

**FIFE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**Fife City Hall
Council Chambers**

**Date: August 12, 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 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 7:00 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Richard Godwin, Glenn Hull, Butch Brooks, Barry Johnson, Rob Cerqui, Nancy de Booy, and Kim Roscoe (7:39 p.m.).

Staff present: City Manager Steve Worthington, City Attorney Loren Combs, Finance Director Steve Marcotte, Municipal Court Judge Kevin Ringus, Building Official Carl Durham, Police Chief Brad Blackburn, Assistant Public Works Director Robert Jurica, Administrative Assistant Andrea Richards, Project Engineer Ken Gill, Financial Analyst Dave DeGroot, Marketing Coordinator Laurel Potter, Human Resources staff member Stefanie McCauley, and Recording Secretary Valerie Gow.

**PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE** Mayor Johnson introduced Frank Schnider, Jr. one of Fife's first seated Councilmembers.

Mr. Schnider, Jr. led the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Schnider commented on the changes in Fife over the last 50 years and the changes anticipated to occur in the next 50 years. He thanked the Council for their recognition.

**CHANGES, ADDITIONS
OR DELETIONS TO
AGENDA** Resolution #1232, *Erdahl Ditch Culvert Replacement* was added to the agenda and *New Business* item on *Towing Policy Change Regarding Impound Yard Requirements* was removed from the agenda.

Motion **Councilmember Brooks moved, seconded by Councilmember Godwin, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.**

CITIZEN COMMENTS **Rich Lott, 5505 4th Street East, Tacoma,** provided an update on the status of the Benthien Loop petition annexation. Currently, of the 77 parcels representing 51 property owners, 12 parcels representing eight property owners did not sign the petition with a total of 65 parcels representing 41 owners signing the petitions exceeding the 60% valuation requirement to move the petition forward. The petitions were filed at the City of Fife and will be forwarded to the County Assessor's Office.

Phil Wadner, Fife Towing, acknowledged that the agenda item on the Towing Ordinance was removed from the agenda and offered to provide additional information. He introduced his parents, who formerly lived in Fife for 35 years on 20th Street. He acknowledged staff in attendance from Fife Towing.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes: July 15, 2008 Study Session
July 22, 2008 Council Meeting
- b. Approval of Vouchers:
Payroll: #44756-44820 \$756,992.45
Claim: #73228-73443 \$783,324.47

Motion

Councilmember Brooks moved, seconded by Councilmember Hull, to approve the consent calendar as presented. Motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation Fife Volunteer Firefighter Day

Mayor Johnson recounted his experience in wildland firefighting and an occurrence he encountered in protecting homes and receiving thanks and gratitude from the residents.

Mayor Johnson read a proclamation proclaiming August 18, 2008, as “Fife Volunteer Firefighter Day.” He presented the proclamation to Frank Schnider, Jr. Louise Hospenthal, Fife Historical Museum, invited everyone to visit the Fife Historical Museum to view the exhibit showcasing the Fife Volunteer Firefighters and an open house in their honor on Monday, August 18, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Schnider commented on the efforts of volunteer firefighters and the sacrifices they make.

Mayor Johnson read the names of the 25 original firefighter volunteers for the Fife community.

Fife Harvest Festival

Marketing Coordinator Potter provided an update on the activities scheduled for the Fife Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 4, 2008, at Dacca Park. Fife Flowers is a major sponsor. Vendors are welcome to submit applications at the City’s website or by calling or visiting City Hall. The festival includes vendors, food, Council Corn on the Cob, mini-train rides, face painting, arts & crafts, U-Fish Pond, bouncy toys, Kids Korner, strolling magicians and clowns, and kids tractor pulls.

National Night Out Against Crime Recap

Police Chief Blackburn reported on the Tuesday, August 5, 2008 National Night Out program. Approximately 150 people attended the three-hour event. Kiwanis helped serve food and gift basket drawings were held.

Participants received a variety of public service information from different public safety/service agencies.

Wellness Award

Kory Edwards reported on the recent award received by the City from the Association of Washington Cities (AWC). Of the 201 member cities, only 28 cities expended efforts to contend for the award. The City's Wellness Coordinator, Stefanie McCauley spent time and effort on developing the quarterly programs. Mr. Edwards presented the Well City Award to Mayor Johnson.

Coordinator Stefanie McCauley said there has been an increase in employee participation and interest. The City is on track this year to receive the award again.

The City's Wellness Committee is comprised of Stefanie McCauley, Colin Brooks, Cortina Teja, Kory Edwards, Art Gregg, Rachel Hansen, Deborah Cantlin, Helen Ware, Sheri Van Veldhouse, and Lindsey Wilt.

Mr. Edwards reported the City also received an award from the National League of Cities honoring the City for receiving the Wellness Award in July 2008.

Councilmember de Booy suggested the City should include equipment in parks geared toward encouraging adult physical fitness.

COUNCIL DELEGATE REPORT

Councilmember de Booy reported on her attendance to the opening of the City of Puyallup's City Hall. Puyallup began efforts in 2002 for constructing a new city hall. She participated in a trip with seniors and visited the Fife Historical Museum and met with Ms. Hospenthal and Mr. Schnider. She commented on the potential possibilities for the barn as well as the siting of a train engine and caboose. She is also involved in a seniors art class that is free of charge to senior citizens.

Councilmember Cerqui reported on his attendance to the City of Edgewood's picnic on August 9, 2008.

Mayor Johnson thanked Councilmember Cerqui for chairing the last meeting during his vacation. City staff is working on resolving issues associated with the sound system in the Council Chambers. He also attended the open house at Brookville Gardens. Approximately 25 people attended and offered ideas and comments on the proposed design.

PUBLIC HEARING

Development Agreement

Building Official Durham reported the request is from a long-term

with Praxair

business in Fife involving the Praxair facility. Because of increase efficiency changes and science technology, the company requires a taller air separation-cooling tower. The company was able to negotiate an agreement with the City to increase the tower's height.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing at 7:32 p.m.

Public Testimony

Mike Jordan, Vice President, Praxair, provided an overview of the request. The company wants to expand its business in the Pacific Northwest and to do so the latest technology requires a much taller tower of over 200 feet. Previously, the process involved multiple, shorter towers, which required more energy because more compressors were involved. Today's technology is more efficient. The company requested the City's consideration because the code only allow for a tower up to approximately 60 feet. The proposed development agreement requires Praxair to provide a Native Growth Protection Easement. Mr. Jordan outlined the location of the 2+ acre parcel and the area of potential reduction when I-5 is rerouted. Other improvements in the agreement include widening of the roadway along the frontage of the facility, incorporating a turn lane for safer access, and adding a separate gate on the eastside of the property to increase traffic efficiencies and safety.

Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing at 7:37 p.m.

**Sale of Surplus Property
on Pacific Highway East
in Front of Freddie's
Casino**

Assistant Director Jurica reported the public hearing involves a parcel of City-owned land used by several businesses for a business sign and overflow parking. The parcel is a strip of land 20 feet wide. The request is to declare the property as surplus for the eventual sale of the property to the two adjacent property owners.

Assistant Director Jurica outlined the location of the parcel on a map.

Councilmember Roscoe arrived at the meeting.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing at 7:40 p.m.

Public Testimony

Ken Lewis said he is representing the owners of two adjacent properties. The owners are in agreement that the property should be vacated and that the purchase price and the appraisal cost of \$22,250 will be equally divided between the owners of Freddie's Casino and the Travelodge motel.

Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing at 7:41 p.m.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES

#1666 Authorize Development Agreement with Praxair

Building Official Durham recommended the Council approve the ordinance.

City Attorney Combs reported the City spent several months negotiating the agreement with Praxair and the City believes the agreement is fair and reasonable and is based on the ordinance adopted in December 2007 to allow for an extension of the height within the zone if specific criteria are met. The company has satisfied the requirements of the criteria. The Council is requested to waive first reading and adopt the ordinance.

Motion

Councilmember Roscoe moved, seconded by Councilmember de Booy, to waive first reading and approve Ordinance No. 1666; Authorizing Development Agreement with Praxair.

City Clerk/Finance Director Marcotte read the title of Ordinance #1666:

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fife, Washington, authorizing the City to enter into a Development Agreement with Praxair Inc., to govern the development of the property known as Pierce County Assessor's Tax Parcel No. 03320112035.

Councilmember de Booy asked for clarification on the access at both of the roadway entrances. Attorney Combs provided clarification on egress and ingress to the property.

City Attorney Combs reported there was an appeal of the SEPA (State Environmental Policy Act) determination and the City is in receipt of a document from Praxair dismissing the appeal based on the Council's approval of the development agreement.

Councilmember Godwin requested additional clarification of the provision under section 10.2. City Attorney Combs advised that though the language is necessary, it probably will never apply. The provision applies if the company was to sell a parcel and requested removal of the conditions. Councilmember Godwin commented that it's unlikely the company could operate without the parcel. City Attorney Combs confirmed it wouldn't be possible and if the company were to propose such action in the future, the request would come before the Council for consideration of public health, safety, and welfare.

City Attorney Combs responded to questions from Councilmember Cerqui regarding applicable setbacks and zoning. The required setback distance from residential has been satisfied. The towers are clustered on the south side of the property.

Mayor Johnson asked whether the provisions under section 4.5.4 are at the expense of the applicant. City Attorney Combs replied that the section lists the responsibilities of the applicant. The applicant is responsible for resolving any utility conflicts.

Motion

Motion carried unanimously.

**#1678 Sale of Surplus
Property on Pacific
Highway East in front of
Freddies Casino**

City Clerk/Finance Director Marcotte read the title of Ordinance #1678:

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fife, Washington, declaring surplus Parcel No. 0320024091 and authorizing its sale to the abutting property owners.

Councilmember Cerqui moved, seconded by Councilmember Roscoe, to approve Ordinance #1678; Sale of Surplus Property on Pacific Highway East in Front of Freddies Casino.

City Attorney Worthington addressed questions pertaining to the appraisal. The City provided a list of appraisers to the property owners. The City agreed with the selection of the appraiser and with the appraisal.

Motion

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

**#1227 Award
Construction Contract
70th Avenue/Wapato
Creek Culvert**

City Clerk/Finance Director Marcotte read the title of Resolution #1227:

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Washington, authorizing the City Manager to award a construction contract to E.J. Rody & Sons, Inc. for the Wapato Creek Culvert Replacement Project in the amount of \$1,379,988.50.

Assistant Director Jurica reported the project is a component of the first phase of the 70th Avenue East project. To meet the fish window deadline, City staff decided to complete the culvert replacement prior to the bidding of the main project. The City received seven bids with an alternate bid providing for the closure of 70th Avenue. The low bidder without the alternate was Jansen, Inc. at a bid of \$1,422,020.30. The alternate bid with the extended 17-day closure of 70th Avenue was E.J. Rody & Sons, Inc., at \$1,379,988.50. The road closure will likely occur from September 5, 2008

until September 22, 2008 or September 12, 2008 through September 29, 2008. In addition to the 17-day road closure, the contract includes an incentive for completion of the project on a weekday in advance of the project deadline by awarding \$1,000 for each hour between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. For example if the company completes the project on Thursday, the company will receive \$12,000 for Friday.

The bid documents included a base schedule requirement that at least one lane of 70th Avenue East be maintained open in each direction through the work, except for two weekend closures beginning on a Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. and ending on Monday morning at 5:00 a.m. The alternate bid included the full closure of 70th Avenue East for a 17-day maximum period to install culvert sections.

Staff recommends the selection of the alternate bid received from E.J. Rody & Sons, Inc.

Motion

Councilmember Hull moved, seconded by Councilmember Roscoe, to approve Resolution No. 1227; Awarding Construction Contract to E.J. Rody & Sons, Inc.

Councilmember Hull said the Council should move forward with the project and complete the project as quickly as possible. He added that he spoke with two members of the Radiane Homeowners' Association, who were also in favor of the expedited project.

Councilmember Brooks asked if the budget estimate included the preordered materials. Assistant Director Jurica said the engineering estimate of \$1,854,262.00 does not include \$180,000 for some materials. Councilmember Brooks spoke in favor of the project even though it results in minor cost savings because it's the option that gives the City the best chance of success. Even if the road was open, traffic would be backed up from construction activities and incur two weekend closures if the Council accepted the other bid. He added that both contractors are quality and reputable companies.

Councilmembers Roscoe and Godwin expressed approval of moving forward with the project and awarding the contract.

Assistant Director Jurica addressed questions from Councilmember Cerqui about construction access and dewatering activities. It's likely the three-sided box culvert will be installed first and instream gravel added prior to opening and removing the other culverts.

Councilmember de Booy said her concern is for the citizens who are going

to be a little upset. She said she wants assurance signage will be installed early so that citizens are aware of the project. The project has been scheduled for some time and it's time to complete it. Assistant Director Jurica reported the contract requires reader boards installed seven days in advance of the project in various locations. Councilmember de Booy asked that notification also be included in the local newspaper. City Manager Worthington said a direct mail piece can be sent to surrounding residents affected by the project once the construction details are determined.

City Manager Worthington responded to comments about cut-through traffic and indicated that much of the traffic in the area seeking to cross the railroad tracks will be diverted to Frank Albert Road, but others will likely find other ways to get to their destinations.

Motion

**#1228 Authorize
Construction Engineering
Contract for 70th
Avenue/Wapato Creek
Culvert**

Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk/Finance Director Marcotte read the title of Resolution #1228:

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Washington, authorizing additional services by David Evans and Associates for construction management of improvements on Wapato Creek Culvert Replacement Project.

Assistant Director Jurica reported the request is a companion contract for the project for monitoring construction progress and contract management. The amount of the contract is \$237,885 and is predicated on an 80-day work period including overtime.

Councilmember Godwin questioned project costs and the grant received for the project. Assistant Director Jurica reported the City received a grant for the overall 70th Avenue project. The contract of \$2,967,584.69 to David Evans and Associates is for the entire widening and reconstruction of 70th Avenue and Valley Avenue East.

Motion

Councilmember Roscoe moved, seconded by Councilmember Cerqui, to approve Resolution No. 1228; Authorizing Construction Engineering Contract for 70th Avenue/Wapato Creek Culvert.

Councilmember Roscoe asked whether the contract amount can achieve any cost savings based on early completion of the project. Assistant Director Jurica advised that the contract is based on time and materials cost.

Councilmember Roscoe inquired about the elements of the entire contract

with David Evans and Associates. City Manager Worthington said the \$2.9 million contract is for the Valley Avenue project for design and engineering costs.

Councilmember Godwin commented that the Council is considering an additional \$237,885 to the contract. He asked if the \$2.9 million includes design of the entire roadway. Assistant Director Jurica said the contract is for 90% of the design for Phase 1. Phase 2 is the remaining portion of 70th Avenue of approximately 1,000 feet north of Valley through 20th.

Councilmember Godwin referred to the high cost of design versus the costs associated with construction activities. Assistant Director Jurica replied that the cost estimate for construction of the two phases is nearing approximately \$27 million. Design services generally entail 15% of the construction cost. Councilmember Godwin noted the increased cost in construction since the Council's last discussion and asked that the Council continue to receive updates on construction costs. Mayor Johnson suggested including an update on the Council's September 23, 2008 meeting agenda.

Motion

#1229 Purchase of Right-of-Way/Schlumpf – 70th South of Wapato Creek

Motion carried unanimously.

Assistant Director Jurica reported the request relates to the previous two actions and involves the purchase of property from William L. Schlumpf for right-of-way and utilities purposes along the culvert replacement project for a cost of \$17,800. The cost is approximately \$12 per square foot.

City Clerk/Finance Director Marcotte read the title of Resolution #1229:

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Washington, authorizing the City Manager to purchase a portion of Tax Parcel No. 0420181025 from William L. Schlumpf.

Motion

Councilmember Roscoe moved, seconded by Councilmember Godwin, to approve Resolution No. 1229; Authorizing a Purchase of Right-of-Way from William L. Schlumpf.

Councilmember Roscoe questioned whether the purchase without executing a sale agreement is appropriate. City Attorney Combs advised the procedure as recommended is acceptable. All right-of-way acquisition is in accordance with both state and federal requirements.

Motion

Motion carried unanimously

**#1230 Authorize
Engineering Services 20th
Street Mixed-Use**

City Clerk/Finance Director Marcotte read the title of Resolution #1230:

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Washington, authorizing Supplement #2 to the contract with Robinson Engineers, LLC for design services of improvements to 20th Street East from 54th Avenue East to 63rd Avenue East.

Assistant Director Jurica reported the request is for approval of a design contract with Robinson Engineers, LLC to expand the scope of work and budget to the existing design services contract. The Council approved an earlier addendum to the contract for a value engineering study, which provided some recommendations for cost-savings, a new water line on 63rd Avenue, and more involved utility coordination. During the last several months, the City has reviewed design concepts for the section of 20th Street East and redesign work to conform to the new design standards are not included in the existing contract work scope. There is also an issue of compensatory storage that will result in additional design work. The request is for a total of \$179,477.50, which includes the public involvement task.

Motion

Councilmember Roscoe moved, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, to approve Resolution No. 1230; Authorizing Engineering Services 20th Street Mix Use.

Councilmembers commented positively on the proposal.

Motion

Motion carried unanimously.

**#1196 Authorize City
Manager to Sign KHS&S
Agreement**

City Clerk/Finance Director Marcotte read the title of Resolution #1196:

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Washington, approving the Community Mixed Use Zone Enhancement Agreement between the City of fife, Fife 20th Street LLC and Keenan, Hopkins, Suder & Stowell Contractors, Inc. and authorizing its signing by the City Manager.

Building Official Durham reported the project pertains to an office building on 20th Street East, which was vested under the previous Community Commercial zoning. The Council recently adopted Community Mixed-Use zoning. To comply with the new zoning and meet the design standards implemented by the City, staff has negotiated a development agreement where the applicant has agreed to redesign its project to meet the new standards.

Motion

Councilmember Roscoe moved, seconded by Councilmember Godwin, to approve Resolution No. 1196; Authorizing City Manager to Sign

KHS&S Agreement.

Councilmember Roscoe commented positively about the City's efforts and the applicant's willingness to negotiate an agreement that will be a showcase project for the City on 20th Street. Councilmember Brooks conveyed similar comments and added the developer didn't have to negotiate and did so in the spirit of cooperation. Councilmembers Cerqui and de Booy expressed approval of the proposal and indicated it reflects positive actions between the City and the development community.

Mayor Johnson asked to have a copy of the design provided to the Council. Building Official Durham advised he will provide a copy of the design within the next day.

Motion

Motion carried unanimously.

**#1232 Authorize Erdahl
Ditch Culvert
Replacement – Emergency
Procedures**

City Clerk/Finance Director Marcotte read the title of Resolution #1232:

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Washington, authorizing emergency repairs for the Erdahl Ditch culvert replacement.

Engineer Gill reported the City has not received a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers to begin the work, but anticipates receiving the permit. To complete the work within the fish window between August 16, 2008 through October 1, 2008, construction needs to begin by the end of August. Staff recommends pursuing an emergency procedure allowing the City to move forward pending the receipt of the permit. The contract for the work has been awarded and staff recommends approval of the resolution.

Engineer Gill displayed a picture of the current condition of the culvert and pipe.

Motion

Councilmember de Booy moved, seconded by Councilmember Cerqui, to approve Resolution #1232; Authorization for Erdahl Ditch Culvert.

Councilmember de Booy acknowledged the need to move forward on the project.

Councilmember Cerqui noted there is dewatering activity occurring in the general vicinity. He asked if the water will impact the project. Engineer Gill said it's unlikely it will have an impact. Water from the Tribe's project eventually travels to the Erdahl Ditch but travel time is very slow.

Councilmember Hull inquired about the outcome if the City moves

forward and completes the project and the Corps does not approve the permit. Engineer Gill said the Corps would have notified the City of any problems with the permit when the application was originally submitted. Previous permits have been issued for replacement of pumps. The project is considered a maintenance activity. City Attorney Combs added that the action is an emergency provision to protect the City. The Corps has always worked with the City in the past and because of a staff change in the Corps, the permit was delayed.

Councilmember de Booy asked about the timing for completing the project. Engineer Gill advised it will take 30 working days to complete.

Motion

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

**Towing Policy Change
Regarding Impound Yard
Requirements**

The item was deferred to a future meeting.

**Appointment of Members
to Lodging Tax Advisory
Committee (LTAC)**

Marketing Coordinator Potter reported state law requires the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee to consist of at least two members who are representatives of businesses required to collect tax and two members who are persons involved in activities authorized to be funded by revenue received from the tax.

The City received no applications from businesses required to collect lodging tax and one application from Tammy Blount representing the Tacoma Regional Convention & Visitors Bureau. Committee members have solicited applications as well as the City advertising the vacancies on its website and through *Fife Free Press*.

The Council's options include retaining the current committee, appointing Tammy Blount, or removing a receiver of funds from the committee to balance membership.

City Manager Worthington said the vacancy has no impact on the committee's ability to render funding recommendations to the Council. The City has contacted all of the businesses that qualify and no interest was expressed.

Councilmember Cerqui recommended retaining the existing committee and continue recruitment activities to fill the vacant position.

CONCURRENCE

The Council concurred with the recommendation to retain the existing

committee and continue recruitment activities.

Marketing Coordinator Potter added that lodging tax applications are due on August 15, 2008.

**CITY MANAGER'S
REPORT**

City Manager Worthington reported on the following activities and events:

- The City of Milton's annual picnic/festival is scheduled for the upcoming weekend, August 16, 2008 with a dance on Friday evening, August 15, 2008.
- The City completed its mailing of the library services survey and received approximately 300 responses. Staff is tabulating the information and will provide a report at the Council's first meeting in September. The City mailed approximately 3,000 surveys.
- The City received notice from the Financial Officers Association regarding Pam Harris attaining her goal of receiving the Financial Officer Award, which is her fifth award.
- There is no study session scheduled in August.
- The next Movie in the Park is scheduled for August 23, 2008 with a showing of *The Water Horse*.
- The City received a notice from the City of Milton on a workshop on yard care and how to plan gardens, perform maintenance, and consider natural functions provided by landscaping. The workshops will be held on September 17, 2008, October 1, 2008, and October 15, 2008 at the Milton Community Center.
- City Manager Worthington acknowledged the problems with the microphones and indicated a different system will be installed by August 26, 2008.
- City Manager Worthington acknowledged the work of Bob Jurica and Carl Durham.

**COUNCILMEMBER
COMMENTS**

Councilmember Hull announced the recent birth of his son. He thanked staff for their support and e-mails.

Councilmember Brooks commented on the pending work related to the microphones and indicated the problem reflects disrespect to citizens as well because of the sound problems associated with the televised broadcast of Council meetings.

Councilmember Brooks reported the Pollution Control Board recently mandated low impact development as the preferred method to handle stormwater. He asked staff to obtain a copy of the opinion as it may impact the City. City Attorney Combs advised a copy of the opinion will be provided to the Council.

Councilmember Cerqui thanked Frank Schnider for attending the meeting and for his work as a volunteer firefighter and as a founding Councilmember of the City.

Councilmember Cerqui commented on radio ads for Fife hotels/motels and asked whether the ads were funded by the City. City Manager Worthington said the advertising is a component of the Marketing Program and budget. The City is paying for a portion of the advertising as well as the participants in the program.

Councilmember Cerqui commented on the poor condition of the railing on 54th and Levee Road and whether it's been scheduled for maintenance. Assistant Director Jurica advised staff will check on the condition of the railing.

Councilmember de Booy thanked Mr. Schnider and his wife for attending the meeting. She acknowledged the previous work of Ms. Schnider as a 911 communications dispatcher. She commented on the low turnout of the National Night Out event and tremendous amount of work involved in planning, coordinating, and conducting the event. She offered a suggestion of considering the possibility of combining the event with the cities of Milton and Edgewood to attract more participation. Police Chief Blackburn noted the event is normally scheduled during a weekday evening. Moving the event to a weekend might attract more participation. City Manager Worthington suggested discussing some ideas at a future meeting.

Councilmember Roscoe congratulated Councilmember Hull on the birth his son.

Mayor Johnson thanked Mr. and Mrs. Schnider for attending the meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Winston Marsh reported he is new citizen to Fife and is a boardmember of the Radiance Homeowners Association. He expressed concerns about the impacts to his neighborhood and traffic impacts occurring within the next several months. Residents are already stressed enough with the cost of gas, stress on roadways, and I-5 congestion to have to contend with detours in the City. He acknowledged, however that the City will benefit in the long term.

Mayor Johnson noted that earlier, the Council approved closing the roadway for 17 days.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

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