

BATTLE GROUND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 17, 2007

City Clerk Claire Lider called the roll. The following were:

- PRESENT:** Mayor John G. Idsinga and Councilmembers Reinhold, Ciraulo, Walters, Ganley, and Regan.
- ABSENT:** None.
- ALSO PRESENT:** City Manager Dennis Osborn, Deputy City Manager John M. Williams, Interim Community Development Director Robert Maul, Public Works Director / City Engineer Rob Charles, Police Lieutenant Roy Butler, Interim Finance Director Robert Noland, Executive Assistant Bonnie Gilberti, City Attorney Brian Wolfe and City Clerk Claire Lider.
- PRESS:** Brandy Slagel, The Reflector and Jose Corona, The Columbian.

COUNCIL SENTIMENTS

Councilmember Ganley announced that C-TRAN's ridership is up since they went to a fixed route. He then gave an update on C-TRAN meeting that he had attended and noted that C-TRAN did not take action on the Columbia River Crossing as it related to the transit option. He said that he would bring back more information on this item in the future and added that he is looking for input.

City Manager Dennis Osborn commented that representatives from the Columbia River Crossing group will be coming to do an update in February.

Councilmember Ganley congratulated the BCYX on their Christmas train having 700 riders. He gave a brief update on his meeting with the Railroad Advisory Board.

MAYOR'S REPORT

City Clerk Claire Lider administered the Oath of Office for Councilmember Chris Regan.

Councilmember Ganley asked for a motion to approve Resolution No. 07 – 15, a resolution in appreciation of Mayor Idsinga's terms in office.

Moved by Councilmember Ciraulo and seconded by Councilmember Reinhold to approve Resolution No. 07 – 15 as presented. Motion carried.

Councilmember Ganley read Resolution No. 07 – 15 as a slideshow was presented that showed various pictures of Mayor Idsinga during his ten years of service on the City Council.

Councilmember Ciraulo and Councilmember Reinhold spoke about and congratulated Mayor Idsinga on his term in office.

Councilmember Ganley presented Mayor Idsinga with a plaque in recognition of his contributions to the community during his tenure as a City Councilmember.

Mayor Idsinga spoke about his time as a City Councilmember, his memories during his term and his hopes for the future of the City.

Mayor Idsinga announced that the LEOFF 1 Disability Advisory Board has a position that was vacated by former Councilmember Sandra Hall. He said that the position represents the small cities and added that a new member would need to be placed on the Board.

Mayor Idsinga said that Councilmember Ganley has served on the C-TRAN Board for 8 years and Yacolt is willing to have him continue in that capacity as he represents Yacolt and Battle Ground.

Moved by Mayor Idsinga and seconded by Councilmember Reinhold to have Councilmember Ganley continue to serve on the C-TRAN Board representing Yacolt and Battle Ground. Motion carried.

Mayor Idsinga presented Public Works Director / City Engineer Rob Charles with a plaque from Night of 1,000 Stars for Outstanding Engineering Practices in Promoting Traffic Safety.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

Ginger Metcalf, Identity Clark County, Executive Director, 703 Broadway Suite 610, Vancouver, WA 98660

Ms. Metcalf read a letter to read to Mayor Idsinga from Identity Clark County in appreciation of his work during his tenure as a Councilmember (letter attached). She then presented the letter to Mayor Idsinga.

Elaine Hertz, 309 NW 10 Street, Battle Ground, WA 98604

Ms. Hertz said that Mayor Idsinga would be a "tough act to follow". She said that she is here tonight to publicly thank Mayor Idsinga for everything that he has done for the community. She said that she is very grateful for all the good that he has brought to the City. She said that she couldn't have done it without Mayor Idsinga.

With no further comments, Mayor Idsinga closed this portion of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed below are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember requests specific items to be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion prior to the time council votes on the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda.

#1.

- A.** Payroll Vouchers 12/03/2007 #25174 to #25189 for \$34,864.63 and DD \$189,031.58
- B.** Minutes of the November 19, 2007 City Council Meeting

Moved by Councilmember Reinhold and seconded by Councilmember Regan to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Columbia River Economic Development Council Quarterly Report: Presentation

Mayor Idsinga said that this item would be presented during the beginning of next year.

2008 State Legislative Agenda: Presentation

Mr. Mark Brown, Governmental Affairs consultant gave a PowerPoint presentation which discussed the 2008 State Legislative Agenda:

- 2007 State Legislative Accomplishments:
 - Increased funding for the I-5 Interchange and SR 502 Widening.
 - 30 acre transfer of 120 acres of Department of Natural Resources (DNR) land to the City.
 - 50-year lease of 80 acres of DNR land.
 - Eliminated LIFT restriction.
 - New “local option” for transportation funding.
 - Full mitigation funding for Sales Tax Streamlining.
- 2008 Legislative Agenda:
 - 60-day session.
 - Most money off the table.
 - Be strategic – build on relationships.
- 2008 Agenda Details:
 - Fiscal.
 - Economic Development.
 - Transportation.
 - Public Safety.
 - Environment, Land Uses and Annexation.
 - Parks and Recreation.
 - Taping of Executive Sessions.

Mr. Brown wished the Council happy holidays.

He added that he enjoyed working with Mayor Idsinga.

Mr. Brown asked if there were any questions regarding his presentation on the 2008 State Legislative Agenda.

Moved by Councilmember Ciraulo and seconded by Councilmember Ganley to adopt the 2008 State Legislative Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Brown reminded the Council of the pre-session meeting on the 15th of January.

Clark County Transportation Alliance: Presentation

Executive Director Ginger Metcalf gave a brief background on how the Clark County Transportation Alliance formed. She said that about 8 or 9 years ago, Mr. Mark Brown came to her and stated that, since there are so many concerns with transportation different entities should get together and have roundtable discussions on this topic. Ms. Metcalf explained that there are now 50 participating cities, schools, etc. holding roundtables 2-3 times a year and learning how to be effective as a group when they go before the legislature.

She said that the group convened two months ago to identify which transportation projects are the most important to Clark County. She said that these projects will be brought to Olympia. She said that 20 representatives went to Olympia last year, including Mayor Idsinga and City Manager Dennis Osborn. Ms. Metcalf said that it is impressive to those in Olympia to see all these representatives, and a Transportation Alliance Statement with 24 logos from different entities all sending one transportation message.

Ms. Metcalf reviewed the priorities for 2008 session as presented in the 2008 Washington State Legislative Session Draft of Transportation Needs and Solutions:

- Ensure that funding levels and time frames for local projects are maintained.
- Assume a leadership role in discussion on how to meet current and future unmet needs including a new comprehensive revenue package with significant direct distribution to local governments and appropriate options to complete the funding of projects identified in the Nickel and Partnership Packages.
The Columbia River Crossing Project is our region's top transportation priority.
- Public transit is an essential component of Clark County's transportation system. The Clark County Transportation Alliance requests amendment of RCW 81.104 to allow for the creation of sub-districts within an existing Public Transportation Benefit Area to fund high capacity projects which must be voter approved.
- Ports play a vital role to the region's economy. The Clark County Transportation Alliance asks legislators to support funding and projects adding rail and road access, safety and capacity for freight mobility including rail and road projects at the Ports of Vancouver, Ridgefield and Camas-Washougal.

Ms. Metcalf asked that the Council approve and endorse the Clark County Transportation Alliance statement asked for questions that the Council may have.

Mayor Idsinga thanked Ms. Metcalf for her presentation.

Mayor Idsinga noted that there is a seat open on Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency Board – 911 Board and the Clark Action Advisory Board.

He also said that he would like to continue serving on the Clark Action Advisory Board so that he can continue his work on the Corridor Visioning Project, which he estimated the Visioning Project coming to fruition in the next three or four months. He said that he would like another Councilmember to join him on the Corridor Visioning Group.

Councilmember Ciraulo said that he could also serve on the Corridor Visioning Group.

Moved by Councilmember Ganley and seconded by Councilmember Regan to have Mayor Idsinga and Councilmember Ciraulo serve on the Clark Action Advisory Board Corridor Visioning Group. Motion carried.

City-wide Park Rules: Presentation

Interim Community Development Director Robert Maul said that, as discussed at previous meetings, this Ordinance provides for “housekeeping” to the special events section. He said that the Ordinance would gain consistency and reduce overlap with the Special Park Use permit requirements of BGMC 8.36 with regard to Citywide park rules.

City Clerk Claire Linder read Ordinance No. 07 – 030 by title.

Moved by Councilmember Ciraulo and seconded by Councilmember Reinhold to adopt Ordinance No. 07 – 030 as presented. Call for the vote: Ayes, Councilmembers Reinhold, Regan, Ciraulo, Ganley, Nelson, Walters and Mayor Idsinga. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Lieutenant Roy Butler said that he would be presenting the Park Exclusionary Ordinance on behalf of Chief of Police James McDaniel as he is sick.

A new copy of Ordinance No. 07 – 022 was distributed to the Council for review.

There was discussion on page #3; sections 9, 10 and 11 which relate to the exclusion for those who have a conviction of a felony. It was noted that staff is concerned with the tracking of felonies and possibly placing an additional punishment on the person in addition to the punishment they have already received as part of the felony conviction.

City Attorney Brian Wolfe said that this ordinance started off as a tool for the police to be able to take someone off the street, but this verbiage makes it stop being a tool for the police and makes it punishment.

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There was discussion on tracking felonies and misdemeanors.

Councilmember Ganley asked Mr. Wolfe if Sections 9, 10 and 11 should be deleted, along with the chart included in the ordinance.

Mr. Wolfe said that he thought that Sections 9, 10 and 11 should be deleted, but not the chart.

City Clerk Claire Lider read Ordinance No. 07 – 022 by title.

Moved by Councilmember Ciraulo and seconded by Councilmember Regan to adopt Ordinance No. 07 – 022, with deletions to Sections 9, 10 and 11. Call for the vote: Ayes, Councilmembers Reinhold, Regan, Ciraulo, Ganley and Mayor Idsinga. Nays, Councilmembers Nelson and Walters. Motion carried.

Public Works Director / City Engineer Rob Charles said that Ordinance No. 07 – 031 has been before the Council and it would provide for rule changes to match the needs of the City's current parks.

There was discussion on the section of the ordinance that would not allow a public address system to have language and musical lyrics that would be offensive to the public.

City Clerk Claire Lider read Ordinance No. 07 – 031 by title.

Moved by Councilmember Ganley and seconded by Councilmember Ciraulo to adopt Ordinance No. 07 – 031 as presented. Call for the vote: Ayes, Councilmembers Regan, Ciraulo, Ganley, Walters, Nelson and Mayor Idsinga. Nays, Councilmember Reinhold. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 07 – 025, Excise Tax on Drainage Utility: Consideration
City Clerk Claire Lider read Ordinance No. 07 – 025 by title.

Interim Finance Director Robert Noland explained that the Council had adopted Resolution No. 07 – 14 which increased the excise tax on the drainage utility. This action was taken in order to help with the funding of the increasing maintenance and operating costs associated with the growing parks program.

Mr. Noland explained that, upon further study, the City Attorney advises that, in addition to the resolution, section 3.32 of the Municipal Code should be updated in regard to the utility tax to include Sewer and Drainage and to reference future rate changes by resolution. Water and Sewer are addressed in one ordinance however; a separate ordinance is required for drainage, since there has not previously been a utility tax on the drainage utility.

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Moved by Councilmember Reinhold and seconded by Councilmember Ganley to adopt Ordinance No. 07 – 025 as presented. Call for the vote: Ayes, Councilmembers Reinhold, Regan, Ciraulo, Ganley, Walters, Nelson and Mayor Idsinga. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 07 – 028, Excise Tax on the Water and Sewer Utilities: Consideration
City Clerk Claire Linder read Ordinance No. 07 – 028 by title.

Interim Finance Director Robert Noland explained that this ordinance is the same as the last ordinance except that it pertains to water and sewer.

Moved by Councilmember Reinhold and seconded by Councilmember Ciraulo to adopt Ordinance No. 07 – 028 as presented. Call for the vote: Ayes, Councilmembers Reinhold, Regan, Ciraulo, Ganley, Walters, Nelson and Mayor Idsinga. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Professional Services Contract for Stormwater Utility Program: Consideration

Public Works Director / City Engineer Rob Charles explained that the main objective of the professional services contract presented tonight would be to confirm that the City's Stormwater Maintenance Program is in compliance with existing City policies and municipal codes, as well as federal, state, regional and local surface water-related requirements. He then reviewed what the services the contract would cover during a four-year time period that would begin in 2008. Mr. Charles said that funding would be through a grant received by the Department of Ecology.

Mr. Charles asked if there were any questions from the Council.

Moved by Councilmember Ciraulo and seconded by Councilmember Reinhold to authorize the city manager to sign a Professional Services Agreement with the consulting firm Otak, Inc. in the amount of \$74,972.00. Motion carried.

Councilmember Ganley stated that he knows that this is something that we have to do and thanked the Department of Ecology for the grant, but said that this would be an ongoing issue.

West Battle Ground Pre-Annexation Development Agreement: Public Hearing
Councilmember Regan recused himself from the City Council meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Interim Community Development Director Robert Maul gave a PowerPoint on the Creekside Development Agreement:

- Site Location and Overview:
 - Two Parcels:
 - 10009 NE 219th Street.
 - 2903 West Main Street.

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- Total Acreage and Zoning.
- UGA

Councilmember Walters left the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

- First Layout.
- New Layout.
- General Site Layout for Home Depot.
- Key Elements of Proposed Development Agreement:
 - Vests for 10 Years.
 - Zoning Designation and Development Standards (Modified).

Councilmember Walters returned to the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

- Signalized Intersection of 29th Avenue and Main Street (ROW Acquisition).
- Extension of 29th Avenue in Phases.
- Sewer Infrastructure.
- SR 502.
- SEPA.
- Public Infrastructure.
- Main Street / 29th Avenue Alignment.
- Master Plan and Modified Design Standards:
 - Building Elevations.
 - Orientation of Building and Entrance.
 - Sign Height.
 - Parking Lot Location and # of Spaces.
 - Landscaping Percentage.
- Master Site Plan.
- Landscaping Plan.
- Landscaping Elements.
- Landscaping Renderings.
- Proposed Building Elevations.
- Proposed 30' Sign.

Mr. Maul noted that a citizen, Mr. Lynn Collie is here tonight for public comment. He said that Mr. Collie does have valid points, but the points would need to be addressed when a formal submission is made. He said that his points are not addressed in the Developer's Agreement which is what the public hearing is on tonight.

City Attorney Brian Wolfe reiterated that tonight's discussion should be limited to the Development Agreement.

Mayor Idsinga opened the Public Hearing on the West Battle Ground Pre-Annexation Development Agreement.

There was discussion on whether or not to let Mr. Collie speak regarding issues that were not related to the Development Agreement.

City Clerk Claire Lider distributed Mr. Collie's handouts (attached).

Mr. Lynn Collie

Mr. Collie said that he would speak about the area that is more important to him in particular. He said he would not dwell a lot on the noise and other issues that are other concerns that are part of his handout.

He said that one major concern that he and his neighborhood has is the interference of the creek flow, which he calls the east creek. Mr. Collie explained that it straddles the east side of Tudor's Glen and drains into Mill Creek. He said that there is an overflow area to the east of the proposed area that basically turns into a large swamp. He said that takes all the stormwater runoff that occurs on the ponds at their properties.

He showed pictures of the creek. He said that he would like the Council to take into consideration what might happen if we have obstruction to the water flow. He said the big concern to his neighborhood is that there would be back-up off their stormwater run-off that would cause back-up and flooding.

There was discussion on Mr. Collie's property location.

Mr. Collie thanked the Council for listening to him.

Randy Printz, 805 Broadway, Vancouver, WA

Mr. Printz said that, on a side note, he has been practicing in Battle Ground for a while now and it has been an extreme honor to have practiced in front of Mayor Idsinga. He said that Mayor Idsinga has done a lot for the community. He said that, while they didn't always agree, he felt that Mayor Idsinga always tried to reach a solution that would work for the community and the applicant.

Mayor Idsinga thanked Mr. Printz.

Mr. Printz said that he thought he had good news. He said that the preannexation agreement has been very accurately characterized by staff. He said that when they came to the City they had an area that needed to be annexed and Home Depot is very interested in the site, the City said it was great and wanted to work through a process. This process was so that the City could be assured that the zoning would be consistent through the Comprehensive Plan process and to be sure the rules that were set in the development would allow for the project not occur in disjunctive pieces. He said that the agreement states the rules that are expected.

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Mr. Printz explained that, in relation to the issues that have been raised, first of all, the pictures that Mr. Collier showed are all in areas that will not be developed. He said that the southern 20 acres of the property would be used for wetland mitigation. He said that there is a great distance between where the homes are and where any development would be. He said that the specific issues that Mr. Collier raised with respect to lighting and noise are all very appropriate concerns regarding development for many neighborhoods. However the processes are through the actual development review process and we are at a much earlier stage than that.

He briefly reviewed the steps that would need to be taken before the neighbor's concerns could be heard and noted that it would be the developer's burden to prove all rules of the development were being met. He said he would hope the Council would adopt the agreement as presented as a fair amount of time was spent on it. He added that streetscaping was addressed in the agreement as it was very important to the City.

Richard Kent, 611 NW 5th Avenue, Battle Ground, WA 98604

Mr. Kent thanked Mayor Idsinga for his years of service and said that he looks forward to continuing to work with him.

He said that he sent an email, but he wanted to add verbal comments regarding the sign. He said that, if Council could remember the day when two large billboards came to town and what happened to the City, we were lucky to put in a moratorium on the signs at that time. He asked them to remember that date and what we were trying to do at that time to regulate signs.

Mr. Kent said that he saw the Home Depot sign for the first time and thought that the Council could possibly drop it from the agreement and bring it up at the next hearing so that there is time to look at the sign. He said that he sees two poles on the sign and the City specifically asks for some type of pedestal. He says that he thinks there is potential to modify the sign, possibly through widening it or integrating it into the landscaping.

He said that he is conscience between the relationship between the City and the developers. He said that he thinks the sign should only be 20' or at least set aside from the developer's agreement for further review.

Mr. Kent asked if there was a 10' buffer between the landscaping berm and the roadway.

Mr. Maul said that there is a 10' maximum set back and this particular project has it around 77' feet back so the landscaping berm is from the right-of-way in towards the development, then there is an 8' screening wall and then there is a storage and unloading area and then it is the building. He approximated the landscaping buffer at 20'.

Mr. Kent reiterated that he did not think that the posts were appropriate and said that a pedestal base or incorporating it into the landscaping would help to maintain the City's vision.

Mayor Idsinga closed the Public Hearing on the West Battle Ground Pre-Annexation Development Agreement.

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There was discussion on:

- The size of the sign.
- The fence (by the two homes on the west).
- The Washington State Department of Transportation's relationship with this project.

There was continued discussion on the sign.

Dan Bedrosian, 20316 NE 101st Loop, Battle Ground, WA 98604
Mr. Bedrosian asked from what level the sign is measured from.

Mayor Idsinga said that the sign is measured from street level.

Moved by Councilmember Ciraulo and seconded by Mayor Idsinga to approve Resolution No. 07 – 16, with the deletion of Item #5 in Exhibit E. All in favor with Councilmembers Reinhold, Nelson, Walters and Ganley opposing. Motion failed.

Moved by Councilmember Ciraulo and seconded by Councilmember Walters to approve Resolution No. 07 – 16 as presented. Motion carried.

There was a 5-minute recess at 9:13 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 9:28 p.m.

Councilmember Regan rejoined the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

Ordinance No. 07 – 029, Budget Adjustment for the Community Center: Consideration **City Clerk Claire Lider read Ordinance No. 07 – 029 by title.**

Interim Finance Director Robert Noland explained that the Community Center construction award was presented to Council on December 3rd, with five alternatives being offered for consideration. Council direction was to select Option #5 at a total cost of \$4,430,000.

He said that one of the funding sources under this option is a transfer from fund balance in the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund in the amount \$460,000. Since the 2008 budget ordinance has already been adopted, the proposed action at this juncture to reflect the transfer is to amend the current budget.

Mr. Noland said that the proposed transfer of \$460,000 will reduce the estimated ending fund balance in the General Fund in 2008 to \$2,240,000, which remains within the budgetary policy of maintaining a minimum fund balance of 25% of budgeted revenues.

There was discussion on the kitchen equipment for the facility.

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Moved by Councilmember Walters and seconded by Councilmember Reinhold to adopt Ordinance No. 07 – 029 as presented. Call for the vote: Ayes, Councilmembers Reinhold, Regan, Ciraulo, Ganley, Walters, Nelson and Mayor Idsinga. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Community Event Center – Furniture Award: Consideration

Public Works Director / City Engineer Rob Charles said that the City received one bid for the acquisition of the furniture intended for the Community Center from Smith CFI in the amount of \$76,793.90. He said that the Engineer's Estimate was \$87,788.07. Mr. Charles said that the bid includes all tables, chairs, office equipment and furnishings for open areas.

Moved by Councilmember Ciraulo and seconded by Councilmember Reinhold to award the contract to Smith CFI, Inc. and authorize the city manager to execute a contract with Smith CFI, Inc. in the amount of \$76,793.90. Motion carried.

Community Event Center – Kitchen Equipment: Consideration

Public Works Director / City Engineer Rob Charles passed out handout titled, "Community Event Center – Kitchen Equipment Award" (attached).

He said that two bids were received. One was from Boxer NW for \$96,665.70 and the other was from Smith and Greene for \$76,410.88. Mr. Charles said that the Engineer's Estimate was \$100,720.00. He noted that this cost includes an ice maker.

Moved by Councilmember Walters and seconded by Councilmember Ganley to award the contract to Smith and Greene and authorize the city manager to execute a contract with Smith and Greene in the amount of \$76,410.88. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 07 – 027, Pay Date: Consideration

Deputy City Manager John Williams explained that the current ordinance calls for a once a month pay period, with a once a month draw on the paycheck. He said that, with recent changes to the IRS code, the City can no longer provide a "draw". He said that, as such, the City would now have two pay periods, one on the fifth calendar day of the month and one on the twentieth. He said that the ordinance would amend the code to reflect the twice a month pay period as well as some housekeeping items since this portion of the code has not been updated since 2001. He said that this is consistent with the Battle Ground Public Employees Association contract.

City Clerk Claire Lider read Ordinance No. 07 – 027 by title.

Moved by Councilmember Reinhold and seconded by Councilmember Ciraulo to adopt Ordinance No. 07 – 027 as presented. Call for the vote: Ayes, Councilmembers Reinhold, Regan, Ciraulo, Ganley, Walters, Nelson and Mayor Idsinga. Nays, none. Motion carried.

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Ordinance No. 07 – 026, Christmas Eve Holiday: Consideration

Deputy City Manager John Williams said that the City Council approved the Battle Ground Public Employees Association contract which added Christmas Eve as a holiday. This ordinance would allow the holiday to be reflected in the municipal code.

City Clerk Claire Lider read Ordinance No. 07 – 026 by title.

Moved by Councilmember Ciraulo and seconded by Councilmember Ganley to adopt Ordinance No. 07 – 026 as presented. Call for the vote: Ayes, Councilmembers Reinhold, Regan, Ciraulo, Ganley, Walters, Nelson and Mayor Idsinga. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports

Public Works Director / City Engineer Rob Charles said that, Emerick Construction, the low bidder on the Community Center, would be placing fencing around the site. He said that, as such, C-TRAN would put their stop on Main Street sometime this week.

Mayor Idsinga asked if the fencing could be put up after Saturday at noon after the food baskets have gone out.

Mr. Charles said he would make sure it would not go up before then.

Mr. Charles said that, in January, staff would bring forward an agenda item regarding Lewisville Meadows and West Main mitigation needs for Council approval for the additional work. He noted there would also be mitigation for Horsetheif Canyon.

Mr. Charles discussed the Memorandum of Understanding Pertaining to Continuing Authorization and Continuing Funding for the Phase 4 Expansion of the Salmon Creek Wastewater Management System (attached). He said that this MOU could come back for further discussion if needed.

Moved by Councilmember Reinhold and seconded by Councilmember Ciraulo to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Pertaining to Continuing Authorization and Continuing Funding for the Phase 4 Expansion of the Salmon Creek Wastewater Management System. Motion carried.

City Manager Dennis Osborn said that Mr. Charles would put the 2008 Waste Collection calendar in the Council's mailboxes.

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Interim Community Development Director Robert Maul introduced Mr. Sam Crummett, he said that he is a contract planner from MacKay and Sposito. He said that he and his wife are expecting a baby, so Mr. Crummett may be here in January.

Mr. Maul distributed a handout (attached). He said that this is a letter that staff has drafted for the Mayor's signature should the Council authorize it. He said that the area is a 52-acre parcel that was part of the City's preferred alternative for the 2005 Urban Growth Boundary Update. He said that the Commissioners did not include it and it was an area that would have 40 acres of employment lands designated as employment campus. He said that, because the 2005 update is completed, there are other avenues the City can take to get the area included in the Urban growth Boundary. One is identified through RCW 36.70A.130. He said that, at the request of the proponents, Otto Gaither and Doug Schmitt, they would like to see if the City would participate in the process by having the County add it to their 2008 agenda. Should Council do so, a proposed letter is being presented for consideration.

Mayor Idsinga stated he thought this would be a good idea.

Moved by Councilmember Walters and seconded by Councilmember Ganley to send a letter to the County Commissioners in regards to the Urban Growth Boundary Adjustment for the northwest corner 244th and Highway 503. Motion carried.

Mr. Maul said that the City received a 90-acre annexation request south of Horsethief Canyon in an area that would be part of the Urban Growth Boundary that would go into effect in January 2008. He said that the petition was initiated by the Firm Foundation School and this item would come before Council in January.

Police Lieutenant Roy Butler gave an update on the addition of a second canine at the Police Department.

There was discussion on who would handle a dog if a handler is injured.

He then gave an update on the Public Safety Grant that would be used to outfit a command van in the amount of \$9,000.

Fire Chief Dennis Mason updated the Council on the ESCI study that was completed last week, in which he attended a formal presentation on today. He said that the recommendation is for the merger of Districts #11 & 12. He said that the Fire Commissioners would meet in January to begin this process. He said that there are a number of recommendations and he will keep the Council informed. He said that City Manager Dennis Osborn has a copy of the report if more information is needed.

Mayor Idsinga thanked Fire Chief Dennis Mason for efforts with the regionalization.

City Manager Dennis Osborn said that the Community Center Groundbreaking would be on Thursday at 2:30 p.m.

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Mr. Osborn said that if Council is interested in attending the Association of Washington Cities Legislative Action Conference on January 30 and 31 to let him or Executive Assistant Bonnie Gilberti know.

Mr. Osborn said that one of the appointments that rests with the city manager is appointments to the Civil Service Commission. He said that Ms. Annette Hunt would be appointed and start her term in 2008.

Mr. Osborn added that Council has been apprised of the Economic Development Summit that would feature North County Cities and give the area national exposure. He said that the City's portion of the cost would be \$20,000 and asked for Council approval.

Moved by Councilmember Ciraulo and seconded by Councilmember Regan to authorize the city manager to enter into an agreement with North County cities for the Economic Development Summit in the amount of \$20,000. Motion carried.

Mr. Osborn gave an update on the Sewer Summit and noted that the Clark Regional Waste Waster District would be taking the lead on the project.

Moved by Councilmember Ciraulo and seconded by Councilmember Reinhold to enter into executive session for 10-minutes to discuss with personnel with no action to follow. Motion carried.

Executive Session began at 9:59 p.m.

Executive Session concluded at 10:09 p.m.

The regular meeting resumed at 10:09 p.m.

Moved by Councilmember Ciraulo and seconded by Councilmember Reinhold to extend the Council rules to allow the meeting to extend past 10:30 p.m. and to resume the Executive Session for approximately 30-minutes. Motion carried.

Executive Session reconvened at 10:10 p.m.

Executive Session concluded at 10:49 p.m.

Moved by Councilmember Ciraulo and seconded by Councilmember Reinhold to authorize the city manager to add an additional \$18,000 to the Prothman Interim Finance Director contract. Motion carried.

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Public Works Operations monthly report
Information only.

Finance Department monthly report
Information only.

Engineering Department monthly report
Information only.

Police Department monthly report
Information only.

Fire Department monthly report
Information only.

Community Development Department monthly report
Information only.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

John G. Idsinga,
Mayor

Claire Lider,
City Clerk

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