



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Study Session
Monday, March 8, 2010
5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Asay called the study session to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Heddlesten, Morton, Ott, Perry, Sanderson, and Whalen.

Councilmembers Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Taylor

STAFF PRESENT

City Administrator Mukerjee, Finance Director Pierce, Fire Chief Thorson, Fire Chief Jaques, and Deputy City Clerk Stevenson-Ness.

STUDY ITEMS:

A. AB10-025: Discussion of Fire Service
Three Fire issues were discussed so direction could be provided to Administration on how to proceed.

Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Surplus

Chief Jaques informed Council that in 2006, the Fire Department received a grant to replace 22 SCBS units. He stated the surplus SCBA units will be traded for in-kind services with East Pierce Fire and Rescue.

After discussion, Council directed that the surplus resolution be brought forward at the March 15, 2010, Council meeting.

Current staffing levels

Chief Thorson advised that after eliminating one of three full-time positions, the schedule of the department has been affected. The Department will not have adequate staffing to respond to a call during the day without relying on volunteer staff.

Council directed staff to bring the issue to the Council meeting on March 15, 2010, after discussing the item.

Direction for Fire Department over the next 5 years

City Administrator Mukerjee presented several options to the Council to discuss, including:

- Remain status quo
- Fund a full-time department with paramedics
- A long-term contract with a Fire District for services
- Short term contract with a Fire District for services with a future annexation merge
- Annex with the Fire District

Council directed staff to proceed with the process to put a levy lid lift on the ballot.

Mayor Asay recessed the meeting at 7:32 and reconvened the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

B. AB10-026: Discussion on Employee Recognition Program

After discussion, staff was directed to investigate the options for an employee recognition program and bring the results back to Council.

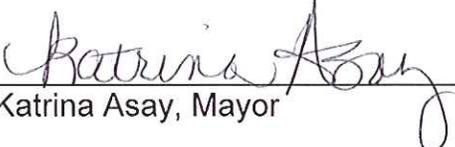
C. Council Retreat

Mr. Mukerjee discussed with Council the possibilities for a Council retreat to discuss Council protocols, look at revenue and expenditure trends, and what is and isn't important to Council.

It was tentatively decided to hold the retreat on Saturday, May 1, 2010.

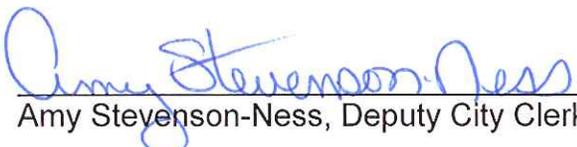
Adjournment

Mayor Asay adjourned the study session at 8:23 p.m.



Katrina Asay, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amy Stevenson-Ness, Deputy City Clerk