

**FIFE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Fife City Hall
Council Chambers**

Date:
March 9,
2010
Time: 7:00
p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL
CALL**
**Godwin, Johnson, Hull, Cerqui,
de Booy, Alveshere**

The following members were present:
Mayor Johnson, Councilmember
Alveshere, Councilmember de Booy,
Councilmember Hull, Councilmember
Godwin, and Councilmember Cerqui.

Staff Present: Steve Worthington, City
Manager, David DeGroot, Finance
Director, Greg Amann, Assistant City
Attorney, Russ Blount, Public Works
Director, Carl Durham, Community
Development Director, Brad Blackburn,
Chief of Police, Kurt Reuter, Parks and
Recreation Director, Andrea Richards,
Confidential Administrative Assistant, and
Cindy L Dunn, Acting Deputy Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember de Booy led the pledge of
allegiance.

**CHANGES, ADDITIONS OR
DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

**Councilmember Cerqui moved, seconded
by Councilmember de Booy, to approve
to move item 8D Resolution 1346
Industrial Development Revenue Bond
to the beginning and to postpone item 8C
Resolution 1341 Dacca Barn
Construction Program to the March
23rd meeting. Motion carried
unanimously.**

CITIZENS COMMENTS
(Items not on the agenda)

There were no citizen comments at this
time.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember de Booy moved, seconded by Councilmember Cerqui, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: February 23, 2010 Council Meeting

February 23, 2010 Minutes

Approval of Vouchers:

**Payroll: #46535 - 46580
\$560,574.15 Claims: # 2. Claims:
#78693 - 78809 \$1,154,787.93**

Payroll Vouchers

Claims Vouchers

Set a Special Meeting for March 16, 2010 Study Session

Ordinance 1712

d. Set a Special Meeting for March 20, 2010 Council Budget Retreat Adopt Ordinance: e. #1712 School Impact Fees (Durham)

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Special Presentation Pierce Transit

Pierce Transit Future Changes and Reduction in Services - Barbara Schatz, Pierce Transit

Tina Lee from Pierce Transit gave a presentation on the future changes to Pierce Transit. She presented a slide show on current conceptual plans, current funding concepts and new funding concepts. She stated that Pierce Transit's primary source of revenue for public transportation is from sales tax and because of the current economic situation, sales tax revenues are down. Tina also discussed reduced services and how the route changes would affect Fife service. She explained that there will be a series of 5 public meetings with the first one being on March 23rd in Lakewood from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm.

Councilmember Alveshere commented that

the reduced services are coming at the same time as the busy season for local businesses. He also commented on his concerns for reduced services for the disabled.

Mayor Johnson asked if Tina's presentation was available electronically and she stated that it was and that she would make sure the City received a copy. Mayor Johnson also stated that the 20th Street route is very important to Fife residents and businesses.

Councilmember de Booy reiterated that the bus service in Fife is very important. She also asked when the public meeting would be.

Tina Lee stated when and where all 5 public meetings will be and that the public will be notified by many different avenues to ensure public comment.

City Manager Worthington stated that Pierce Transit has set social service and economic goals. He also stated that Fife alone has about 15,000 people employed by local businesses and asked if Pierce Transit might have a different way to look at the economic goal. He explained that reduced services in the Fife area will greatly impact the economy.

**COUNCIL DELEGATE
REPORT**

Councilmember Godwin asked everyone to reserve April 9th to help with the flowers for the Daffodil Float.

Councilmember Cerqui mentioned that he filled in for the Mayor at a ribbon cutting ceremony at Anderson Appliance and that there was a good turnout and a good representation from the Chamber.

Councilmember de Booy stated she along with mostly other councilmembers attended

a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Emerald Queen Casino to show case their renovations with new meeting rooms and overnight lodging. She also stated that the Community Center has a news letter explaining all the services the center offers, such as teen and adult programs and classes, senior trips and children programs.

Councilmember Alveshire also stated he attended the ribbon cutting at the Emerald Queen Casino and that they have very nice facilities. He also stated he went to a Pierce County Committee meeting where they discussed helping the homeless population.

Mayor Johnson stated he attended the ribbon cutting at the Emerald Queen and had a nice time and the that he also attended a Mayor's breakfast where they also discussed homeless issues.

**ORDINANCES AND
RESOLUTIONS
ORDINANCES:
RESOLUTIONS:**

**#1346 Industrial Development
Revenue Bond (Worthington)**

Resolution 1346

Acting Deputy City Clerk Dunn read the title of Resolution #1346

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Washington, approving the issuance of tax exempt industrial revenue bonds of the Economic Development Corporation of Pierce County for the benefit of Frederico Enterprises I, LLC pursuant to RCW 39.84.060.

City Manager Worthington explained that Resolution 1346 Industrial Development Revenue Bond is showing the City's support for an additional manufacturing business in Fife. He also stated that this

resolution does not obligate any City or public funds in the process of the loan, it just shows the support of the community for a good business coming into Fife. He then introduced Susan Seuss with the Economic Development Corporation.

Susan Seuss explained that the Economic Development Corporation of Pierce County has received an application from Frederico Enterprises for the purpose of providing financing for the acquisition, construction and equipping of a manufacturing facility located at 1124 54th Ave. E. It's a tax exempt bond financing. She explained more about what the bond type was and the obligation from the company applying for the bond. She explained that the application from Frederico Enterprises and have determined that the project qualifies as an industrial development facility.

Fernando Frederico from Frederico Enterprises I, LLC talked about the business stating it is a processing, packaging and distributing seafood product company. He explained that the company has been in business since 1975. The company is headquartered in Morgan Hill, CA. The current employee count is about 200 people and their main product is salmon filets with distribution to Northern and Southern California and Arizona. Some of the major customers include Safeway, Costco, Whole Foods and Fred Meyer and by opening the facility in Fife they will be able to expand their business to the Pierce County market and provide their product to local retail grocery outlets. The plan to hire 94 new employees from the local area.

Councilmember Godwin asked if most of their product was farm raised. Mr. Frederico stated that yes when it's not the

wild season the product is farm raised and comes mostly from this local area.

Councilmember Cerqui welcomed the company and stated he was glad to see the building being occupied again and that it will also be bringing more jobs to town.

Councilmember Cerqui moved, seconded by Councilmember de Booy, to approve an Industrial Development Revenue Bond. Motion carried unanimously.

#1340 Waste Connections ROW Purchase (Blount)

Resolution 1340

Councilmember Cerqui moved, seconded by Councilmember de Booy, to approve Waste Connections ROW Purchase. Motion carried unanimously.

Acting Deputy City Clerk Dunn read the title of Resolution #1340:

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington approving the agreement with Murrey's Disposal Company, Inc. to purchase real property for Right of Way and Utilities.

Director Blount stated that Resolution 1340 authorizes the purchase of a portion of tax parcel 0420202003 from Murrey's Disposal for right of way and utilities necessary for the LID 08-2 improvement project. In order to construct the utility improvements for LID 08-2 it is necessary for the City to acquire additional right of way at the corner of 70th Avenue East and 48th Street East, owned by Murrey's Disposal Company. The City Attorney has negotiated the purchase of the right of way for the appraised value of \$75,000.

#1345 Authorize Drainage Easement with Orbus/American

Resolution 1345

Fast Freight-AFF (Blount)

Councilmember Cerqui moved, seconded by Councilmember de Booy, to approve Drainage Easement with Orbus/American Fast Freight-AFF Motion carried.

Director Blount stated that resolution #1345 authorizes drainage easement and temporary construction easement for storm pond on Levee Road property. In March 2009, the City Council approved resolution #1260, a storm water detention agreement between the City and Orbus Investments. The agreement states Orbus is required to construct a storm water detention facility at Orbus' expense on a portion of the City's Levee Road Property. He showed a diagram of the location of the pond. Director Blount stated the storm water facility will provide a portion of the storm water detention required for the Orbus property and in order for Orbus to construct the storm water detention facility it is necessary for the City to grant Orbus a temporary construction easement. The temporary construction easement will terminate one year after construction of the facility is complete.

Councilmember Godwin asked what will happen to the excess dirt after completion. Director Blount stated that the dirt will be available for grading or it could just stay there, even being built on. He explained the dirt was mostly sand and it's strong sand and since the area is not a flood plain area it's good dirt/sand to build on.

Councilmember Hull asked the dimensions of the pond and excess dirt.

Director Blount stated the area will be 5ft and the pond will be 11ft deep and that the pond would be more of a natural setting in a park like setting.

Council discussed the berry farming issues that currently exist with the land.

City Manager Worthington stated that there is no current lease to use the property for farming.

Council asked staff to make sure that anyone using the property is notified they do not have a lease and that at a certain point construction of the pond will occur regardless of any berry production.

Bruce Brown from AFF stated it would be easier for the land to be cleared of all berry bushes.

Carol Sue Braaten, Fife resident 2410 Berry Lane E., asked how far is the set back from Levee Road to the pond?

Director Blount stated the setback is 200 feet from the river and about 100 feet from Levee Road.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor ProTem Selection (Worthington)

Mayor Pro Tem

Councilmember de Booy moved, seconded by Councilmember Hull, to approve renomination of Rob Cerqui to Mayor ProTem. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Application Selection Process (Worthington)

Councilmember Application Process

Director Worthington talked about a proposed process where the community would have an opportunity to view council candidates explaining Councilmember Brooks has resigned and the seat is now open. In order to move forward in a timely

manner the application process had begun by opening it to the public. The applicants have till March 22nd to submit their applications. Those applications will be presented at the March 23rd Council Meeting and an open house to meet the candidates will be held on Tuesday, April 6th from 6-7 pm.

**Pierce Transit Board
Nomination (Worthington)**

Pierce Transit Board Nomination

City Manager Worthington stated that a position on the Board of Commissions for Pierce Transit will be up for renewal May 1 of this year. The Board is seeking nominations to fill one at-large position. Mayor Dave Enslow from the City of Sumner has presented the 14 small cities since 2001 and is not seeking re-appointment. Pierce Transit Board meets the second Monday of each month at 4 pm in Lakewood and the Board term is for a 3 year period.

Councilmember Cerqui expressed interest in holding the seat on the Board.

Councilmember Godwin moved, seconded by Councilmember de Booy, to approve Councilmember Cerqui for nomination to the Pierce Transit Board. Motion carried unanimously.

**Park Board Member
Appointment (Reuter)**

Park Board Member Appointment

Director Reuter stated Chris Hoffman-Fagundes has expressed her desire to serve another term on the Parks, Recreation & Community Services Citizen Advisory Board. Staff is requesting Council to consider appointing Ms. Hoffman-Fagundes to another three year term. Ms. Hoffman-Fagundes has served on the PRCS Board since 2006 and her current term expired on 12/31/2009.

Mayor Johnson moved, to approve to nominate Chris Hoffman-Fagundes to the Park Board for re-appointment. Motion carried unanimously.

**Parks, Recreation and
Community Services Grant
Opportunities (Reuter)**

PRCS Grant Opportunities

Director Reuter discussed two potential grant opportunities. The first grant program is the 2010 Community Forestry Assistance grant funded by the U.S.D.A. Forest Service and administered by the Washington Department of Natural Resources Urban and Community Forestry Program. The second grant program is sponsored by the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office. The first grant program will provide the opportunity to complete a comprehensive tree inventory. Director Reuter stated that the process for the second grant has already been started due to a deadline.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Worthington stated that Director Blount was part of a group that went to Washington, D.C. with the Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board. A statewide entity that focuses on getting transportation dollars for freight corridors. For the entire state 8 projects are being focused on this year and two of those projects are in Fife. This was a key endorsement for future funding. He also stated that the community reception to meet the Council candidates will be April 6th from 6-7 pm and then the Council will have a joint meeting with the Planning Commission following the reception. He stated that the Catholic Community Family Services now provides lunch programs to seniors at the Center Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. He also stated he attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at Emerald Queen Casino. And he hopes to use the facilities

soon for an upcoming meeting.

**COUNCILMEMBER
COMMENTS**

Councilmember Alveshere noted the missed absence of Councilmember Brooks has been immense and that he encourages the public to apply for the open Council seat.

Councilmember de Booy thanked everyone for attending the meeting and hopes to see many others attending future meetings.

Councilmember Cerqui thanked Councilmember Brooks for his service and again stated he will be missed. He also stated he liked the minutes from the February 23rd meeting.

Councilmember Hull stated that during the bus presentation it was brought up that information was going to be available in the Tacoma News Tribune and that he would like information in the Fife Free Press.

Mayor Johnson stated that Councilmember Brooks will be missed. He also stated he received an email from a resident about the good job of Fife's Public Works crew.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember de Booy moved, seconded by Councilmember Cerqui, to approve To adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm. Motion carried unanimously.



Barry D. Johnson, Mayor



Steve Marcotte, City Clerk, Assistant City Manager