FIFE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Fife City Hall
Council Chambers

Date: November 10, 2009
Time: 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Johnson convened an executive session at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of Real Estate RCW 42.30.140 for approximately 40 minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Johnson adjourned the executive session at 6:40 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Johnson called the regular meeting of the Fife City Council to order at 7:03 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Richard Godwin, Glenn Hull Butch Brooks, Barry Johnson, Rob Cerqui, and Kim Roscoe.

Councilmember excused: Nancy de Booy.

Staff present: City Manager Steve Worthington, City Attorney Loren Combs, Finance Director Steve Marcotte, Police Chief Brad Blackburn, Public Works Director Russ Blount, Parks, Recreation & Community Services Director Kurt Reuter, Senior Planner Beverly Boyle, Planner Chris Pasinetti, Administrative Assistant Andrea Richards, Municipal Court Judge Kevin Ringus, Financial Analyst Dave DeGroot, Police Lt. Jeff Westover, and Recording Secretary William Gow II.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Cerqui led the pledge of allegiance.

CHANGES, ADDITIONS, OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Minutes: Date: October 20, 2009 Study Session
October 27, 2009 Council Meeting

b. Approval of Vouchers:
Payroll: #46199 – 46250 $557,268.00
Claim: #77654 – 77769 $355,298.96

c. Set a Special Meeting for November 17, 2009 Study Session City Hall 7:00 p.m.

Motion

Councilmember Brooks moved, seconded by Councilmember Godwin, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Pierce County Library District

Georgia Lomax, Deputy Director, Pierce County Library System, welcomed the City and citizens to the library system. Library officials are excited by the vote from citizens to join the system. The library system registered several Fife citizens on November 3, 2009 following the general election. The first two citizens to sign up for library service are Spanish-speaking residents from Fife, with many others

interested in obtaining a library card. Currently, 179 Fife residents have library cards.

The library's next steps are providing the next set of services to citizens and researching needs and specifics for planning a new library. The library will maintain contact and continue working closely with the City. She congratulated the City on the positive outcome of the ballot measure.

Mayor Johnson thanked Ms. Lomax and Neil Parks for their leadership and efforts in moving the process forward. Mayor Johnson thanked citizens who voted in favor of the library.

Neel Parikh, Director, Pierce County Library System, distributed informational packets and library card applications. The library welcomes the addition of Fife to the library system, which now comprises 18 branches. Fife residents can now obtain a library card through the King County Library System as well as the Puyallup Library. A June 30, 2011, opening of the Fife Library is planned. Library officials are looking forward in working with the Fife community.

Councilmember Brooks said although he wasn't a supporter of a library in the City of Fife, the voters have spoken through their vote of support, and it's important for the library system and the City to work on finding a permanent facility as soon as possible.

Halloween Carnival Recap

Police Lt. Jeff Westover provided a recap of the 2009 Halloween carnival. Over 300 children and their families attended the carnival. He displayed several photos of the event featuring children and event volunteers involving police officers, Judge Ringus, and Councilmember de Booy. Seven boxes of donated food were collected for the Fife Food Bank. Several high school students volunteered during the event as well as the Kiwanis Club.

Tacoma Pierce County Victims Candlelight Vigil

Police Chief Blackburn introduced Sharon Rainon, the new Coordinator for the Tacoma Pierce County DUI Victim's Information Panel. Ms. Rainon reported she is one of several volunteers within the organization who speaks to defendants who have been court-ordered to attend a panel. She invited citizens and the Council to attend the annual dinner and award program at Columbia Junior High School on Friday, November 13, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. All volunteers have been affected by a DUI crash in some form. She reported on the loss of her 18-year old daughter five years ago because of a person driving drunk. The panels are held three times a month. Two are held in the City of Tacoma and one is held at the Puyallup Library. The organization also visits many high schools and junior high schools, as well as military bases to share stories. It's important for people to understand that the incidents are 100% preventable. Over 17,000 people are killed annually on America's highways by drunk drivers. Panel presenters share those stories with defendants. Funds from the candle light vigil and the silent auction help victims financially as well as funding the installation of memorial highway signs. Last year over $5,000 was distributed in gift cards and toys at Christmas for many of the

survivors and their families.

The Candle Light Vigil and the Silent Auction will be a larger event with many gifts donated by families of victims and the community.

COUNCIL DELEGATE REPORT

Councilmember Godwin reported on his attendance with Mayor Johnson to the Pierce County Cities & Towns meeting. He was provided with the opportunity to represent small cities in southern King County and northern Pierce County on the Puget Sound Partnership (PSP), and looks forward to working with PSP because of his passion for ensuring the cleanup of Puget Sound.

Councilmember Hull reported the City of Kent was recently awarded an amateur softball association 2011 national tournament that will attract over 100 teams to area hotels and businesses.

Councilmember Brooks reported he attended the October 30, 2009, progress briefing on the I-5/HOV lane project on I-5 through Fife and Tacoma. Governor Gregoire and Secretary of Transportation Paula Hammond attended as well. He attended the monthly RAMP meeting with Director Blount on November 4, 2009, which included discussion on 2010 legislative priorities. Fife was well represented with several opinions on the table. Councilmember Brooks advised that he will be absent during the next meeting. Because he serves as the City's delegate on the Pierce County Regional Council, Councilmember Godwin is a voting representative and has agreed to attend on his behalf at the November 19, 2009 meeting. The Chair and the Vice Chair will be elected for 2010. It's important for the City to be represented.

Councilmember Cerqui reported on the recent Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) meeting to discuss several issues.

Councilmember Roscoe attended her last Zoo Trek Authority meeting and received an original acrylic painting of an animal as a parting gift. The Authority is continuing work on the budget to match with projected revenues for 2010.

Mayor Johnson reported on his nomination and election as President of Pierce County Cities & Towns. City of Milton Mayor Asay was elected Vice President. The meeting's discussion included updates from the PSP, state budget, and other issues.

PUBLIC HEARING

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING ON 2010 BUDGET

Director Marcotte reported the public hearing is the second public hearing on the 2010 Budget as required by state law. The first public hearing was held on October 27, 2009.

Director Marcotte reviewed several exhibits included within the staff report. The total budget is $65,624,462 with planned ending fund balances within 22 different

City funds. Planned expenditures total $46,582,298 with the ending fund balance in 2010 estimated to be $19,042,164 with $13,720,000 within the City's General Fund. Budget graphs are available for review by the public as well as the detailed budget at Fife City Hall. He displayed a pie chart comparing annual expenditures for all funds by general categories from 2007 through 2010. A similar chart was presented for revenue comparisons.

Staff recommends the Council open the public hearing to receive public testimony.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing at 7:34 p.m.

Public Comment

Sang Kim, General Manager, Baymont Inn & Suites, referred to budget issues within lodging tax funds and allocation of funds to the swimming pool of $308,000. He said he understands the LTAC held a meeting and decided that the swimming pool request as well as two other funding requests was received after the deadline. He acknowledged the importance of police presence within the City because his hotel was hit by burglars working along the I-5 corridor. Timing of police response was impeccable. Police officers were nearly able to apprehend the offenders. He acknowledged the importance of funding for police officers. He referred to the lack of support from the City for the amateur golf tournament and the importance of supporting tournaments. The funding request of $308,000 for the pool is too large. He and other hoteliers discussed the funding level they could support to help the City. If the City can manage to locate $150,000 from other general funds or from the red light fund, hoteliers can support funding half of the proposed funding and using the remaining funds to fund the other two proposals that were submitted late.

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

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES:

#1705; 2010 Budget

Motion

Councilmember Brooks moved, seconded by Councilmember Godwin, to approve Ordinance #1705; 2010 Budget.

City Clerk/Finance Director Marcotte read the title of Ordinance #1705:

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fife, Washington, adopting the Final Budget for the Calendar Year 2010.

Director Marcotte reported the second reading of the 2010 Budget is scheduled on November 24, 2009, for adoption of the final budget. The proposed ordinance details planned expenditures for each fund. Total planned expenditures are $46,582,298 with an expectation of an ending fund balance for all funds of

$19,042,000. The General Fund expenditure is $13,720,171 with an expectation of more than $2.5 million in ending fund balance for the General Fund.

The Council has the option of adopting the ordinance as presented or amending the ordinance.

Motion: **Councilmember Cerqui moved, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, to amend the 2010 Budget to revise the Lodging Tax funding allocation to reflect:**

- **Fife Historical Society - $40,000**
- **Swim Center - $100,000**
- **Retain Performing Arts Center funding of $10,000**

City Manager Worthington reported the LTAC met on November 5, 2009 following the Council's earlier discussion and reevaluated some of the proposals and considered the two late applications. The LTAC also reviewed the request for Swim Center funding to free up General Fund monies for hiring additional police officers. He referred to the committee's recent recommendation reducing the History Museum upgrades to $10,000. The City Manager's recommendation is $40,000. The LTAC reviewed the Performing Arts Center and recommends $10,000 with the City Manager recommending no funding. The committee agreed to fund $50,000 for the Swim Center after a lengthy debate. The committee recommends funding $25,000 for the museum sewer and $25,000 for the Swim Center Salt Water project. In further discussion with the City Manager, Councilmember Cerqui indicated that there was discussion for funding the Swim Center at $100,000 equating to one officer to provide more coverage to the hotels. He said he supports funding the Swim Center at $100,000, the Performing Arts Center at $10,000 and the Museum at $40,000. In lieu of the late proposals for the golf tournament and the festival, the committee recommends rejecting both applications because of the late submittal.

Mayor Johnson noted that the proposed budget doesn't include the potential program changes that the Council previously discussed. City Manager Worthington said it includes program funding that was identified as continued funding in June. The program funding amounts will be adjusted.

Councilmember Brooks said he spoke with Councilmember Cerqui about the funding proposal and agreed that an appropriate funding level for the swimming pool is $100,000 to free up General Funds for hiring one police officer. He agreed with funding the Historical Society at $40,000 with a caveat of ensuring City oversight and that those funds should be used for the barn with a budget developed for the work. The Council should consider funding the 2010 golf amateur tournament even though the application was submitted late because that's the primary purpose of lodging tax funds. Another caveat involved with the entire funding proposal is the intent of the City to sell its property freeing up $450,000 in committed debt. It that doesn't occur, it will be detrimental to the LTAC funding

recommendation because $420,000 is already committed next year.

City Manager Worthington responded to questions about the amateur golf request and noted the funding request is for $15,000. The funding request is not included within the LTAC funding recommendation. The international festival is requesting $25,000.

Mayor Johnson expressed support for funding the amateur golf tournament as well as the international festival because it's well attended.

Councilmember Hull suggested providing a lower budget expectation to agencies requesting funding if the City's property sale doesn't occur. It's important for the City of Fife to support the U.S. Golf Association amateur golf tournament to ensure the tournament is successful for future tournaments.

Councilmember Godwin requested clarification on the funding level for the museum and the current receipts for the work completed to date on the barn. City Manager Worthington advised that the first review of the billing the City received is larger than the authorized funding allocation. Staff is reviewing the receipts to ascertain the correct amount.

Motion: **Mayor Johnson moved, seconded by Councilmember Roscoe, to include $15,000 in lodging tax funds for the US Golf Association Amateur Golf Tournament.**

Councilmember Roscoe inquired about the benefits to the City for funding the golf tournament. City Manager Worthington said the proposal is from the PGA. The City of Fife will receive placement on the website associated with the tournament linking to Fife hotels as well as a number of tickets that will be provided to hotels for hotel guests. The tournament is scheduled to be held at Chambers Bay Golf Course at University Place.

Councilmember Brooks reviewed the proposed funding level, a reserve amount of $150,000, and the assumption that the property sale will occur, which leaves approximately $284,000. Until the City is advised of the sale of the property, applicants shouldn't count on more than 50% of their funding allocation. He suggested including $40,000 for the Historical Society as a placeholder, and at the earliest opportunity the Council should receive a report from the organization on its financial situation and a budget for the $40,000.

Councilmember Hull commented on some of the historical contractual amounts with the Historical Society and funding of the Marketing Coordinator, as well as the Fife Chamber of Commerce. Those three organizations total a funding request of $190,500. Adding the pool at $100,000 brings the total to $290,500. If the property doesn't sell the other programs might not receive funding. More discussion is needed to review the worst-case scenario. The funding is designed to attract tourists to Fife. He expressed concerns about the proposal.

Councilmember Roscoe said she's willing to move forward especially in today's economy because all jurisdictions are now in the mode of revisiting expenses and revenue every few months. She said she's not a fan of the golf tournament but prefers not becoming paralyzed because of the possibility of problems associated with the sales of the property.

Councilmember Godwin said the one-time capital requests are dependent upon the sale of the gathering place property. The proposal reduces Swim Center funds, which would have funded police officer positions.

City Manager Worthington advised that for one-time capital expenses, it is understood by staff that those expenses will not move forward if the sale of the gathering place property doesn't occur.

Motion **The motion carried on the second amendment to add $15,000 for the golf tournament. Councilmembers Roscoe and Hull opposed.**

Motion **The motion carried on the first amendment to include the following in the LTAC funding allocation:**

- **Fife Historical Society - $40,000**
- **Swim Center - $100,000**
- **Performing Arts Center - $10,000**

Councilmember Hull opposed.

Councilmember Cerqui commented on the goal to include more funding for police officers to maintain the staffing level of the department from several years ago. Unfortunately, the funds from LTAC have not been recommended to help fund the positions. City Manager Worthington said he's spoken with several of the Councilmembers regarding the situation. There is interest in ensuring the community is well served by the police because of growing crime in the community and in the region. There are several ways to consider funding some positions. Funding the Swim Center provides General Fund monies to fund police officers. The LTAC funding recommendation will fund one police officer. If the Council wants to add additional officers, each position will cost approximately $100,000. Other options include moving expenses in the General Fund to a restricted fund, or reducing expenses in an area. Today's economy is difficult for everyone. The City has monitored on a monthly basis for the last two years in terms of revenues and expenses, which has created a better situation for increasing the level of police service to some degree. Most of the other communities didn't react as quickly as the Fife City Council and they are still reducing level of service.

Mayor Johnson noted the City has a grant that will add one officer this year. The grant is for three years. An additional $100,000 from the pool will return the two

red light officers to patrol, leaving two positions deferred unless other cuts are made in other departments.

Councilmember Brooks presented an option directing the City Manager to revise the budget to include two limited commissioned officers in the Red Light Photo Program to release the existing two officers to patrol. The City has received federal grants for funding one officer for three years. The LTAC proposal adds another officer for a total of four officers on patrol than in 2009. The cost to replace the two officers currently reviewing red light violations with limited commissioned officers is approximately $108,000 with each officer returning to patrol costing $100,000 each. By reducing the original goal by one officer, a funding gap exists of $208,000, which has been closed somewhat by including $100,000 from the General Fund from lodging tax to cover pool expenses creating a $108,000 funding gap. He proposed reducing the funding level for the 2010 Street Overlay Program by $108,000.

Motion

Councilmember Brooks moved, seconded by Councilmember Godwin, to amend the motion to reduce the 2010 Street Overlay Program by $108,000 to support Police Department positions.

Councilmember Godwin said he also supports adding an additional officer but considering the City's budget status, there are too many revenue sources the City is depending on in 2010, which may be at risk in 2010 because of the downturn in the economy. The proposal as stated is prudent considering the current state of affairs.

Councilmember Hull expressed disappointment in some of the projections the Council has received. He supported a compromise and revisiting the issue next spring as public safety is of the upmost important to the community.

Councilmember Brooks commented on the Council's foresight to begin cutting expenses earlier rather than later. Many of the surrounding jurisdictions are paying dearly because they didn't manage things during the beginning of the recession. The economy is beginning to recover, but it's too fragile and the Council should continue taking a conservative approach until some changes occur. He agreed with the suggestion to revisit the issue next spring. The amendment is a good compromise.

Councilmember Cerqui expressed disappointment that the Council is not considering other alternatives. The Council had a similar discussion last year. The level of service is concerning as well as the current crime level. He suggested considering interlocal funds with the Tribe or using Red Light Photo Enforcement funds. He asked about the budget for the overlay program. Director Marcotte reported the budget is $500,000 for the overlay program.

City Manager Worthington reported tribal funds have been programmed for other General Fund expenses at the Council's previous direction. Councilmember Cerqui said another option could include amending the Public Safety Fund for police

staffing. He acknowledged the funding shortage and expressed a desire to attain full police staffing at some point.

Councilmember Roscoe acknowledged that the City's level of service even with existing vacancies is not below the level of service of neighboring jurisdictions because of Fife's community service oriented Police Department. The Public Safety Fund was established to fund public safety improvements, such as pedestrian safety.

Mayor Johnson reviewed the proposal that is fiscally conservative while still increasing the police force by three positions. He acknowledged the Council's concerns and desire to add another officer.

Motion

The motion to approve the amendment passed. Councilmembers Hull and Cerqui opposed.

Councilmember Hull inquired about the allocation of staff time that is not fully allocated within the Red Light Photo Enforcement Program. Police Chief Blackburn described the difficulties associated with capturing time from various departments. Essentially, one full time equivalent position is likely spent on the program through the various departments involved within the program. Councilmember Hull suggested it might be a funding mechanism the Council could consider as well. It would be helpful to receive data on the time allocation.

Several Councilmembers expressed a desire to revisit police department staffing next spring. City Manager Worthington and Director Marcotte advised that the Council will receive quarterly reports and budget reports during spring to assist in the discussion.

Motion

The motion to approve first reading of Ordinance #1705; 2010 Budget as amended passed unanimously.

#1706; 2009 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Motion

Councilmember Brooks moved, seconded by Councilmember Godwin, to adopt Ordinance #1706: 2009 Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

City Clerk/Finance Director Marcotte read the title of Ordinance #1706:

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fife, Washington, amending the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Fife pursuant to the State of Washington Growth Management Act.

Planner Pasinetti reported the ordinance adopts the proposed four 2009 comprehensive plan amendments. The amendments include the school district's

Capital Facilities Plans, 6-year Transportation Improvement Program, Water Comprehensive Plan, and the Driftmier Capital Facilities Study. On August 3, 2009, the Planning Commission recommended passage of the amendments to the City Council. Staff recommends approval of first reading of the ordinance.

Councilmember Godwin asked whether the Puyallup School District followed up with staff on a realistic number for the impact fee rate for single and multi-family homes. Planner Pasinetti advised that the district provided an explanation but did not provide specific fees. School district officials plan to attend the Puyallup City Council meeting when the Council acts on amending the school impact fee. The district argues that they provide an unfunded need and are short one step in providing an impact fee. Many jurisdictions arbitrarily adopt an impact fee that is not adequately reflected. Councilmember Godwin said the information is incomplete. The Fife School District was able to provide an impact fee rate. Planner Pasinetti said he understands that the impact fee is always adopted separately through another ordinance.

Motion

Motion carried. Councilmember Godwin opposed.

RESOLUTIONS

#1323; Renew 2010 Government Affairs Contract with Petrizzo Strategic Group

Motion

Councilmember Brooks moved, seconded by Councilmember Godwin, to approve Resolution #1323; Renew 2010 Government Affairs Contract with Petrizzo Strategic Group.

City Clerk/Finance Director Marcotte read the title of Resolution #1323:

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract for government affairs services with Petrizzo Strategic Group, Inc. for the year 2010.

City Manager Worthington reported on the successful service provided to the City in 2009, which includes securing federal appropriation for the 70th Street project. Having a governmental affairs representative available in Washington, D.C. who is knowledgeable about the congressional process and can monitor issues important to the City has been beneficial to the City and resulted in securing funding for several key projects. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been expended in flood planning studies to help the City prepare for flooding through the assistance of Congressman Adams and Senator Murray. The contract for 2010 reflects no increase from the 2009 contract. Staff recommends approval of the request.

Councilmembers Brooks, Cerqui, and Hull, Police Chief Blackburn, and Mayor

Johnson commented positively on the service provided to the City by Petrizzo Strategic Group. The Council should renew the contract because the City is well served by the company.

Motion

Motion carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Worthington reported on the following:

- Valley Avenue is under construction along with work on shoulder tiles on the retention ponds off 70th Avenue. Updates on construction activity are provided through the City's website and by employees.
- The Senior Center Thanksgiving lunch is planned at the Fife Community Center on November 19, 2009 during lunch. The Council was invited to attend as well as the community. The Parks Department is accepting RSVPs at 253-922-0900.
- The City recently closed on the purchase of some property.
- The Federal Highway Administration reclassified City streets with many streets reclassified to a higher level. Reclassification of streets will aid the City when it seeks federal funding because of the impacts from regional traffic.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Godwin said he's pleased with construction activities occurring on Valley Avenue. The contractor is working diligently on the project.

Councilmember Hull commented on the November 3, 2009 general election results. Voter turnout surpassed the highest turnout of any prior election. There is only an 8-vote difference between him and his opponent. Regardless of the outcome of the election, he's committed to working together to unite the community and solving the problems to make the community a better place to live.

Councilmember Brooks acknowledged Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11, 2009. It's important to honor those who serve and have served.

Councilmember Roscoe commented on her participation in Camp Patriot, which provides outdoor experiences for combat injured veterans. She shared information on a veteran who recently died from complications from surgery. She expressed appreciation to the voters for supporting the measure to join the Pierce County Library System.

Mayor Johnson reported the Council will proactively work on securing a library location in the City.

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no further business, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Barry Johnson, Mayor

Steve Marcotte, City Clerk/Finance Director

Prepared by Valerie L. Gow, Recording Secretary/President
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