

City of DuPont
Special City Council Meeting
January 20, 2009
6:00 p.m.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:13pm by Deputy Mayor Coffey.

Roll Call: Those present were Councilmembers Penny Coffey, John Ehrenreich, Vicky Marin, Kathleen Trotter, and Roger Westman. Councilmember Larry Wilcox was excused, one position is vacant, and Mayor Jenkins was due to arrive late.

Staff Present: Those present were City Administrator Bill McDonald, City Attorney Alice Ostdiek, and City Clerk Erin Larsen.

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the Visitor Readiness Task Force, Council Vacancy, and Fire Department Ballot Measure.

Visitor Readiness Task Force

City Administrator McDonald provided a draft Resolution sun setting the Visitor Readiness Task Force (VRTF) and creating a successor in the Tourism Board. He highlighted the accomplishments of the VRTF and proposed a Resolution establishing a Tourism Board.

Councilmember Westman provided handouts on similar advisory committees in other cities found on the Municipal Research Service Center (MRSC) website.

Council inquired about representatives on the board, whether or not they will have a charter or scope of work, the VRTF Report, completing current projects before disbanding the VRTF, number of members, terms of office, and the difference between the Tourism Board and VRTF.

Council Vacancy

Council discussed the interview process, asking standard and follow up questions, which questions Councilmembers would prefer to ask, and changing the language on the interview questions sheet provided to the candidates.

Fire Department Services and Ballot Measure

City Administrator McDonald provided background information on a proposed ballot measure decreasing the previously requested tax levy to \$1.00 and possibly running the measure in April.

Attorney Ostdiek provided background information on the draft Ordinance setting forth the text of the ballot proposition. She stated that the proposed Ordinance would set a limit of four years on the increase of \$1.00 and does not include inflator language, therefore addressing the non-supplanting issue from the last levy.

City Administrator McDonald stated that this is intended to be a bridge to an annexation measure in the future.

Council inquired about the property tax amount eroding over time and the non-supplanting issue. Council discussed other City services that are underfunded, the amount to levy, election dates and Resolution cutoff times, citizen outreach and education, other cities who have undergone an annexation, staffing models and the transition process.

City Administrator McDonald will be providing information from the Association of Washington Cities on recommended public outreach and possible costs of annexation. He stated that an Ordinance would be on the next Council agenda for discussion.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

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Tamara L. Jenkins, Mayor

ATTEST:



Erin Larsen CMC, City Clerk