

**FIFE CITY COUNCIL**

**Fife City Hall  
Council Chambers**

**Date: January  
25, 2011  
Time: 7:00 p.m.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The following members were present: Mayor Johnson, Councilmember Alveshere, Councilmember de Booy, Councilmember Hull, Councilmember Godwin, Mayor ProTem Cerqui, and Councilmember Hulcey.

The following members were Excused / Absent: None.

Staff Present: David DeGroot, Finance Director, Russ Blount, Public Works Director, Carl Durham, Community Development Director, Brad Blackburn, Chief of Police, Cindy L Dunn, City Clerk, Andrea Edwards, Executive Assistant, Dave Zabell, City Manager, and Loren Combs, Attorney.

Staff Excused / Absent: Steve Marcotte, Assistant City Manager, and Kurt Reuter, Parks and Recreation Director.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Hulcey.

**CHANGES, ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

There were no changes, additions or deletions to the agenda.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS ( Items not on the agenda )**

There were no citizen comments at this time.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approval of Vouchers: Payroll: #47417 - 47459 \$924,020.71 Claims: # Claim:  
#81740 - 81904 \$566,624.04**

Payroll Vouchers

Claims Vouchers

**Councilmember Hull moved, seconded by Mayor ProTem Cerqui, to approve the consent agenda as is.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

### **Police Department Awards (Blackburn)**

#### Police Awards

Chief Blackburn and Commander Floyd presented awards to members of the Police Department for recent and prior actions.

5 Life Saving Awards were given out to:

Officer Eugley

Officer Morales

Lieutenant Thompson

Lieutenant Ferris

Officer Wrywitzke

4 Injured in the Line of Duty Awards were given out:

Correction Officer Schoch

Correction Officer Hamilton

Correction Officer Wold

Reserve Officer Moser

Mayor Johnson expressed his gratitude to the Police Department and the Officer's for their service to the community.

### **New Employee Introductions (Zabell)**

#### New Employee

City Manager Zabell stated that the City has 3 new employees to introduce, Edgar Sarkisyan, Steven Van Zaten and Jan Kurz.

Mayor Johnson read the bio for Edgar Sarkisyan, Police Services Specialist, is 23 years old and currently lives in the city of Des Moines. He was born in Baku, Azerbaijan and spent the first 7 years of his life in Krasnodar, Russia. Edgar grew up in SeaTac, Washington and graduated from Foster High School in the Tukwila School District. He joined the Tukwila Police Department in 2005 and aged out at the age of 21, holding the rank of Chief Explorer. Growing up, Edgar studied Taekwondo, receiving my First Degree Black Belt in 2003. He spent many years competing locally and nationally in Sparring. In 2008, he was hired by the Fife Police Department as a Reserve Police

Officer, graduating the Reserve Academy in April of 2009. It has been his life goal to be a Police Officer, following a position as a K-9 handler and being on a S.W.A.T. Team.

Steven Van Zaten, Police Services Specialist, is 22 years old and was born and raised in Orting. He became a Police Explorer for the Orting Police Department at 15 and a Reserve Police Officer with them at age 21. It has been Steven's life goal to obtain a career in the Law Enforcement field. Now that he is working for the City of Fife, he could not be happier.

Jan Kuz, Administrative Assistant for the Finance/Admin Dept worked as an intern in the Human Resource Division with Stefanie McCauley as she finished her Master's degree in HR through Chapman University. Prior to this, she was self employed as a real estate agent in Federal Way for the previous 9 years. She holds a BA degree in Social Anthropology from the University of Washington. Jan is married, has two boys, ages 11 and 12. She enjoys traveling, cross country skiing, camping, gardening and cooking.

### **Library District about the Building Design (Zabell)**

#### **Library Dist Building Design**

Neel Parikh, Executive Director of Pierce County Library System talked about the updates on the building design. She talked about the location of the building and the square footage and the plans for the modular.

Georgia from the Library District reviewed Pierce County's library services for Fife. She talked about the different library services in Fife. She reviewed Fife residents who have Pierce County library cards, by age groups. She talked about the Fife library programs and events such as the bookmobile and computer classes. She reviewed the plans for summer programs.

An architect from SHKS firm talked about the proposed building plans. He talked about the parking lot having 26 parking stalls, the outside and interior building design, landscaping and entry design along with sidewalk plans.

Councilmember Godwin asked a project manager and when would the project be completed.

Neel stated yes they have a Project Manager and the plans are for the library to open late fall 2011.

Councilmember Hull asked about parking stalls.

City Manager Zabell talked about the library timeline and that updated information will be on the February 8th meeting agenda which will include and update amended agreement reflecting the new timeline.

## **COUNCIL DELEGATE REPORT**

Councilmember Hulcey talked about attending the Flood District Meeting.

Councilmember Hull talked about the Flood District Meeting and that it was suggested to repeal the Flood Zone and they started the process to create a new Flood Zone. He attended a U.M.T. leadership program. He also attended the Radiance H.O.A. meeting with Councilmember Alveshere. And that he attended the Pierce County Regional Council and was elected to sit on the Board.

Councilmember de Booy stated she took a trip hosted by the Community Center to Gig Harbor. She said about 15 people went and half of them were not Fife residents. She was pleased residents from other areas are using Fife services.

Councilmember Alveshere commented on the awards given to the Police and Corrections Officer's and thanked them for their great service. He talked about attending the H.O.A. Meeting for Radiance. And that he attended a Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration at the Tacoma Dome. He stated Maria Cantwell attended and that he was impressed by the diversity of the crowd and enjoyed the singing and dancing.

Mayor Johnson stated he is looking forward to the Council Retreat this coming weekend.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Appointment (Potter/Zabell)**

#### **Lodging Tax Committee**

City Manager Zabell stated that in 2006, Fife City Council created the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (Ordinance No. 1603-06) in accordance to RCW 67.28.1817 to advise in allocating the Lodging Tax revenue. The City has received three new applications for committee members and those are attached for Council's consideration. Applications were solicited through notification on cityoffife.org and phone calls to Fife hoteliers.

He stated the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee shall consist of seven members appointed by the City Council as follows:

At least two members who are representatives of businesses required to collect tax under RCW Chapter 67.28, at least two members who are persons involved in activities authorized to be funded by revenue received under RCW Chapter 67.28; and at least one member of City Council who shall serve as chair of the LTAC.

Current Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) Roster:

Collectors

1. Darshan (Shawn) Randhawa, Travelodge

2. Debbie Dymarkowski, Emerald Queen Hotel & Casino
3. VACANT

Recipients

1. Aaron Williams, Executive Director, Fife Regional Chamber of Commerce
2. Steve Kono, Fife Historical Society
3. Tim Waer, Tacoma-Pierce County Sports Commission

Members of City Council

1. Rob Cerqui, Chair

The applications received from Sang Kim and Mark Horace are eligible for a position within the 'collectors' category. The application received from Loretta Heymann is eligible for a position within the 'recipients' category. At this time, Council can choose to replace an occupied seat, fill a vacant seat, or make changes to the number of appointments. All current Committee members, with the exception of Steve Kono from the recipient category, have made it known that they would like to continue serving on the Committee.

Council decided to appoint Loretta Heymann to the Recipients category and Mark Horace to the Collectors category.

**Councilmember Hulcey moved, seconded by Councilmember Hull, to appoint Loretta Heymann to the Recipient Roster.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Councilmember Hulcey moved, seconded by Councilmember de Booy, to approve appoint Mark Horace to the Collectors Roster.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Zabell talked about the Gathering Place Property, stating the demolition of all structures on site have been completed and he talked about Escrow funds for the sale of the property. He stated that the Flood Control District is working with County Staff. He stated that the Eagle Scout project at the Hylebos rebuilding of benches and a viewing area from Seth Fisher has been completed. And that the silk bench project has been completed by Pierce County.

Director Durham expanded on the Pierce County project stating the project was to help erosion of the Puyallup River banks. And that the project is in place and appears to be working.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Councilmember Hulcey stated that a neighbor and long time resident of Fife Jean Petorak passed away. He also stated that another long time resident Fred Thomas is battling Leukemia.

Councilmember Hull stated that soon is the 1 year anniversary of the loss of Baby Jayden. He also stated that Community Chats is reorganizing and hopes to start at Johnny's.

Mayor ProTem Cerqui thanked Steve Kono for his service on the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee. He also thanked the Police and Correction Officer's for their great service.

Councilmember de Booy also thanked the Police Department and their leader for a great job.

Councilmember Alveshere stated that by the time we meet next there will be a chance to vote on the Transit Tax. He encourages people to vote.

Mayor Johnson he stated he received some emails on State Tourism funding and he would like to have future talks with Council on the subject. He stated that Chris Carrol Friends of the Hybelos is now a grant writer with Federal Way. As a follow up to the Police Awards he stated he read an article relating to officer related shootings and the dangers Police Officers face. He commends the work and bravery of the Fife Police Department.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

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**Councilmember Hull moved, seconded by Mayor ProTem Cerqui, to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:12 p.m.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**



Barry D. Johnson, Mayor



Cindy L. Dunn, CMC, City Clerk