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Council Work Session

October 6, 2009 – 7:00 P.M. – City Hall Council Chambers

The Worksession was called to order at 7:00 P.M and opened with reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Mike Anderson, Councilmembers: Ted Meamber, Tom Storrs, Pat Colgan, Rick Lemley and Dennis London Staff: City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Finance Director Nelson, Fire Chief Klinger and Asst. Fire Chief Olson.

**Award of Bid – SWFD Ladder Truck**

- Fire Chief Klinger reported receiving three bids from two dealers. One bid was deemed non-responsive. Rosenbauer submitted the apparent low bid at \$743,807.65, delivered with a 108 day manufacturing process. Chief Klinger requested Council award the bid and authorize the Mayor to sign a purchase agreement with Rosenbauer.

Councilmember Lemley moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the purchase agreement with Rosenbauer/General Fire for the purchase of a 109 Foot Aerial Apparatus at \$685,537.01 plus tax. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber. Motion carried (5-0).

**Status of Preliminary 2010 Revenues and Expenditures**

- Finance Director Nelson reported that as in prior years, departmental requests exceed anticipated revenues, however the gap is narrowing and a balanced budget will be presented to Council at the November worksession.

**Location of Council Worksessions**

- City Supervisor/Attorney Berg presented the idea of locating Council worksessions to the Public Safety Training Room which is better sized for the normal number of attendees. He also noted it has a white board and is less formal and more comfortable for the type of meeting setting. He recommended making the change beginning with the January 2010 meeting schedule.

Councilmember Storrs moved to hold Council worksessions in the Public Safety Training Room. Councilmember Meamber seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

- Discussion followed on the Joint Council/Planning Commission meeting locations. The general consensus of the Council was to continue to hold these meetings in the Council Chambers for ease of recording with members sitting

in an alternate pattern, all on the same level. Questions regarding additional joint meetings in 2009 and discussion on the zoning update process ensued.

### **Recording and Televising Council Meetings**

- City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reported as the City is in the process of negotiating the franchise agreement with Comcast, the concept of televising Council meetings has arose. As a “frozen view” camera is in the Council chambers (court funded) Berg presented the suggestion of filming a test meeting to see the quality. Discussion followed regarding costs to televise, place on the City’ website, professional filming and whether this would hinder or help citizen involvement.

Councilmember Colgan moved to record a sample meeting to see what the quality is like. Councilmember Storrs seconded. Motion carried (4-1, Councilmember Meamber opposed).

### **Acceptance of FEMA ARRA – SCG Grant**

- City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reported that SWFD is one of only three Washington State Applicants to receive funding in this nation-wide grant. He then reviewed that the Fire Department had applied for \$1.8 million in funding and were awarded \$1.2 million noting that FEMA had reduced construction costs due to a favorable bid environment, excluded sales tax and architectural services. FEMA allows negotiation so staff will request reinstatement of the monies for architectural services and sales tax. If declined, a change in the scope of work will be requested.

Councilmember Meamber moved to accept the FEMA ARRA-SCG Grant in the approximate amount of \$1,202,024 and authorize staff to proceed with the project. Seconded by Councilmember Colgan. Motion carried (5-0).

- City Supervisor/Attorney Berg further reported that a short extension of the sewer line to the property is needed. Council will be asked at a future meeting their thoughts on extending the line further to the north for future development. The parcel also has room for a park: walking trail, shelter, picnic table, playfield and restrooms. A Park design and possible funding sources will be proposed at a future meeting. Berg noted the work being conducted on the site currently is not part of the fire project. A federal permit was issued as part of the Fruitdale/McGargile Street Project as a disposal site. The topsoil was rolled back, excavated material delivered and leveled with the topsoil rolled back at the end. The soil is being placed in a manner to the best advantage for the future station however is provided by a different funding source.

## **Metcalf Sewer Update**

- City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reported that excavation has begun on the north end of the Metcalf sewer correction project and the area is clear of petroleum seepage from the old gas station.

Councilmember Meamber moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Colgan. Motion carried (5-0).

The worksession adjourned at 7:40 P.M.