur, and that it's a lesson to be learned. He said he appreciates citizens who spoke on the issue. He said he supports the project.

Councilmember Cerqui said he supports the proposal. He thanked

Planning Commissioners for their work and citizens who testified. He commented positively about Pierce Transit's offer to improve bus stops along the corridor. The design standard will help create a sense of community. He thanked staff for their work. He agreed the City needs to consider the regional stormwater facility.

Councilmember de Booy commented positively on the proposal. She said she was on a steering committee several years ago in terms of discussions to prompt action in the community to develop a community-based area. Fife is known as a wellness city and has received several wellness awards recognizing the City's efforts. The corridor would also be a good location for a library. She commented on the civic end of the corridor and that in the future, improvements along the corridor will anchor both ends and enable citizens and employees to utilize services and retail stores as they develop along the corridor.

Mayor Johnson said the action will contribute to a livable and walkable community. He thanked citizens for testifying and staff for their efforts.

Motion

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

**#1198 Contract Award
with BCRA for Brookville
Gardens Architectural
Design**

City Clerk/Finance Director Marcotte read the title of Resolution #1198:

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Washington, authorizing execution of a contract with BCRA Inc., for architectural and engineering design services for Brookville Gardens Community Park.

Director Reuter reported the presentation will be a review of a scope of work and a request to the Council to approve a contract with BCRA to complete architectural and engineering design services for Brookville Gardens Community Park. He introduced Dave Rehfeld, consultant, BCRA.

Director Reuter reported in 2007, a master plan was completed for the park involving the Council, citizens, and the Parks Board. In May 2008, staff advertised a "Request for Qualifications" to pursue the next steps on the project to include all design and engineering work to arrive at a point to begin construction. Four firms were interviewed with participation on the interview panel by Councilmembers Hull and Godwin. BCRA was selected as the design firm for the project.

Since then, staff has met with BCRA to review various aspects of the draft scope of work. The project team associated with the design and

engineering group led by BCRA includes Mr. Rehfeld, Belt Collins for civil engineering, Valerian for landscape architecture, and Anchor Environmental which will provide environmental science and engineering services. One main theme in the development of the scope of work is to capture all the elements included in the master plan and the essence of what the City wants the park to be. The Council provided a great deal of input as well as vision in terms of what the park should be. The scope of work attempts to capture that vision.

Director Reuter reviewed Phase 1 of the Scope of Work. Even though there is an approved master plan, there are still several elements within the master plan that do not have a level of detail. They include the creek enhancements and the habitat restoration project. Some significant work will need to be completed between staff, Council, and the design team to determine the final design details.

Park buildings include the picnic shelter, restroom, and park maintenance buildings. A decision will need to occur on the type of buildings and whether the City wants a custom theme for the buildings. There may be an opportunity to consider several play structures, as well as the type of structure and if it should tie into the central theme of the structure design. Phase 1 includes time for those items to carry forward to the next step and refining the final design.

Phase 1A includes design refinement and taking the elements and moving forward with developing the vision for the park.

Phase 2 includes design development and permitting, which will take time.

Phase 2A involves bidding and construction administration. Each member of the design team is involved in the process. The consultant will offer assistance with the bidding process, but will require the City to provide services as well during the bidding process. Limited construction administration is also included.

Director Reuter referred to the breakdown of each phase of work and the associated work included in each phase as well as the costs. A 10% overhead and subconsultant fee is included. The scope of work will provide for a final site plan for the parks maintenance and operations area. However, it does not provide for preparation of the construction documents. Other services can be added if the Council desires. A value-engineering component can be added and cost will be determined at conclusion of 95% construction document submittal.

Director Reuter emphasized that although there is an approved master plan

for the site, there still needs to be a considerable amount of work completed to refine the master plan to arrive at a level of specificity, which will take some time.

Mr. Rehfeld said the company is pleased and gratified to be a part of this aspect of the project. The team has spent a considerable amount of forethought and time in preparing the scope of work. The scope of work covers everything the project requires. The team reviewed the master plan and believes there are potentials and possibilities that merit more exploration and further definition for the City. The team anticipates returning to the Council with fully expanded aspects of the master plan.

Motion

Councilmember Roscoe moved, seconded by Councilmember Godwin, to approve Resolution #1198; Contract Award with BCR for Brookville Gardens Architectural Design.

Councilmember Godwin said when the Council considered the project the cost estimate was \$1.5 million. He asked whether that amount is still sufficient to complete the project. City Manager Worthington said the amount is insufficient. Councilmember Godwin inquired about when the amount changed and to what extent. City Manager Worthington said the scope of work indicates completing 10% of the design in the first phase and, at that point, it may be possible to estimate a realistic budget for the project.

Mr. Rehfeld said the Council will receive a full presentation of an amplified master plan with more detail and illustration as well as a first estimate of the costs associated with all phases of development.

Councilmember Godwin said he believed the project was to be completed in two phases at a cost of \$750,000 for each phase. The scope of work reveals an excess of \$500,000 without any movement of dirt. At this time, it's unknown what the budget will be. It may be that the approach is far beyond the City's reach. The project has turned into a money pit. He said the rules have been changed and he wasn't aware the rules were changed and how much money is to be spent.

City Manager Worthington responded that staff is keenly aware of the design cost and has engaged in protracted conversations about the cost and why it's so high. There are two variables that are unknown at this stage. One concerns the project design and themed structures, which will have a higher architectural design and manufactured and construction costs, and the other is an option of an out-of-the box construction that are typical and practical, but not necessarily achieving the vision the Council desires. Secondly, another unknown is the restoration work under consideration by

the Council. That work may be expensive. However, it will meet Council goals. The consultant anticipates that the restoration work will be expensive and will take time to design and permit.

Mr. Rehfeld said the scope of work provides the best understanding of what will be required to proceed through preliminary design for the restoration of the creek. There will be many permits as well as a permit sequence to follow. Additionally, there was interest by the City to bid the project as one project instead of splitting the project into creek restoration and park development. There are benefits in packaging the project as one main project.

Councilmember Godwin said if the cost of \$500,000 is necessary to obtain a price for construction of the park, he will not support the proposal. He noted if the City cannot afford the park after the cost estimate is completed, the City will have spent \$500,000 for basically nothing. City Manager Worthington said the concern is one reason for the discussion. Based on staff's understanding of the Council's vision for the area, the approach will achieve that vision. Staff may not have the correct understanding of the Council's vision, which is why the consultant is seeking clarification as well as providing a budget for the clarification process. The estimate of \$2 million for construction is likely in the ballpark today. However, the City will not know until the design is completed. The scope of work can be changed for another approach that provides the front-end work and allows for continuation or termination of the contract. He added that during the recent 2009 budget discussion, staff pointed out that the parks budget will likely exceed what was projected earlier.

Mayor Johnson reported he spoke with the City Manager earlier in the day regarding the issue. The scope of work for the proposal includes a cost of \$130,000 associated with permits for wetland enhancement, which was part of the goal for the park to maintain an open and natural area as well as completing some stream enhancements to help build a community connection with the creek. The Council set aside \$100,000 for a creek restoration project. There is also some design for the shelters. The plan is for a shelter for 100 people. He said he's unsure when the size of the shelter was determined. Additionally, there is a 50-space parking lot. He said he's also unsure of how the size of the parking lot was determined. Further discussions need to occur on many of the design elements to refine the design that the Council and community wants. However, it will require some funds.

Councilmember Hull referred to previous meetings and presentations and inquired about planned public outreach. Mr. Rehfeld said there is

anticipation to move into design development and present some refinements and additional details in areas the master plan lacks. The intent is to provide a presentation to the Council after the design team thoroughly reviews the plan to present a preliminary estimate. That could occur during a Council meeting or a separate community meeting.

Councilmember Hull said he recollected that the discussions during the interview process touched upon a process of reaching out to the community at different locations to seek public input. Mr. Rehfeld said a tour of the park could occur with an advanced notice inviting the community. Many of the ideas from the public can be considered by the design team as it refines the design. The proposed budget includes a full presentation by the full team for either one or two presentations as the team progresses through the master plan.

Councilmember Hull referred to the costs associated with the park and that the citizens need a park because of daily impacts citizens face in their lives. The money expended on the park is well worth having a park for citizens to enjoy along with an element of environmental creek restoration.

Councilmember Brooks asked whether sales tax is assessed on a professional services contract. Staff acknowledged sales tax is not assessed on a professional services contract.

Councilmember Brooks asked for examples of other projects completed by BRCA. Mr. Rehfeld said the company is currently working with Kitsap County on a master plan for a Kitsap south regional park. The regional facility is a 200-acre park. BRCA is developing master plan alternatives. The company has also worked with Metro Parks Tacoma and Point Defiance and Northwest Trek on buildings, recreational facility development, and special visitor attractions. Mr. Rehfeld said he brings considerable amount of park experience to the project ranging from neighborhood to regional parks.

Mr. Rehfeld provided additional information on the qualifications and the role of the subcontractors on the project at the request of Councilmember Brooks.

Councilmember Brooks inquired about the type of the proposed contract. City Attorney Amann advised that the proposal is a not-to-exceed time and materials contract. Councilmember Brooks asked if there is a general rule of thumb in terms of the percentage of the project allocated to design and whether incorporation of the creek restoration element affects the design estimate. Mr. Rehfeld confirmed there is a general percentage range that applies to professional services. However, it depends on the project

elements and the personality of the project. The City's project is complex and there is some upfront work the design team has put into the project.

Councilmember Brooks asked whether there is a cost associated with bidding the project in 2008 rather than in spring 2009. Mr. Rehfeld said the intent is to bid as much of the project as possible to include infrastructure improvements from Valley Road to extending utilities and stubbing for future park maintenance and operations. That element is a substantial project. Creek restoration next summer involves a window of time during summer 2009. The project could be bid entirely or just the creek. However, for creek restoration, it will not occur until summer 2009.

Councilmember Brooks said he will support the contract but is very concerned with the cost of the project getting out of control. He asked Mr. Rehfeld to provide the Council with an engineer's estimate at the earliest opportunity.

City Manager Worthington said he believes the first phase includes an early estimate of the overall project cost. The Council can review the estimate at that point and elect to make different choices. Mr. Rehfeld said an estimate will be provided in early fall.

Councilmember Cerqui inquired about the cost of another creek alignment enhancement project. Director Blount said the enhancement will cost approximately \$1 million. He described the permit process and involvement of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which will involve a much longer and detailed process. There was approximately \$300,000 in design fees and permit costs

Councilmember Cerqui acknowledged the costs associated with environmental permitting and design but expressed concerns with the scope of work costs in light of the recent downturn in economy. He offered the suggestion of considering a phased approach as the City may be unable to move forward in a timely fashion.

Councilmember de Booy said she also recollects the project would be completed in several phases. The City needs the park and she supports having the park, but she is also concerned with costs and supports consideration for moving forward in a phased approach.

Councilmember Roscoe inquired about staff's direction to BRCA to move forward and prepare construction bid documents in such a way to allow for certain elements of the project to be bid separately. Mr. Rehfeld said the team will pursue various phases and refine project cost estimates as the

team undertakes the work and as the Council directs. For example, Anchor Environmental will be able to provide more definitive costs for restoration of the creek. Belt Collins will be able to provide more costs on infrastructure and civil engineering related for park site improvements.

Councilmember Roscoe asked whether the design team is working with staff on the existing master plan for revision and refinement during Phase 1. She asked if there will be any involvement by the Council. Mr. Rehfeld said the team will work directly with City departments in terms of refining the master plan and will be present information to the Council on the details as they are refined. City Manager Worthington said he anticipates the Council will be involved either as a subcommittee or as a whole as well as involvement from the Parks Board.

Councilmember Roscoe inquired about the possibility of informing the Council of the completion of Phase 1 before moving forward. City Manager Worthington affirmed that the Council will be involved prior to moving forward. Mr. Rehfeld advised that the team will be at the halfway point of preparing cost estimates, construction documents, and design development at the end of Phase 1 and 1A.

Councilmember Roscoe asked to receive a full copy of the scope of work.

Councilmember Brooks clarified that it's important to consider that there is a big difference in phasing design and phasing construction. It's likely not possible to design the project in piecemeal increments. The project needs to be designed in its entirety. There are ways to handle costs as the project moves forward. There are three components of the project to include creek restoration, park, and the maintenance facilities. It will be fairly easy to have a base bid with alternate adds for the shelter and other elements. Creek restoration and park development should go hand-in-hand. Maintenance facilities and some of the other amenities can be constructed at different times.

Councilmember Godwin asked about the amount of park funds available in 2009 for constructing the park. City Manager Worthington said the parks budget for 2009 includes approximately \$1 million. He acknowledged that there is a shortfall. Councilmember Godwin said he understands the concerns expressed by Councilmember Hull in terms of having a park for Fife citizens, which is why the property was purchased. However, he doesn't believe citizens want a tax increase to build the park. The City needs to consider whether it's financially feasible. He said his concern is investing up to \$500,000 and then determining it's not possible to construct. He suggested receiving an estimate early in Phase 1 so that the Council will know whether the park is financially feasible. City

Manager Worthington said it is likely possible to receive an estimate at the cost of \$60,000 or below.

Mayor Johnson acknowledged earlier comments on impacts to citizens and that the park is a great way to give back to citizens. He noted various sources of gambling tax could fill the funding gap.

Motion

Motion carried. Councilmember Cerqui opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on P2D2:

Councilmember Hull reported the issue of prescription drug disposal was discussed during a presentation at the Performing Arts Center at Columbia Junior High School the previous evening. Several members of the community were invited to attend representing public works, law enforcement, elected officials, pharmacists, educators, and state representatives. Three of the top pilot programs was the center of discussion for addressing pharmaceuticals in the water supply, rivers, streams, and other major water bodies. Western Washington is unique in that most of the state's water source is from the mountains, which is generally untouched by the discharge of pharmaceuticals. The issue is of a public safety concern especially to children.

The discussion focused on several questions. One pertains to Fife's role in the reduction of pharmaceuticals in the water supply. Another pertains to the next steps and how to proceed. He suggested the first thing to pursue is the message to convey to citizens on the proper disposal of unused pharmaceuticals. The City should become proactive in addressing the issue as well as in regulations to develop some solutions. Another question is how to start a program.

Councilmember Hull asked for feedback from the Council on how the City should proceed.

Mayor Johnson commented on Councilmember Hull's assumption of a leadership role on the issue of discharge of pharmaceuticals. Paul Ritter, a science teacher at Pontiac Township High School, began a program to educate both his students and the public about the importance of keeping drugs and chemicals out of the water. Mr. Ritter's program was launched in 11 counties. The State Legislature, through Representative Dawn Morrell's leadership, is active in trying to change some of the regulations prohibiting those types of programs. Fife could move forward with a program at a low cost and begin making an impact by removing pharmaceuticals out of the waste and water stream. The question is whether the Council wants to be on the forefront and take a position on the

issue.

Councilmember de Booy said the meeting raised awareness for her personally as she never considered the disposal method of unused pharmaceuticals. An entity is needed to spearhead the effort. Fife as a wellness City would be logical choice beginning with sending out notices with customer billings or publicizing the information because the effort involves doctors, hospitals, and pharmacists. There is a program to safely dispose unused pharmaceuticals. She expressed support for a program.

Mayor Johnson noted that the many programs that are currently available focus only on the means of collection of waste products with the preferred method of disposal as incineration. Fife's program would involve establishing a system or network to collect pharmaceuticals.

Councilmember Godwin acknowledged that the programs currently available are good programs. One place for a potential partnership is with Group Health that has already initiated a program. He suggested that before pursuing any action the City needs to research the issue more thoroughly.

Mayor Johnson said the question is whether the Council wants staff to invest any more time and provide information on costs and what it might involve.

Councilmember Cerqui thanked Councilmember Hull for his leadership on the issue. He discussed the issue with Representative Morrell, who is working on a bill for the 2009 legislative session to change state regulations. He suggested having staff review some alternatives and what the City can do to participate.

Councilmember Roscoe encouraged the City to move forward with partnerships in other organizations. She said she's not convinced the City should assume start-up costs. She requested more information on costs as a lead agency.

Councilmember Hull said that during his discussion with Representative Morrell, she encouraged moving forward on a program. It's unknown what will occur during the legislative session. He suggested having staff provide cost information as well as information on other programs and potential partners.

City Manager Worthington commented on the attendance at the previous evening's meeting. Staff hasn't looked at detailed costs associated with a program. He suggested considering the City's current disposal process for

narcotics as well as partnering with other entities/jurisdictions in helping with public outreach and education. He suggested at a minimum meeting with several of the participants to ascertain interest. A list of contact information from the meeting will be distributed to all participants.

The Council agreed for staff to move forward to obtain more information and schedule some additional meetings for possible partnerships.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Worthington reported on the following activities:

- On July 19, 2008, Dacca Park will televise Bee Movie outdoors.
- The Fife Chamber of Commerce is scheduling a floodplain meeting on July 23, 2008 from 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. at the Fife Community Center for the business community. The meeting will address questions on flood insurance and floodplain changes in the community. City staff is participating in the meeting along with insurance professionals.
- The Council received notice of the Puget Sound Partnership's work on cleaning up Puget Sound. The Partnership will be meeting in Tukwila. City Manager Worthington and several Councilmembers are planning to attend.
- The Council was asked to consider whether to schedule an August study session.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Godwin inquired about the maintenance status of the soccer fields on the City's property. Director Reuter reviewed the current status of the fields and future maintenance and improvements planned for the fields.

Councilmembers individually commented on their participation in the Tall Ships event.

Councilmember Hull referred to public notices for participation in a patrol academy through Pierce County. He asked whether the City offers a similar program. City Manager Worthington reported the City currently offers a police reserve program. A reserve academy is held in conjunction with seven other jurisdictions. The program has proven to be very effective in Fife and it's a great way to supplement Police Department resources.

Councilmember Brooks thanked the Police Department for higher patrol emphasis on 48th Street. He said he is unable to attend the July 15, 2008 study session as he is coaching his fast-pitch team in Nevada.

Councilmember de Booy commented on her participation in the Fife booth

during the Tall Ships events. Some things citizens discussed of interest involved the library, grocery store, and traffic. One traffic concern involved Alexander and the need for two traffic lanes. Director Blount reported the intersection is a state highway located in the City of Tacoma. The City has sent similar requests to the state and the City of Tacoma on behalf of several business owners.

Motion

Councilmember Roscoe moved, seconded by Mayor Johnson, to extend the meeting five minutes. Motion carried.

Councilmember Roscoe shared information about her involvement in the community, with the Council, and with her family. She said she is most proud of her recent involvement in the attempted summit to Mt. Rainier by three injured veterans through the organization, Camp Patriot. Her brother-in-law, who was previously a guide at Mt. Rainier, is leading the three injured veterans. She said she hiked with them to Camp Muir. She commended the veterans for their service to their country and their strength to continue leading a normal life.

Mayor Johnson reported he and his family spent the 4th of July at Ft. Lewis with several soldiers and their families and veterans. One veteran is a Medal of Honor honoree.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Carol Sue Brighton, 2410 Barry Lane East, expressed concerns about the cost for the park. She noted the reduction in sales tax receipts experienced by the City of Tacoma. The City of Tacoma is having to layoff employees and is cutting back significantly. She agreed that the proposal for the park needs to be reconsidered. She suggested the City of Tacoma's hazardous waste disposal program as a possible program for pharmaceutical waste.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 10:07 p.m.



~~Barry Johnson, Mayor~~

Rob Cerqui, Mayor Pro Tem



~~Steve Marcotte, City Clerk/Finance Director~~

Helen Ware, Deputy City Clerk