Quil Ceda Village

Regular Council Meeting
July 20, 2004
Minutes

9:10 AM Village Council Meeting: Roll Call

President Herman Williams, Jr. – Here 9:12 a.m.
President Pro-tempore Mel Sheldon Jr. – Here
Council Member Stan Jones, Sr. – Here
Council Member Don Hatch, Jr. – Here
Council Member Marie Zackuse – Absent
Council Member Les Parks – Here
Council Member Marlin Fryberg, Jr. – Here

Staff & Visitors Present:

John McCoy, General Manager
Mike Taylor, Attorney
Nina Reece, Administrator
Steve Gobin, Sr. Policy Analyst
T. Peter Mills. BP Manager
Leo Joinette, EFO
Linda Jones, TTT GM
The Albs, Consultants

1) Approval of Agenda
June 20, 2004
Motion made by Les Parks to approve the agenda for June 20, 2004 as presented.
Seconded
Questions
4 For 0 Against 1 Abstain (Mel Sheldon)
Motion carried

2) Approval of Minutes
May 18, 2004
Motion made by Les Parks to approve the agenda for May 18, 2004 as presented.
Seconded
Questions
4 For 0 Against 1 Abstain (Mel Sheldon)
Motion carried

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June 15, 2004
Motion made by Les Parks to approve the agenda for June 15, 2004 as presented.
Seconded
Questions
4 For 0 Against 1 Abstain (Mel Sheldon)
Motion carried

Old Business:

3) Taxation Update
Discussion: John McCoy; Marlin Fryberg Jr; Mel Sheldon; Steve Gobin; Les Parks; T. Peter Mills; Don Hatch Jr; Herman Williams Jr.

Legislation is not moving in D.C. Council Member and TTT GM are going to D.C. with hope that some part of the legislation is saved. Staff is exploring taxes from the surrounding community to provide a comparison of existing taxes vs. what the Village maybe able to tax. Are there any taxes being implemented against the casino? No. This Council will need to enact any taxes from this table before they can be implemented. Legislation in D.C. was to modify the Buck Act. A change within these Acts would allow tribes to implement taxes that are comparable to surrounding areas. An attempt was made to change the Internal Revenue Code was made but that infringed on states' rights. An attempt was made to try and provide a stream for states to have to come to the table and negotiate with tribes. What impact does the Village see as an impact from the Muckleshoot fuel tax? Will this affect the Tim Eyman initiative? It is unknown at this time how it will affect the Village or tribes. If the Village were to assess a sales tax of 1%, what would that be? Leases would have to be offset if the Village charges more than the surrounding jurisdiction. Village needs to reinforce its position on how the taxes it receives are used. A large sum of people benefit from what is happening here. The State of Washington needs to know how many people benefit from this. Council recommending that the figures regarding tribal contributions for 116th, 88th overpass, 27 th Avenue and others be available and show how this contribution has benefited the surrounding jurisdictions. Let's do some PR. Kathy Logg, Everett Herald and Northwest Strategies were doing a good job but the focus has been lost.

4) Retail Center
A) Parking/Loading Zones
Discussion: T. Peter Mills; Les Parks; Steve Gobin; Mel Sheldon; Herman Williams Jr.

Staff has looked at the back of the parking area and they do not believe that the parking can be changed due to safety issues. The loading and unloading is becoming a safety issue. The lanes are supposed to be designated as fire lanes.

When the credit union came in, a new load and unload zone was created at the south end of the Retail Center. The Credit Union lease requires that trucks do not load and unload in the back lane. Staff would like another 30 days to review this. A letter from the council needs to go to all the lessees regarding use of the load/unload zone. These discussions started from tenant meetings. Most of the delivery trucks have moved out of the front but it is still a problem in the back.

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B) Covered Area for Employees
Discussion: John McCoy; Steve Gobin; Herman Williams Jr; T. Peter Mills;

Small covered area design will be available a little later. Is there a policy that prevents employees from smoking in the building? Yes. The tribal policy prevents employees from smoking in any tribal building. Smoking is unhealthy but we need to provide a tool for convenience for employees to be able to smoke somewhere other than the front of the building where customers walk back and forth in front of the smoking employees. Why is the Council spending money to provide a place for smoking of employees? Other departments will begin asking for this. Is this going to improve the value of the building or are we making a special allowance for specific employees.

Council is stating that they are not going to fund the awning for smoking.

5) Towing Impound Agreement-RFB Update
Discussion: John McCoy; Marlin Fryberg Jr.; T. Peter Mills; Les Parks; Steve Gobin; Don Hatch Jr.;

This tow company is a business owned and operated by a Native American and the business is TERO certified. Council Member is recommending approval of this contract. TERO is reaching out to Tulalip tribal members to see if they are interested in this type of business. At this time, there are no Tulalip tribal members doing this type of business. The contract needs some changes. Item No. 7 should be changed because it puts a burden on the individual if a vehicle is improperly towed. If the agreement is changed then a tow company will not want to tow if they do not get paid for their services. Cars are not usually improperly towed. This is a pretty standard form. As long as signs are properly posted this doesn't seem to be a problem. People in the community notice cars that are abandoned and notify staff. But again, this just does not seem to be a problem. Legal department should rewrite No. 7.

Motion made by Les Parks to approve the contract with Little Joe's Towing as amended and to be for a period of one year with a five day out clause.
Seconded
Questions
6 For 0 Against
Motion carried

New Business:

6) Financial Statement-FYI
Village is still running under budget.

7) Next Village Council Meeting: August 17, 2004 @ 9:00 a.m., Quil Ceda Village Conference Center.
Motion made by Les Parks to adjourn at 9:53 a.m.
Seconded
Questions
6 For 0 Against

Adjourn Meeting

Minutes approved at the regular Village Council meeting of August 17, 2004.

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