

**City of DuPont
City Council Executive Session
June 10, 2008
6:30 p.m.**

Call To Order: Mayor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and immediately went into executive session to discuss real property with the Steilacoom Historical School Board. No action was taken.

**Regular City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m.**

Mayor Jenkins called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Roll Call: Those present were Mayor Jenkins and Councilmembers Bailey, Coffey, Ehrenreich, Marin, Trotter, Westman, and Wilcox.

Staff Present: Those present were, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Masko, City Administrator McDonald, City Attorney Kerslake, City Clerk Larsen, Community Development Director Darling, Interim Fire Chief Merritt, Interim Police Chief Goodpaster, Public Works Director Zahn.

Pledge: Councilmember Coffey led the flag salute. The flag salute was followed by a moment of silence to honor our Military.

Interim Fire Chief Merritt introduced the department's temporary firefighters.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda Marin/Wilcox 7/0 motion carried.

Public Comment:

Beth Elliott (1485 Kittson St.) expressed concern for the proposed skateboard park regarding citizen input and fiscal responsibility. She stated that the Parks Master Plan (PMP) lists top recreation choices for citizens in DuPont and the skateboard park is very low on the list. Ms. Elliott's concern is that the citizens are not being listened to. She also stated that the money set aside for the skateboard park should be reallocated to parks and greenways.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items:

- Regular City Council Meeting Minutes – May 27, 2008;
- Claim Vouchers List – June 10, 2008;
- Civic Center Project Change Orders;
- Authorization for Street Light Install at Civic Drive.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the consent agenda items. Coffey/Westman 7/0 motion carried.

Discussion Items:

Civic Center Status Update

Civic Center Project Manager Ross Swanson provided an update on the work being done on the Civic Center Project. He stated that we are on schedule at this time.

Councilmember Wilcox expressed his gratitude.

Fire Service Task Force (FSTF) Report

Chairman Bob Bartro highlighted the formation of the task force, and their mission and goals. He stated that the members were very dedicated and hard working and thanked each of them for their service.

Consultant & Interim Fire Chief Bob Merritt provided an overview of the final report, highlighted the options, and provided the task force's recommendations. He stated that a written report is forthcoming.

Mayor Jenkins stated that the Council will be holding a workshop on June 24th during their regular meeting to discuss the Fire Service Task Force Report and recommendations.

Council thanked the task force members for their hard work and expressed their desire to make a decision in a reasonable time frame.

Councilmember Ehrenreich highlighted the three major decisions that Council will have to make: 1) What level of service the Fire Department provides to the citizens, 2) Who will deliver that level of service, and 3) How will the City pay for that service.

Council discussed the amount of public input, holding a town Hall Meeting for the citizens, sustaining or reducing current services, the importance of a timely decision process, and how to disseminate the information.

Mayor's Report:

Announced the following:

- Operation We Love Our Military City Decorating event meet at Forza on June 13th at 6:30 p.m.;
- Council Workshop on June 24th at 7 p.m. to discuss the FSTF Report;
- Town Hall Meeting to discuss Fire Services to be announced (TBA);
- Operation We Love Our Military next meeting scheduled for July 1st;
- July 4th Celebration Pamphlet is out and the committee is still looking for volunteers;
- Ice Cream Social event is June 13th ;
- Golf Tournament and Auction upcoming event TBA;
- Movie in the Park scheduled for July 16th and 18th;
- Music in the Park scheduled for July 3rd;
- Dynamite Dash Running event scheduled on July 4th forms at City Hall.

City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator McDonald discussed PowderWorks Park opening with the Council. He provided an update on the completion of punch list items by Quadrant and an update from the Consultant on the viability of the turf on the ball fields. He stated that the Council needs to decide whether or not to open the entire Park by July 4th or part of the park and fence off the ball fields until the turf is mature.

Council discussed the warranty by Quadrant, the City taking over the park and maintenance, protecting the fields, and temporary fencing. Council concurred to accept the park from Quadrant, open a portion of the park, and fence off the ball fields to allow the turf to mature.

City Administrator McDonald provided an update on the extension of the Sequalitchew Creek Trail. A formal proposal is forthcoming possibly in July.

Councilmember Reports:

Councilmember Coffey announced that she attended the closing ceremony for Pioneer Middle School on May 31st and stated that it was both touching and entertaining. She also announced joint meetings with the Parks and Planning Agencies on the first two Mondays in July and a Council study session on July 15th to discuss a Salary Commission.

Councilmember Bailey thanked Council for the opportunity to attend the retreat on Saturday.

Department Reports:

Councilmember Trotter inquired about the First Industrial preliminary plat and whether or not a road was included.

Community Development Director John Darling stated that the road is still an issue relative to the lots on the buff and traffic. He stated that the staff report would be completed by the City's outside consultant.

New Business:

Resolution Adopting a Theme-line

City Administrator McDonald provided background information on the proposed Resolution stating that adopting a theme-line was a recommendation outlined in the Visitor Readiness Report. The Visitor Readiness Task Force has recommended adopting the theme-line "Welcoming for 5,000 Years".

A motion was made and seconded to adopt a Resolution adopting a DuPont Theme-line. Bailey/Coffey 7/0 motion carried. Resolution No. 08-349

Public/Council Comment:

Bob Bartro (1512 Palisade Blvd) endorsed Council's decision to fence off the ball fields and allow the turf to mature.

Adjournment:

Mayor Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 8:44p.m.

City of DuPont:

Tamara L. Jenkins, Mayor

Attest:

Erin Larsen CMC, City Clerk