

**FIFE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Fife City Hall  
Council Chambers**

**Date: July 14, 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 55 minutes.

**ADJOURNMENT** Mayor Johnson adjourned the executive session at 6:55 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, Glenn Hull, Butch Brooks, Barry Johnson, Rob Cerqui, Nancy de Booy, and Kim Roscoe.

Staff present: City Manager Steve Worthington, Assistant City Attorney Greg Amann, Police Chief Brad Blackburn, Public Works Director Russ Blount, Parks, Recreation & Community Services Director Kurt Reuter, Acting Community Development Director Carl Durham, Marketing Coordinator Laurel Potter, Administrative Assistant Andrea Richards, Financial Analyst Dave DeGroot, Planner Chris Pasinetti, Municipal Court Judge Kevin Ringus, Assistant City Engineer Ken Gill, and Recording Secretary William T. Gow II.

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

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

**CITIZENS COMMENTS** There were no public comments.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of Minutes: June 2, 2009 Council Budget Special Meeting  
June 9, 2009 Council Meeting  
June 16, 2009 Study Session
- b. Approval of Vouchers:  
Payroll: #45744 – 45785 \$389,154.46 #45786 – 45853 \$609,779.85  
Claims: #76494 – 76670 \$937,648.60
- c. Set a Special Meeting for July 21, 2009 Study Session

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

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**Proclamation – National** Mayor Johnson read a proclamation recognizing July 2009 as “Park and

**Parks & Recreation  
Month**

Recreation Month” in the City of Fife. The proclamation encourages citizens to participate and support the many recreational programs and facilities provided by public and private agencies.

Mayor Johnson invited everyone to attend the movie presentation of *Shrek III* on Saturday, July 18, 2009, at Dacca Park.

**Car Show Recap**

Marketing Coordinator Potter reported on the results of the successful annual Walt’s Family Car Show at Dacca Park on Saturday, June 27, 2009, which featured over 200 vehicles. Eight vendor booths were featured this year. She displayed pictures of some of the featured cars.

**Harvest Festival Artwork**

Marketing Coordinator Potter reported the winner of the artwork competition for the Harvest Festival is Ms. Hanna Waters, a Tacoma resident. The artwork will be featured in the 2009 Harvest Festival poster, on the City’s website, and in other promotional materials.

**2008 Annual Report**

City Manager Worthington presented the City’s 2008 Annual Report. The report is available on the City’s website. He provided a PowerPoint presentation on highlights of the annual report featuring:

- Acknowledgement that 2008 was a challenging year economically. Department directors and departments reduced expenditures by \$1 million during 2008.
- City’s ideals, goals, and values were maintained throughout the year.
- Achieved significant reductions in the budget to respond to declining revenues in sales tax.
- Continued several key projects involving the Valley Avenue construction project, completion of the Wapato Creek mitigation project and recognition of the work through an environmental award to the City from Puget Sound Regional Council’s 2040 Plan, and continued work on the design of the Brookville Gardens Park.
- The Council established the low impact development code using low impact as a baseline for development occurring within the City. The City was recognized by the Department of Ecology.
- The City enacted the P2D2 program for proper disposal of prescription drugs in a safe and effective manner.
- The Council established a red light photo enforcement program generating a reduction in the number of accidents occurring at those intersections with cameras.
- In government relations, the Council and staff worked with the Puyallup Indian Tribe to strengthen its relationship as well as with the Fife School District and the Port of Tacoma.
- The City received \$1.8 million in grants and appropriations based on its work in government relations and visits to the City’s

congressional delegation. The City received \$300,000 from the state for a command mobile vehicle for critical incident response.

- The City contributed \$200,000 for reinforcement of levees.
- The Department of Community Development worked on several ongoing projects including D.R. Horton's Sunrise at Radiance single family subdivision, numerous commercial projects, assisting in meeting Growth Management Act (GMA) requirements through the maintenance and amendments of the City's comprehensive Plan, supporting the Fife Planning Commission, and reviewing various permit requirements.
- The Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department experienced a demand in recreational services and an increase in the number of program attendees. After school programs continue to be popular as well as the summer day camp program. All contract programs did well during 2008. The summer movie in the park program was initiated in 2008. The Senior Program includes many activities as well as an annual BBQ and appreciation event. A senior advisory program was initiated to review new ideas and ways to assist seniors. The City's rental facility program exceeded budget revenues in 2008. The City added a new electronic reader board outside the Community Center which is used to advertise programs and events as well as emergency situations. The Swim Center experienced a reduction of hours and some part-time staff adjustments. The Fife High School uses the pool for its high school swim team. The pool can be rented for use as well. In 2008, 14 churches rented the pool. Twelve days of scheduled training was held for wild water training. The US Coast Guard trained pilots in how to escape from an underwater aircraft. Two local scuba diving companies rented the pool to teach beginning scuba lessons. The Parks Maintenance Division maintains 180 acres of parkland and park facilities.
- The Municipal Court is under the direction of Judge Kevin Ringus, who has presided as judge since 1995 as one of the four presiding judges over the court's 50 plus year history. In 2008, the court experienced an increase of approximately 22% in non-photo enforcement cases. The court set up the process necessary for the electronic filing of e-tickets, from the Police Department.
- The Finance and Administrative Services Department provides the "back office" support to other City departments for payroll, accounting, utility billing, records management, budget, and similar services. Credit card payment for utility bills was implemented in 2008 to improve customer service and convenience for citizens paying utility bills. City Manager Worthington shared a graphic of 2008 revenue and 2008 expenditures.
- The Police Department is the City's largest department with approximately 60 staff members. The department's canine program

received the addition of Maggie, the department's second drug dog. Maggie has performed well. Police investigations handled 1,414 cases in the community involving 7,000 people. Community policing and the Community Resource Officer programs are important to the community. The Police Department maintains a dispatch center serving both Fife and other local communities. In 2008, corrections contract services were expanded to increase jail capacity and reduce the City's operating costs.

- The Public Works Department completed numerous projects involving facilities, traffic signals/street lighting, sewers, streets, and Drainage District 21, as well as call-outs for numerous emergency situations

City Manager Worthington acknowledged the work and support of staff in 2008 as well as in 2009.

## **COUNCIL DELEGATE REPORT**

Councilmember Hull referred to the North Pierce County Coalition's Mentor Program, which is now operational. Volunteers interested in participating in the program can contact City Hall. City staff is in preliminary conversations with Snohomish County to expand the P2D2 program within the state.

Councilmember Brooks reported on his attendance to the Pierce County Regional Council meeting. The City received a grant for the design and next phase work for the Valley and 70<sup>th</sup> project. Director Blount attended the monthly RAMP meeting and was the featured speaker. Councilmember Brooks and his wife, representing the City, visited Ft. Lewis during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July events. The event was very entertaining. He attended the Senior BBQ.

Councilmember Cerqui reported on the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meeting. Committee members reviewed application requirements and the timeline for the 2009 application process. He also attended the car show, which continues to expand each year.

Councilmember de Booy commented that she's unsure whether all pharmacies are familiar with the City's P2D2 program. She recommended providing information on the program to local pharmacies. Along with others, Councilmember de Booy said she viewed the City's locomotive, which was recently painted. The next step is moving the locomotive to the Fife Historical Museum. The Fife Swim Center continues to experience record attendance. She commented on her trip to Florida and water issues that state is facing.

Councilmember Roscoe reported the Point Defiance Zoo's annual fundraiser, Zoobilee, will be held on July 17, 2009. The Fife School Board's recent meeting focused on new hires for the next school year.

Mayor Johnson reported he attended Walt's Family Car Show. His car of choice was a 1958 Chevrolet convertible. He and City Manager Worthington attended the Puyallup River Executive Task Force meeting. The Mayor's Forum is cancelled in July and August for a summer break. He attended a ribbon cutting ceremony for Fife Chiropractic Services.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **Administrative Design Review (ADR) for CMU**

Acting Director Durham reported the public hearing is on the Administrative Design Review standards for the new Community Mixed Use zoning district adopted in 2008. The standards address window locations, building materials, landscaping, setbacks, street amenities, corners, and utilization of LID code standards.

Planner Pasinetti presented a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed standards. Several photographs highlighted street amenities, setbacks, and curb cut minimization to increase pedestrian activity. The amendments will increase the attractiveness of Fife. Appearance in the City is an important aspect in attracting new business to the community.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing. There were no public comments. Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing.

### **2010 – 2015 Transportation Improvement Program**

Director Blount reported the annual update of the 2010 – 2015 Transportation Improvement Program is minimal this year. The program totals \$100 million in transportation projects. The City continues to seek funding for the projects. The Valley Avenue project has been removed from the program because anticipated construction will begin in 2009. The next phases of the project are included in the program. Last year, the Council adopted 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue as a new corridor, which is included in the program as a priority as part of the City's 20<sup>th</sup> Street corridor project.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing. There were no public comments. Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Godwin said his questions involve priorities within the project list. One concern involves pavement overlay. The Council allocated \$500,000 annually for the annual pavement overlay program. The Council agreed to reallocate the funds this year only to the Valley Avenue project. It's important for the City to continue budgeting \$500,000 for the annual pavement overlay program.

Councilmember Godwin suggested Projects 18, *Pedestrian Railroad Grade Separation – 54<sup>th</sup>* and Project 24 – *54<sup>th</sup> Avenue E Grad Separation – UPRR*, are a waste of funds. He suggested eliminating project 18 and constructing project 24. The City and the Tribe spent in excess of \$750,000 to preserve

right-of-way. Building a pedestrian grade prior to a full grade separation is a wasteful use of money because it can be accomplished in conjunction with the grade separation project. There is no need for both projects.

Mayor Johnson agreed on the importance of the annual overlay pavement program. However, the crossing at 54<sup>th</sup> was at Council direction to staff to move forward. Councilmember Godwin questioned spending funds for a pedestrian grade bypass separation and then spending millions more for a vehicle grade separation when both can be accomplished during the construction of the vehicle grade separation.

Director Blount noted the exhibit included in the agenda packet is somewhat inconsistent as it's last year's map. The pavement overlay program was a budget decision by the Council. The Council can choose to move the overlay program up on the priority list. In seeking federal grants for projects, it's advantageous to the City to place some projects higher on the priority list. The Council has the authority to budget the funds necessary for the pavement overlay program. There is some advantage politically to schedule some projects higher on the priority list to assist in obtaining federal funds.

Councilmember Hull suggested after the Valley Avenue project is bid, the Council should meet during a study session and discuss goals and prioritization of the six-year transportation plan.

City Manager Worthington advised that the TIP is on a schedule to meet state requirements. In terms of priorities, it's not unusual for staff to work projects within the list of 20 projects. It's an issue of determining the source of funds and availability.

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **#1698 Illicit Stormwater Discharge Control**

#### **Motion**

**Councilmember Hull moved, seconded by Councilmember Roscoe, to approve Ordinance #1698; Illicit Stormwater Discharge Control.**

Financial Analyst DeGroot read the title of Ordinance #1698:

*An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, regarding illicit discharges into the City's storm water drainage system, and amending Fife Municipal Code Sections 15.32.020, 15.32.080(D), 15.32.090 and adding a new Section 15.32.055.*

Assistant City Engineer Gill reported the request is for approval of an

ordinance required of all permitted cities to adopt regulations prohibiting non-stormwater, illicit discharges into the City's storm system by August 16, 2009.

Councilmember de Booy asked about the steps the City takes when violations are observed. Assistant City Engineer Gill said enforcement action is handled by the City's Code Enforcement Officers. The severity of the violation determines if the City contacts Department of Ecology (DOE) for assistance.

Councilmember Cerqui asked whether the illicit discharge standards are established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or DOE. Assistant City Engineer Gill reported the standards are established by DOE.

Councilmember Cerqui questioned the appeal process procedure. City Manager Worthington advised that the City's Hearing Examiner considers all appeals.

**Motion**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**#1310 Authorize  
Supplemental #12 Valley  
Avenue Design**

**Motion**

**Councilmember Hull moved, seconded by Councilmember Roscoe, to approve Resolution #1310; Authorize Supplemental #12 Valley Avenue Design.**

Financial Analyst DeGroot read the title of Resolution #1310:

*A resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington, authorizing additional services by David Evans and Associates for documentation regarding the intersection of Valley Avenue East with Freeman Road East, geotechnical, and other engineering tasks associated with the 70<sup>th</sup> and Valley corridor.*

Director Blount reported the request is an optional change to the scope of work for David Evans and Associates negotiated late last year. At that time, the City was negotiating with Mr. and Mrs. Jo, the property owner, for a portion of property. The owner subsequently considered selling the entire parcel, and in accordance with federal right-of-way acquisition guidelines and based on the appraiser's analysis, the City offered to acquire the entire property owned by the Jos. It became apparent during preliminary design of the Freeman Road improvements that the intersection of Valley Avenue East could be improved at a lower cost for both streets if the Valley Avenue

design was changed. Additionally, the redesign in shifting Valley Avenue south could afford placement of more shade trees between the road and the creek to improve creek habitat. The request is however, optional. Staff intends to seek bids soon.

Councilmember Brooks inquired about potential impacts to the schedule if the decision is delayed by several weeks. Director Blount said it would be beneficial to have the plans ready for the change order if a contract is awarded in August. However, a delay could be accommodated.

Director Blount addressed questions about contamination issues associated with the soil. There is one issue. According to WSDOT, as long as the City is using property north of the store and not utilizing the property under the store, the City is obligated to purchase the entire parcel even though the City is not using the contaminated property under the store. The area north of the store has been previously cleaned. The City is obligated to conduct a study on the contaminated soil.

Councilmember Brooks said he has many questions and suggested tabling action.

#### **Motion**

**Councilmember Brooks moved, seconded by Councilmember Hull, to table action on Resolution #1310 until the Council's July 28, 2009 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Puyallup River Feasibility Study Participation**

City Manager Worthington reported on his and Mayor Johnson's attendance during the last year of meetings of the Puyallup River Executive Task Force (ETF). The ETF has been looking at the potential of levee failures and decertification and how to approach recertification of the levees. The issue is of significant concern to the City and its citizens. The ETF recently received a report and is seeking the City's decision to participate in a joint study associated with the cost and approaches for recertification of the levees.

City Manager Worthington referred to information within the report on the expected damages by a flood event based on existing conditions if levees fail. Along the reach of the left side of the river, there is the potential for the area to suffer \$1,637,000 in damages. The City is located on the right side of the river. Damages estimated to the City are \$63,594,000 based on a one in ten chance that the City could experience that level of damage from a flood event. That estimate is based on an event occurring every 10 years. The US Army Corps of Engineers has indicated interest, given those numbers, as there is economic value in protecting the City from potential losses.

The EFT believes the results are important for the entire flood district and that the task force should be expanded. Some of the answers to the complexity of the problems could be addressed by some local locations in the upper reaches of the basin as well as within the lower reaches, such as more storage capacity, removing or replacing setback dimensions.

Given the scale of potential damage, the Corps indicated an interest in studying the issue, which involves a share of cost issue. The Corps will assume half of the study costs with local governments paying the other half. Local governments include Pierce County and the City of Fife if the Council agrees to participate. The City's staff time counts as part of the match. A study involving only the lower reaches is estimated to take approximately three years while the entire basin would take five years.

City Manager Worthington advised that at this time, the full cost of the study is unknown. The first steps associated with the study are estimated to cost \$400,000 with a local share of \$200,000. The City of Fife would assume some of the cost share. Pierce County has the primary responsibility on the issue as well as other surrounding communities. City Manager Worthington emphasized the importance of participating and that the Corps is the right agency to undertake the study.

Mayor Johnson referred to the report. The report is the Corps' initial overview study that considers costs versus benefits at a low level. The ratio is significant in terms of damages to costs. The Corps has indicated a willingness to move forward. The letter is an agreement between Pierce County, impacted cities, and the Corps that commits the cities and the county to the funding match. The work will occur in phases. Additionally, another decision point by the Council is whether the study should only focus on the lower eight miles of river or expand the study to include the entire watershed. The ETF was unanimous in its support for considering the entire watershed rather than the lower eight miles. The ETF recommends the study should include the entire watershed over a five-year period at a collective cost of approximately \$6 million. The county had indicated it could complete some of the initial work in the study at a lower cost rather than the Corps. However, at some point, the county will need to rejoin the Corps process and if the work undertaken by the county is not to the standards established by the federal government and the Corps, the work will likely need to be redone. Initially, some cost savings could be achieved, but over the long-term it's unlikely cost savings could be sustained. Mayor Johnson advocated for the Council to support the entire watershed study at a cost of approximately \$6 million.

Councilmember Roscoe said she supports the study for the entire watershed but is interested in how the communities will consider the cost share percentage. She asked whether there is any interest in the City playing a role in terms of oversight of the study. City Manager Worthington said the

cost share percentages needs to be discussed. The ETF discussed oversight by local governments. Participating jurisdictions will have an oversight role.

Councilmember Hull acknowledged the levee problem didn't occur overnight and there have been ongoing meetings to discuss ways to contend with the issue. He asked about measures underway currently to prevent a flooding occurrence that the study indicates will happen once every 10 years. The five-year study could take up to 20 to 25 years before communities agree with the recommendations and the funding sources become available. Fife is in a unique situation as the other communities are all upstream of the City. He said he supports the effort and moving forward, as a significant portion of the City's population would be impacted by a major event.

Councilmember Godwin said that speaking from the perspective of a person who has spent a significant amount of time on the river; the report was somewhat of a disappointment as it's a typical Corps approach. The Corps are still studying events occurring in the 1970s and no actions have occurred. Upstream communities control the City's destiny. What used to be trees are now either houses or commercial strips. Water has no outlet other than the river. Sediment from hillsides is filling the river. The solution is not a study to build a bigger dike. Communities upstream of the City need to implement regulations to slow the onslaught of water caused by over development. He said he'll support the study. In the meantime, the City needs to be working with upstream communities on unchecked development that is creating the problem.

Mayor Johnson agreed with the comments. The task force also agreed that the approach needs to be from an entire watershed perspective in terms of legislative activities of the communities pertaining to development. The Corps study outlines the dollar impacts of flooding along the lower eight miles and some feasible options to mitigate potential damage.

City Manager Worthington emphasized that a long-term solution is necessary as well as solutions to protect and prepare for a flood today. The City has some ideas on how to protect in the short-term. At this stage, the preferred action is moving forward with the recommendation.

Councilmember de Booy agreed with the City Manager. It's the reason for the formation of the ETF. There are numerous communities involved. She said she supports a study of the entire watershed rather than only a section.

**The Council agreed with joining the agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a broader study of the entire watershed.**

City Manager Worthington agreed to present some potential interim

measures to the Council within the next 60 to 90 days.

### **Tree Commissioners Appointments**

Director Reuter reported the City has considered the formation of the Tree Commission for sometime. Staff considered different ways to recruit members of the Commission. The Council endorsed a plan to appoint current Park Board members to serve on the Tree Commission because of the difficulty in recruiting community members. The issue was discussed with Park Board members who support the plan and are ready to serve in another capacity as members of the Tree Commission. With the formation of the Commission, the City needs to submit its application to become a Tree City USA. He referred to individual application for appointment to the Tree Commission submitted by Park Board members:

- Chris Hoffman-Fagundes
- John Fietz
- Chuck McDonald
- Trina Freeman
- Patrick Coddington

Councilmember Roscoe asked about the number of meetings a year the Commission will convene. Director Reuter said initially, it's envisioned the Tree Commission will meet quarterly.

Councilmember de Booy offered to serve as the Council's liaison to the Tree Commission. Director Reuter welcomed her attendance at meetings.

### **Motion**

**Councilmember Hull moved, seconded by Councilmember Roscoe, to appoint current members of the Parks, Recreation & Community Services Citizen Advisory Board to serve on the City of Fife Tree Commission for a term of one to three years. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Driftmier Facilities Draft Report**

Acting Director Durham reported the City issued a Request for Proposal for a 20-year public facilities study and needs assessment. Driftmier Architects, P.S. was selected to perform the study.

Mr. Driftmier presented the results of the study, the study process, how the information was obtained, an overview tutorial, building and site evaluations, facilities master plan, and how costs were determined. The discussions with staff included current economic conditions beginning in 2008 and carrying forward, what might be anticipated in the next 20 years of growth, location of existing facilities, flood issues, and I-5's impact in separating the City. Other issues discussed included the Justice Center and possible expansion areas. Models were constructed of all City facilities. Areas where possible expansion of facilities could occur were reviewed.

Mr. Driftmier reviewed the facility models.

Changes beginning in 2008 and 2009 were reviewed as well as future changes in the next 20 years. . The study included conversations with the City Manager, senior staff, and the Council. Questionnaires were distributed to all departments. As information was received it was collated followed by interviews with all the department directors and some supervisors. A program narrative was drafted in architectural language. The narrative represents what will be designed for the various departments as the City moves forward. Staff received the narrative for input.

The team then moved to the organizational charts to verify any discrepancies or concerns, and consider how the organization will grow over the next several years. All desks and the locations of where employees work were inventoried as well as floor area requirements for each department, followed by the development of a facilities matrix that links different activities to different facilities. Construction costs were estimated and cost comparisons were completed between new versus remodeling or expanding.

Mr. Driftmier reviewed the age of the City's facilities and noted that most employees' workspace is at the limit. Based on the City current population of 7,800 people, the population is projected to reach 13,000 to 14,000 people by 2040. The study estimates population growth at 12,000 people at the end of the study period.

Mr. Driftmier reviewed several sections of the study. A population chart was included from Puget Sound Regional Council, which is comprised of information based on census tracts rather than City boundaries.

Mr. Driftmier reported the study examines each department, its current size, projected growth, staff members, and needs. The workstation inventory is based on job descriptions. In some cases, there are open workstations with no assigned staff at this time. He described and reviewed the facilities matrix.

Mr. Driftmier reviewed building and site evaluations. Each campus and its buildings, as well as site amenities, site layout, utilization, functions, and physical condition of the buildings were examined and documented. Each of the sites was compared with current zoning and codes to ensure compliance and compatibility, any conditional use requirements, development standards, critical areas, and construction codes and permits. Both campus sites are adequate to meet the future needs of the City. All anticipated new facilities or expansions can be accommodated under existing zoning.

Mr. Driftmier reviewed current facilities and future needs within the north

campus, south campus, and Brookville Gardens property. He reviewed existing storage facilities and potential demolition and relocation of storage, relocation of the Parks Department, storage of hazardous waste materials, potential options for the Swim Center, potential acquisition of the Fire Station property, which could be used as a teen center, future parking needs, which could entail structured parking, and expansion and remodeling of City Hall. The study provides different parameters for remodeling and expansion versus new construction. In today's environment, material and labor costs are lower. Within the public domain, some areas are receiving bids 20% to 40% below the estimate. Predictability in terms of future costs is difficult in today's environment. The estimated costs included in the study are at 2009 rates. Mr. Driftmier described how construction cost data was tabulated.

Next steps include the City prioritizing projects, establishing a schedule, and determining ways to fund projects over the future. Most critical needs are the Police Department and the Community Center. However, there are also other priorities, such as the court building, parks maintenance, storage facility, and acquiring the fire station property. The major challenge is improving facilities to stay ahead of critical needs.

Councilmember Roscoe asked about the vision for the fire station property. Mr. Driftmier outlined some options, such as a library.

City Manager Worthington reported the study provides the basis for the Council to begin discussions on prioritization and budgeting. One need is for a City storage facility, which is earmarked on a critical path.

City Manager Worthington reported on the following:

- The annual City employee picnic is scheduled at noon at the Community Center on July 15, 2009. The Council is invited to attend. Department directors are hosting the event.
- Over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, the Police Department received a larger volume of complaint calls totaling 56 calls on fireworks complaints.
- A joint meeting with the cities of Edgewood and Milton is scheduled for August 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the new City Hall in Edgewood.
- Congressman Adam Smith successfully placed within the House Appropriations Bill a request for \$300,000 for the 70<sup>th</sup> Street project.
- Councilmembers Hull, Director Marcotte, and City Manager Worthington attended the recent Association of Washington Cities (AWC) conference and attended a discussion on the economy and federal health care policy.

## **CITY MANGER REPORT**

**COUNCILMEMBER  
COMMENTS**

Councilmember de Booy commented on the facilities study and although the information was extensive and detailed, it was enlightening and helps to initiate Council action to begin thinking about future needs. She expressed appreciation for receiving the information.

Councilmember Roscoe reported on the success of Camp Patriot's third annual "Quest to the Summit." This year, Camp Patriot partnered with the Seattle Seahawks to host the event. The kick-off fundraiser event was on July 5, 2009, at Qwest Field. She named several participants. The event ended with a BBQ at base camp. She thanked Councilmembers for their support and donations.

Councilmember Roscoe said the off-leash dog park at Dacca Parks appears to be well utilized. She asked about the disappearance of the picnic bench next to the pond. Director Reuter indicated the bench is under repair.

Councilmember Roscoe referred to her neighbor receiving a ticket for a red light photo enforcement infraction while turning right on a red light without stopping. She reminded everyone that a free right turn is allowed only after the motorist has come to a complete stop and the intersection is clear.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**With there being no further business, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.**

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Barry D. Johnson, Mayor

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David DeGroot, Financial Analyst

Prepared by Valerie Gow, Recording Secretary/President  
Puget Sound Meeting Services