

**FIFE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**Fife City Hall
Council Chambers**

**Date: February 12, 2008
Time: 7:00 p.m.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION Mayor Johnson convened an executive session at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of Labor Negotiations RCW 42.30.140 for approximately 40 minutes.

ADJOURNMENT Mayor Johnson adjourned the executive session at 7:10 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER AND
ROLL CALL** Mayor Johnson called the regular meeting of the Fife City Council to order at 7:10 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Richard Godwin, Barry Johnson, Butch Brooks, Rob Cerqui, Nancy de Booy and Kim Roscoe.

Councilmember Glenn Hull was seated at 10:20 p.m.

Staff present: City Manager Steve Worthington, Assistant City Manager Jim Reinbold, Finance Director Steve Marcotte, Public Works Director Russ Blount, Confidential Administrative Assistant Andrea Richards, City Attorney Loren Combs, Community Development Director Carl Smith, Planner 1 Chris Pasinetti, Parks & Recreation Director Kurt Reuter, Municipal Judge Kevin Ringus, Police Chief Blackburn, and Recording Secretary Valerie Gow.

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

**CHANGES,
ADDDITIONS OR
DELETIONS TO
AGENDA** There were no changes to the agenda.

CITIZENS COMMENTS City of Milton Mayor Katrina Asay provided an update on the Veterans Memorial. A dedication of approximately 1,800 people was held during the 2007 Memorial Day holiday. Since that time, the memorial has been appreciated and used constantly. The Veterans of Foreign Wars submitted the memorial to the state for consideration of a \$1,000 prize for maintenance of the memorial. The Veterans of Foreign War won the state's first prize as well as first prize in the national Community Activities Special Project Recognition Program awarding the memorial an Award of Excellence for the Milton Veterans Memorial project.

Carole Sue Braaten, 2410 Berry Lane E, said she is disappointed with the City Council in not upholding their oath to preserve and protect natural resources. Starvation and famine are hitting parts of the world. She suggested the Council should undue their action and that the Council should protect and preserve Fife's farmland. Fife's farmland is one of the greatest resources in the United States. She said it's pathetic and it's uncalled for of what the Council has done. She commented on having a tax rate of 1500%

and an income base so low that it's impossible to make it. Farmers are important and what has been done is wrong. She said the Council is not going to get away with it. People across the county are concerned about the source of their food and the cost of living. She pointed to the cost of bringing in food that once was provided locally to the people within the county. It costs 50 cents for federal reimbursement of each mile. That's just for people and not for semi-trucks. She suggested the Council needs to consider what it has done and undo what it did, such as protecting one of the only farmers left in the valley and within the area. The Council owes it to the Republic. She cited the State of Alaska where the FBI has been brought in to investigate the predatory loan and the urban development occurring on natural resources. She asked the Council to reconsider what they haven't done and what they haven't provided to the people.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes: Date: January 15, 2008 Study Session
January 22, 2008 Council Meeting
January 25-26, 2008 Council Retreat
- b. Approval of Vouchers:
Payroll: #44089 – 44095 \$413,941.08
Claims: # \$775,251.32
- c. Adopt Ordinances:
#1660 Drug Loitering Ordinance Revision
- d. Set a Special Meeting for February 18, 2008 Study Session

Motion

Councilmember Roscoe moved, seconded by Councilmember Cerqui, to approve consent agenda as published. Motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Tall Ship, Lady Washington Presentation

Paul O'Brien, Chairman of the Directors of Grays Harbor Historical Seaport Authority, reported the Authority was established in 1986. The Authority owns and operates the Tall Ship, Lady Washington. The Council is sponsoring Lady Washington during the upcoming Tall Ships event in Tacoma. Lady Washington was launched in March 1989 and has provided historical maritime education and fun to over a million people. The ship is heading north and will be in Tacoma for the Tall Ships event. Mr. O'Brien swore in the Council as honorary crew members and presented the Council with certificates. He thanked the Council for their participation and sponsorship.

Time Capsule Burial Recap

City Manager Worthington reported the City is beginning its 51st year as a City and is ending the City's 50th Jubilee. Yesterday, the Council launched a time capsule with participation by Mayor Johnson and Councilmembers Cerqui, Brooks, and Roscoe, two former Mayors, and numerous school children. City Manager Worthington recognized the moment and

acknowledged and thanked everyone involved in coordinating the event and the events during the Jubilee.

Employee Service Awards

Mayor Johnson acknowledged employees for their service to the City and community:

5 Years

Sheri Van Veldhouse, Police Clerk

10 years

Steve Worthington, City Manager

Lonnie Mangus Jr., Public Works Laborer

15 Years

Jeffrey Westover, Police Lt.

Lydia Schiewe, Dispatcher

20 Years

Timothy Craig, Court Security

Cary Maschner, Sr. Engineer Tech.

David Woods, Police Lt.

Susan Breithaupt, Police Clerk

Arthur Gregg, Sr. Water Quality Specialist

Dennis Diess, Police Officer.

The Council individually congratulated each of the employees who were present to receive their certificate.

DELEGATE REPORT

Councilmember Brooks reported he spent a day with City Manager Worthington lobbying in Olympia as part of the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Legislative Session. They were able to visit with several local representatives and advocated for a mobile command center for eastern cities in Pierce County, acquisition of open space and park land, and solving roadway congestion in Fife.

Councilmember Cerqui reported he was in Olympia on a different matter but was able to speak to several local representatives on some of Fife's issues. He said he attended the time capsule burial event and thanked students for their participation.

Councilmember de Booy reported on her attendance to the Fife Chamber of Commerce luncheon featuring a speaker discussing substance abuse in the workplace. She said she met Dan Shelly who works with entertainment and presentations in Pierce County. The conversation evolved around the possibility of having some entertainment booked at Columbia Jr. High School. Councilmember de Booy reported she attended the Pierce County Citizens Advisory Board for block grants as well as meeting with Fife's

Community Development Advisory Board concerning the Gathering Place and 20th Street Corridor.

Councilmember Roscoe said she attended the Zoo Trek Authority meeting last week. She noted she will be in Washington, D.C. at the end of the month and advised the Authority and staff of her availability to make contacts with legislators. The Authority reviewed its budget. She commented on her attendance to the time capsule burial event and noted the previous owner of her home was former Councilmember Ellen Gallagher Fredrick, who previously left a letter in the time capsule.

PUBLIC HEARING

Update School Impact Fees

Director Smith reported the public hearing is on Ordinance #1661; Update School Impact Fees, which will amend the City's school impact fees. Typically, the City Council revisits the issue of school impact fees based on the most recent Capital Improvement Plan that the school districts have adopted. When the comprehensive plan amendments were adopted in November 2007, the City adopted by reference the updated school district capital facility plans. Impact fees however, are a separate step. The City of Fife has two school districts - Fife School District and Puyallup School District. Most of the City is served by the Fife School District, but a significant portion is served by the Puyallup School District

Director Smith reviewed the current impact fees. For single-family homes the school impact fee is \$3,629 and for multi-family, it's \$586. The proposed fee for the Fife School District for single-family homes is \$3,588 and for multi-family it is \$2,001. Director Smith noted that the City was not able to obtain the exact proposed impact fee from the Puyallup School District and used the current impact fee from Pierce County.

Director Smith reported school impact fees are one-time assessments on the development assessed during the building permit process to help provide infrastructure required by new growth.

Director Smith pointed out the boundaries of the school districts on a generalized map of the City.

Mr. Gary Frentress, Puyallup School District, said the school district's plan was developed last spring and there have been some major changes. The plan speaks to a bond issue that failed. The school district does not plan to place a bond measure on the ballot this year. Another change is in the number of housing starts in the school district. Currently, the district is experiencing one-tenth of the housing starts predicted last year. Given that, student growth was still over 130 students in the school district. The school district anticipates continued growth over the years. Puyallup High School is planned for an addition, which is scheduled for bid in the next several months with

construction scheduled for the spring. The high school serves some Fife students. Puyallup School District also uses the same impact fee formula as the Fife School District. However, there are some different factors and the school district has some higher rates in certain areas. The school district has provided an unfunded need and it's up to the local jurisdictions to set the impact fees.

Carrie Harris introduced herself as the new Business Manager at Fife School District. She said she has worked at the Fife School District since 1992 as an Accounting Manager and recently stepped in as Business Manager.

Ms. Harris referred to the proposed increase in the calculation of multi-family rates, which is primarily because multi-family housing has experienced an increase in the number of students.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing at 7:46 p.m.

Carol Sue Braaten, 2410 Berry Lane E, said she believes that the impact fees are too low and need to be increased significantly. The rate should be raised at least four to five times the amount because it is a long-term when families move in and bring in new students. She said she's raised a daughter and knows the cost associated with education. She said she supports the school district in assessing a large one-time fee to support the school district in educating students.

Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing at 7:49 pm

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES

#1661 Update School Impact Fees

City Clerk/Finance Director Marcotte read the title of Ordinance No. 1661:

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, amending the school impact fee amount and amending Fife Municipal Code Section 20.15.010.

Motion

Councilmember de Booy moved, seconded by Councilmember Cerqui, to approve Ordinance #1661; Update School Impact Fees.

Councilmember de Booy said there is a choice of where citizens can send their children to school because Fife has two school districts. She asked whether that is correct.

Ms. Harris advised that school districts are obligated to educate children

residing in its respective school boundary. There is a choice if a student wants to attend another school district, but it involves seeking a release from the losing school district and obtaining approval by the gaining school district if they have the capacity.

Councilmember Cerqui said he understands Ms. Braaten's points about the impact fees being too low and is glad to see that the proposal will maintain the school impact fees equally between both school districts. He said he supports the proposed impact fees.

Councilmember Godwin said he continues to have concerns about the school boundaries and believes the school district has split the community. The Council asked the Puyallup School District four years ago to fix the boundary and to look at rearranging the Radiance boundary. He said he's asked for the school districts to fix the boundary and there has been no progress and he knows of no meetings between the districts to clear the issue so that Fife can create a sense of community on that side of the City. The boundaries today make no sense. The school district, as an entity, operates independently. He said he will not support either school district and encouraged the Council to table the ordinance until the school districts can meet and work on resolving the issue.

Councilmember Brooks said he's not in total disagreement with Councilmember Godwin, but will support first reading of the ordinance as well as the request for both school districts to meet with the Council during a study session to discuss the issue. Before Radiance was developed, it made sense for children to attend Puyallup schools, but not now.

Councilmember Roscoe said she is aware that the former Fife School District Board was not interested in assuming the population because of the increase in growth to the district. She said she recognizes the lack of connection in that section of the Fife population but is not necessarily willing to table the discussion on impact fees. She suggested the Council could contact the school board and make an effort to help resolve the issue. However, it's also something that can't necessarily be solved at a district level. As she understands it, it has to come from within the population of the area that would be annexed. She said she doesn't believe it's within the Council's jurisdiction to set policy for the school board. It's a good idea to begin discussion with new residents and what it will take to change boundaries.

Mayor Johnson said it's a frustrating topic as the Council and prior Council's have tried to address it. One of the concerns from the Fife School District is the amount of growth that might affect class size. He said he understands Councilmember Godwin's concerns but is not willing to table the issue at this time.

Councilmember de Booy said she supports impact fees but wants the districts

to get together and work something out because there has been much development.

Councilmember Cerqui said he lives in the area and echoed similar comments about the need to redraw the boundary. It's up to the school districts to meet and work the issues.

Councilmember Godwin said his concern is that there has been no action by either school district. It appears that both districts are content with the current situation. He said he can no longer support the districts. It's time the school districts address the issue because there are many children attending Fife schools but paying Puyallup school district taxes.

Mr. Fentress addressed the Council's concerns shared what has occurred between the school districts. The Puyallup School District has a carefully thought out and balanced approach to the issue. There is an agreement in principle with the Fife School District that Puyallup has indicated it will support. There are different methods for approaching a boundary change. One approach requires agreement by the school districts and presentation to the Educational Service District for review. There is substantial documentation as part of that review. Mr. Fentress said he worked closely with Ms. Harris' predecessor on the documentation. The districts are prepared to go the Educational Service District after the documentation is completed. Mr. Fentress said he hasn't talked to Ms. Harris about the issue but believes the discussion can be continued. There has been substantial progress.

Councilmember Godwin asked to what degree the discussions have occurred as he heard the same story last year. He asked about receiving more specifics in terms of the boundaries. Mr. Fentress said the discussion regarding Radiance concerns the line between Phase 2 and Phase 3. A portion of Phase 3 is located in the Puyallup School District and under the proposal, all of Phase 3 would be included in the Fife School District as well as a portion of the area north of the railroad tracks that would become a part of Fife School District and other smaller areas that are mostly commercial that would be impacted. Councilmember Godwin asked how long it will take the school districts to complete the process. Mr. Fentress said staff supports the change, but it will require approval by the school boards and the Educational Service District. He said he is unable, at this time, to share what those recommendations would be.

Motion

Motion carried. Councilmember Godwin opposed.

**#1662 Parking Penalty
Fee Revisions**

Judge Ringus briefed the Council on the proposed fee revisions. Only three parking areas are affected by the ordinance. FMC designates that any violation of the FMC 10.24 could be a criminal charge with potential confinement of up to nine days in addition to a fine of up to \$1,000. The

current code appears to be too harsh for a parking violation. Staff is requesting the Council adopt the penalty provision for FMC 10.24 as outlined in the proposed ordinance.

City Clerk/Finance Director Marcotte read the title of Ordinance No. 1662:

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, adding a new section 10.24.100 to the Fife Municipal Code regarding penalties.

Motion

Councilmember Brooks moved, seconded by Councilmember Godwin, to waive second reading and adopt Ordinance #1662; Parking Penalty Fee Revisions.

Police Chief Blackburn answered several questions from the Council about current parking enforcement practices, areas of enforcement, and how the ordinance will impact the City.

Motion

Motion carried unanimously.

#1663 Adjusting Non-Represented Salary Ordinance

City Manager Worthington reported the City recently attempted to fill the Assistant Police Chief position and found that the salary range is out of pace with the region's rate for the same position. While a well qualified individual has been found for the position, a change in the Non-represented Salary Schedule is proposed to bring the schedule up to market rates. The ordinance proposes to reclassify the Assistant Police Chief to a separate range and add Police Commander to the positions as previously authorized by the City Council. However, the position did not have the range allocated in the salary schedule. The proposal places the Police Commander in the range for assistant directors.

City Clerk/Finance Director Marcotte read the title of Ordinance No. 1663:

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, regarding a salary schedule for certain employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement and repealing Ordinance No. 1568-05.

Motion

Councilmember Roscoe moved, seconded by Councilmember de Booy, to approve Ordinance No. 1663; Adjusting Non-Represented Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember de Booy asked whether the salary schedule is at the discretion of the City Manager. City Manager Worthington said employees are placed in the top or bottom of the range at the discretion of the City Manager.

Councilmember Brooks asked whether the positions the ordinance covers are

Assistant Chief and Police Commander. City Manager Worthington affirmed that is correct.

Councilmember Cerqui asked about receiving a red-lined copy of the ordinance to better track changes. City Manager Worthington indicated the Council wasn't provided with a red-lined copy. Councilmember Cerqui suggested having one in the future to afford for easier comparison between the current and proposed ordinance.

Motion

Motion carried unanimously.

**#1658 Willows Area
Potential Building Height
Increase**

Planner Pasinetti reported at the Council's meeting in January a public hearing was held on the proposed ordinance along with a discussion of what the tax rate might be on the Willows area resulting from a potential building height increase. The ordinance was tabled by the Council and since then staff contacted the Assessor's Office and spoke with Jim Hall. Mr. Hall discussed the policies and the guidelines in order to assess property taxes within the City. Mr. Hall was unable to provide an estimate of what a building height increase would do to the Willows area in terms of an increase in property tax. He did, however, send information on how the government assesses property taxes, which basically says that it taxes at 100% based on a number of ways to include marketability, land use, and influences of other property values that are similar in nature. Planner Pasinetti reported he invited Mr. Hall to attend the Council meeting.

City Clerk/Finance Director Marcotte read the title of Ordinance No. 1658:

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, adding the Willows area to the Pacific Highway East Corridor Height Exception Overlay and amending Fife Municipal Code Section 19.68.090(b) and the official zoning map.

Motion

Councilmember Roscoe moved, seconded by Councilmember Godwin, to approve Ordinance #1658; Willows Area Potential Building Height Increase.

Councilmember Roscoe disclosed that she's had a change of heart regarding the ordinance and is not convinced it is where the City needs to be right now in changing land use policy. The unclear response from the County Assessor is frustrating but it's also reality. For there to be a significant change and development, there must be more than one parcel purchased. She said at this time she will vote against a height increase in the area and leave it to the residents to determine what they want.

Councilmember de Booy expressed disappointment for the lack of information from the County Assessor's Office. She said she's not enthusiastic about the proposal and would have liked to have more information. She said she will likely vote against the motion. .

Councilmember Godwin said he was able to finally contact Mr. Hall who conveyed that the County Assessor doesn't look at a property's present value but rather considers the historic past. Mr. Hall would not commit that the change would not raise taxes. Councilmember Godwin said he would not support the motion.

Councilmember Brooks said throughout the process, he believed residents would benefit from the height increase. However, during interviews of the Council candidates he said he's had a change of heart and will not support the motion.

Councilmember Cerqui said he's always expressed concerns about the proposal and generally supports Planning Commission recommendation, but that this is one decision that he can't support. Ultimately, development will occur around the neighborhood and perhaps a zoning change will need to occur. However, at this time a height increase is the wrong time. He thanked the Planning Commission and staff for their work.

Mayor Johnson said similarly, he generally supports the recommendations of the Planning Commission but has given much thought about the proposal. He recently drove through the area and some homes have recently been remodeled in the area. It's a nice pocket neighborhood. At this time, he said he doesn't see any reason for applying the height increase to the neighborhood. He referred to Councilmember Roscoe's suggestion of potentially considering a comprehensive plan amendment in the future.

Citizen Comments

Renata Weir, 1313 46th Avenue E., thanked the Council for their comments, especially Councilmember Roscoe's comments. Since staff cannot establish whether taxes will increase or remain the same, she suggested no changes to the neighborhood. There is no guarantee that there will be buyers for the properties, and if there is a higher tax rate, property owners may be paying more than they should for years to come. She suggested waiting to see if offers occur and then let the owners apply for reclassification. She said she spoke to a number of property owners and long-time residents and they all agree with not changing the neighborhood's classification. Most of the owners are elderly and on fixed incomes and will not be able to pay higher taxes.

Fred Thomas 4704 12th Street East, said he also has an e-mail from the County Assessor that basically says the same thing as Councilmember Godwin conveyed. He said he's glad the Council took the time to look into how the proposal will impact residents. He thanked the Council.

Councilmember Roscoe thanked residents for testifying. She said she appreciates the e-mails and citizen attendance at Council meetings.

Pat Husley, 4703 15th Street East, said he owns property in the Willows area and was the lone opposition to the proposal. He said he has a real problem with the Assessor not attending the meeting. He said his concern is that his home is on a street that has split zoning. Zoning on the other side of the street can build up to six stories. There are 12 residential homes along that section. He suggested the Council will need to revisit the original height adjustment for Pacific Highway and rescind that section and include it within the Willows residential section because 12 homes in that area represent approximately a quarter of the homes in the area that will be impacted by the height.

Planner Pasinetti displayed a map of the area at the request of Councilmember Godwin because of the concerns expressed by Mr. Hulsey. Planner Pasinetti reviewed the boundary of the height adjustment previously approved by the Council. Councilmember Godwin suggested reconsidering the previous action as the Council may have erred. Councilmember Brooks suggested the Council should vote on the motion. He said he favors directing staff to look at some appropriate buffering options for the Willows area. Councilmember Cerqui asked whether the Planning Commission could work on the issue over the course of the year. Director Smith affirmed that it would be possible. City Manager Worthington said he understand the direction of the Council to ask the Planning Commission to work on buffering that helps retains the character of the Willows neighborhood . Councilmember Brooks commented on the possibility of looking at different height overlays for different areas. City Manager Worthington said the Council could establish criteria for the Hearing Examiner to consider during a conditional use process. Councilmember Brooks said he favors addressing the issue as soon as possible and also agrees with Councilmember Cerqui's comments about looking at zoning in the area. City Manager Worthington cautioned the Council that the Planning Commission's agenda is full and that the Commission is working on overall zoning in the City. It may be another six months before the issue returns to the Council.

Planner Pasinetti provided additional clarification on the types of uses allowed in the overlay.

Councilmember de Booy addressed citizens speaking to the Council and commended them for stepping up and speaking from their heart. The comments have led to a change.

Carol Sue Braaten, 2410 Berry Lane E, said she's also opposed to the height increase and has experienced a problem with the Assessor's Office 20 years ago as well by indicating that her property could be assessed by the number of buildings that could be placed on her property. . She said she is against the height increase. The Planning Commission has presented other issues that the Council has rejected. She said she's glad to see the Council is changing its mind because no one wants 60 feet next to them.

Motion

Motion failed. All opposed the motion.

#1664 Fee Ordinance

City Clerk/Finance Director Marcotte read the title of Ordinance No. 1664:

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, amending Section 3.10.010 to the Fife Municipal Code regarding establishing fees for documents and services.

Director Marcotte reported the ordinance updates a previous ordinance that delegated fee setting authority from the Council to the Clerk Treasurer and included a short list of services that could be charged a fee, such as police reports and documents. The proposed ordinance changes the delegation from the Clerk Treasurer to the City Manager with the City Manager determining items that are appropriate to be charged a fee.

Motion

Councilmember de Booy moved, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, to approve Ordinance No. 1664; Fee Ordinance.

Motion

Motion carried. Councilmember Roscoe was not present for the vote.

Ordinance 1659 Local Improvement District (LID)

Councilmember Cerqui recused himself from the discussion and left the room.

Director Blount briefed the Council on the proposed request. The Council adopted first reading of the ordinance at its last meeting after opening and closing a public hearing. The record is currently closed on the public hearing regarding the matter. The proposal is the extension of water and sewer services along Valley Avenue East between 70th Avenue East and Freeman Road East. Of the three design alternatives, the Council voted on the low-cost alternative. The assessments are approximately one-half of the increased value associated with the addition of water and sewer services. Director Blount displayed a map showing the Local Improvement District (LID) area.

City Clerk/Finance Director Marcotte read the title of Ordinance No. 1659:

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, ordering certain water and sanitary sewer improvements on Valley Avenue East from approximately 70th Avenue East to Freeman Road; establishing Local Improvement District Number 08-1 and ordering the carrying out of the proposed improvements; providing that payment for the improvements be made by special assessments on property in the district, payable by the mode of "payment by bonds"; and providing for the issuance and sale of local improvement district warrants redeemable in cash or other short-term financing and local improvement district bonds.

Motion

Councilmember Roscoe moved, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, to

approve Ordinance No. 1659; Local Improvement District (LID).

Councilmember Brooks said he spoke with many people who are affected by the proposal. Some people are happy and some are not. He said his vote reflects what he believes is a well thought process and that the Council decided on the most economical option for property owners.

Councilmember De Booy commented that the issue has been discussed extensively and that it's another big change for the City and with change comes pros and cons. However, with the rate of growth and necessary improvements that are needed, the action is necessary.

Mayor Johnson thanked Councilmember Brooks for his leadership and expertise on the issue. The Council considered a sewer plan twice the cost and with his leadership the Council was able to consider other low-cost options. He commented that it is with a heavy heart that he will support the proposal.

Mayor Johnson invited public comments. City Attorney Combs advised that the public hearing record is closed and no public comments should be taken.

Motion

Roll call vote on motion:

- Councilmember Godwin- Yes**
- Mayor Johnson - Yes**
- Councilmember Brooks - Yes**
- Councilmember Cerqui - Recused**
- Councilmember de Booy - Yes**
- Councilmember Roscoe - Yes**

Motion carried 5-1.

RESOLUTIONS

#1181 ILA With Fife School District for Afterschool Program

Director Reuter briefed the Council on the request to approve an interlocal agreement with Surprise Elementary School for the Afterschool Program.

Councilmember Cerqui returned to the meeting at 9:06 pm

City Clerk/Finance Director Marcotte read the title of Resolution No. 1181:

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, authorizing the City Manager to execute an interlocal agreement with the Fife School District No. 417 for the administration of an Afterschool Recreation Program.

Motion

Councilmember Brooks moved, seconded by Councilmember Godwin, to approve Resolution No. 1181; ILA with Fife School District for Afterschool Program.

Councilmember Cerqui asked if there were any changes in previous service levels. Director Reuter replied that it's the same program, and that the resolution is generally a housekeeping resolution.

Councilmember De Booy inquired about the location of the program. Director Reuter replied that the program is located at Surprise Middle School for six and seventh graders.

Councilmember Roscoe added that she had an opportunity to volunteer and that it's an excellent program, and is very supportive of the program.

Mayor Johnson commented on the excellent presentation by staff at a previous meeting on the program. It was surprising to learn of the number of children that are considered latchkey children, who are a target of this program.

Motion

Motion carried unanimously.

Director Reuter reported the interlocal agreement will go before the Fife School Board at its February 25, 2008 meeting.

#1182 Award Contract to HDR Architecture, Inc for Brookville Gardens Master Plan

Director Reuter reported the request is the next step in the master planning process for the Brookville Gardens property. HDR has taken all the information gathered from the Council and the advisory committee and developed some preliminary designs to be reviewed at a design meeting scheduled for February 13, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. He invited Councilmembers to attend the meeting.

The Council previously authorized a contract with David Evans and Associates for work on the project for wetland delineation and topographic surveying to establish baseline information. HDR will take the information and move forward with the design process.

Director Reuter requested the approval of the design contract with HDR Architecture, Inc.

City Clerk/Finance Director Marcotte read the title of Resolution No. 1182:

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with HDR Architecture, Inc. for professional services regarding the Brookville Gardens property.

Motion

Councilmember Godwin moved, seconded by Councilmember Roscoe, to approve Resolution No. 1182; Award Contract to HDR Architecture, Inc. for Brookville Gardens Master Plan.

Councilmember Godwin inquired about the timeframe for completion of the design. Director Reuter referred to an exhibit for additional information on a proposed time schedule for the project. He outlined major milestones.

Councilmember Brooks shared that he had opportunity to walk the property, which is a gorgeous piece of property

Councilmember Cerqui said the plan appears to be a good plan and he is looking forward to the project.

Councilmember de Booy said she's also walked the property and is excited about the project. She asked about the public information materials. Director Reuter provided additional information on the public notification process. Information will also be included in the *Fife Free Press*.

Motion

Motion carried unanimously.

#1183 ILA with City of Milton Pilot Program for Work Crew

City Manager Worthington said the proposed resolution is a partnership with the City of Milton where Milton supplies workers for the City's work program. The workers are serving their community to offset low level offenses. The City established a work program for offenders to fulfill community service, such as clearing public right-of-ways or assisting in park maintenance to help reduce community costs. The City of Milton approached the City about the potential of participating in the program on a trial basis. Through the program, the City of Milton will provide offenders designated to serve community service in Fife with the City overseeing the program. If the trial program goes well the cities will consider further refinements.

City Clerk/Finance Director Marcotte read the title of Resolution No. 1183:

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, authorizing the City Manager to execute an interlocal agreement with the City of Milton regarding the Public Service in Lieu of Jail Program.

Motion

Councilmember de Booy moved, seconded by Councilmember Cerqui, to approve Resolution No. 1183; ILA with City of Milton Pilot Program for Work Crew.

City of Milton Mayor Katrina Asay reported Milton's Police Department and Fife's Police Department work closely together, which benefits both cities. The courts are also beginning to work closely together. Fife's program to enable citizens to work off debt benefits the City and the City of Milton

Milton needs to offer community service as well. Work programs are successful according to the research. The City of Milton has offenders who need to participate and it would be beneficial for both cities to work together.

Mayor Asay introduced Police Chief Bill Rhoades Rhoads. Chief Rhoads offered comments on the importance of both cities working together on the program.

Councilmember de Booy questioned the benefits to the City of Milton if workers are performing work in Fife. City Manager Worthington said if the program works well there will be discussions about the sharing of the work that is being done as well as some of the supervisory chores.

Police Chief Blackburn provided additional information about the success of the program to date. He provided examples of some of the service performed in the City, such as the Fife Festival.

City Manager Worthington commented on the supervisory requirements and the departments' involved in the program. Supervisory oversight is limited because the program is based on volunteers who want to perform community service in lieu of paying a fine or serving minimum jail time.

Judge Ringus described the screening process that workers who are offered the opportunity in lieu of jail must undertake to be eligible to participate in the program. Typical participants are shoplifters or people convicted of driving with a suspended license or alcohol offenses.

Motion

#1184 Authorize DEA Supplement #5 for Valley Avenue Bid Documents

Motion carried unanimously.

Director Blount reported the request follows the Council's approval of the Local Improvement District for preparation of bid documents and a number of other details in final design. The work is to begin the actual design. He reviewed some of the costs associated with the project. He recommended approval of the resolution.

City Clerk/Finance Director Marcotte read the title of Resolution No. 1184:

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, authorizing additional services by David Evans and Associates for design of improvements to Valley Avenue East, From 70th Avenue East to Freeman Road East.

Motion

Councilmember Roscoe moved, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, to approve Resolution No. 1184; Authorize DEA Supplement #5 for Valley Avenue Bid Documents.

Councilmember Roscoe inquired as to whether Exhibit B is related to the

project. Director Blount replied that the scope of services for the 66th Avenue East/26th Street East Project Feasibility Report is a component of the project with a caveat. The City previously acquired property at the corner of 70th Avenue East and 20th Street East and there was a desire to look at freeing the property as a storm pond by looking at other another alternate site. The alternate site would be the 66th Avenue East/26th Street East property. It's one piece of the current proposal that is not directly related to construction this year. The Council could elect to remove that piece from the proposal. Director Blount pointed out the location of the property. The reason for including the component was based on the intent of freeing up the 70th/20th Street property. The cost of the study is approximately \$15,000 and would marginally be a little more expensive to complete separately, but not substantially.

Councilmember Roscoe commented that it is the first time she has seen the proposal. Director Blount said he understood there had been some discussion about the potential of swapping the property because of the property's higher value and better use.

Councilmember Brooks asked whether the \$177,000 is for items that are prorated against the LID. Director Blount affirmed that's correct. Councilmember Brooks suggested that for future projects it would be helpful for consultants to provide a best guess of what work will have to be accomplished to better prepare the Council.

Councilmember Godwin asked several questions pertaining to the documents included in the staff report. Director Blount said the material is a summary that addresses the question asked previously by Councilmember Roscoe. Councilmember Godwin said he's having some difficulty with the scope for the engineering work as it began at \$987,000 and it appears to be increasing. Director Blount said the first \$980,000 was strictly for permits. The design is for the full length of the road. Director Blount provided additional clarification on the scope of the work.

Councilmember Cerqui referred to Exhibit B and expressed some concerns about including it within the scope. He asked why the costs were not split out and if there is any funding requirement to undertake the work at this time. Additionally, it was his understanding that the retention pond could be moved to the Gathering Place property as opposed to acquiring other property. Director Blount said the area is not included in the Gathering Place drainage basin. It drains to another area. He explained the different watersheds associated with the properties. The discussion of the Gathering Place property is in a different watershed. Councilmember Cerqui said at one time former Mayor Kelley suggested putting another drain along the freeway when working with the Department of Transportation on the SR167 expansion. Director Blount said it's the Council's option to exclude the scope of services for the property. The study is not a critical path but it is one that has been

discussed by the Council pertaining to interest in looking at alternatives to using the site as a storm pond. The consultant included the study to the surprise of staff. Director Blount said since the information was included, the Council could consider whether to keep or exclude the work.

Councilmember Cerqui asked about the potential to use blue pipes for landscaping on the 20th Street project. Director Blount said it will entail a design because of the complexity of the system. It can still be included in the design work.

Councilmember Cerqui expressed concerns about retaining the scope of services for the 66th Avenue East/26th Street East report and offered the suggestion of reviewing it during a study session.

Motion

Councilmember Cerqui moved, seconded by Councilmember Roscoe, to remove the Scope of Services for 66th Avenue East/26th Street East Project Feasibility Report from the resolution.

Councilmember Godwin commented that the Council discussed at length many times the movement of stormwater to the City's 50 acres on the other side of 20th and east of 70th. There was no mention of a different watershed or another set of rules. He said he supported the project for the road with the understanding that stormwater would be moved toward the Gathering Place. Director Blount reported he never understood that the Gathering Place floodplain was a possibility.

Mayor Johnson said the discussion on the stormwater was wrapped up in the Gathering Place property as a stormwater facility for potential development, such as the proposed soccer fields. Director Blount said he participated in those discussions but understood that the regional stormwater facility was a region of the Hylebos watershed.

Councilmember Godwin said if the issue is causing a change, the Council should review a number of things. He suggested if a distinction between watersheds is going to occur then the Council needs to reconsider its decision in that area based on the movement of water.

Motion

Councilmember Roscoe moved, seconded by Councilmember Cerqui, to extend the meeting to 10:30 p.m. Motion carried.

City Manager Worthington advised that staff will refresh the information from staff's perspective and report to the Council.

Motion

The amended main motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Appoint Councilmember position #3

City Manager Worthington reported the previous evening the Council met with and interviewed nine very qualified Council candidates. The Council reduced the number of candidates to two. He suggested the Council recess to an executive session for five minutes to discuss the candidates.

Recess

The meeting was recessed to an executive session at 10:03 p.m. to discuss the two Council candidates. The meeting was reconvened at 10:10 p.m.

Mayor Johnson said the Council was pleased with the high caliber of candidates applying for the Council vacancy. He thanked and named the nine candidates. The Council narrowed the list to two, Mary McGonigal and Glenn Hull.

Councilmembers thanked everyone who applied and said they hope that the applicants consider serving the City in some other capacity.

Action

Ballots were cast by the Council.

Director Marcotte reported on the vote:

Councilmember Godwin – Glenn Hull
Councilmember Brooks – Glenn Hull
Mayor Johnson – Glenn Hull
Councilmember de Booy – Glenn Hull
Councilmember Cerqui – Glenn Hull
Councilmember Roscoe – Glenn Hull

It was a unanimous vote for Glen Hull.

Mayor Johnson welcomed Mr. Hull to the City Council.

Judge Ringus swore Glenn Hull into office.

Councilmember Hull was seated on the Council at 10:20 p.m.

Council Liaison Appointments –

Mayor Johnson reviewed the list of Council liaison assignments.

Councilmember Roscoe reported she previously served on Communities and Schools, which disbanded and was replaced by another entity. However, she said she is unable to attend the meetings. She offered to provide information on the new entity to the Council for a possible replacement.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Worthington provided an update on the following activities/events:

Staff is still working on some minor refinements and finetuning pertaining to the renovation of the Council Chambers. Some final work will be completed

in finetuning the sound and microphone system, wall coverings. The renovated Council Chambers helps to set the right tone for the Fife Community.

The Federal Express paving project is scheduled February 16 – 17, 2008, weather dependent.

The Council has a number of important issues coming before them. City Manager Worthington referred the Council to information available on numerous studies involving the annexation study, Gathering Place Market Report, and several reports on the Draft Master Plan.

On February 19, 2008 a photographer is scheduled at 6:00 p.m. for Council photos and a Council group photo at City Hall.

City Manager Worthington welcomed Councilmember Glenn Hull as a new Councilmember.

Motion

Councilmember Roscoe moved, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, to extend the meeting another 10 minutes. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmembers individually congratulated and welcomed Councilmember Hull.

Councilmember Godwin reported he is working on the Daffodil float with former Mayor Kelley and asked interested citizens to contact them to assist in decorating the float. .

Councilmember Hull thanked the Council for the appointment to the Council and said he is looking forward to working with the Council and staff.

Councilmember Brooks asked staff to investigate and cleanup some garbage dumped near the Brookville Gardens site near the frog pond.

The Council thanked citizens for taking the time to attend the meeting and sharing their comments.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Walter Fietz, Wilton Lane, expressed disappointment that he was not afforded the opportunity to speak during the LID discussion. He indicated he had difficulty hearing during the public hearing, which is why he did testify during the public hearing. The City should have found some other funding for the LID because it was City-initiated. He cited the lack of information about the project within the budget. Gig Harbor is undertaking a large sewer project involving a million gallons a day. However, there is no mention of an LID to fund the project. Gig Harbor is charging \$8,000 to hookup. The City should have looked at other funding sources for the sewer project. He cited

different funding sources and questioned how the City is spending its money.

An unidentified member of the Historical Museum Board asked the City to remove a large piece of equipment from the Museum that is located in the basement and taking up valuable space. Director Reuter acknowledged the equipment belongs to the City and will have it removed. .

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 10:41 p.m.

Barry Johnson, Mayor

Steve Marcotte, City Clerk/Finance Director

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