

**FIFE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Cerqui called the Regular Meeting of the Fife City Council to order at 7:01 p.m.

Present: Mayor Cerqui, Mayor Pro Tem Hull, Councilmembers Godwin, Curtis, Hulcey, Dukes-Gethers, and Wolfrom.

Staff Present: City Manager Zabell, Finance Director DeGroot, Public Works Director Blount, Interim Community Development Director Boyle, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Reuter, Chief of Police Blackburn, City Attorney Combs, Executive Assistant Edwards and City Clerk Etgen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Hulcey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OATH OF OFFICE – NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS – POSITIONS 1, 2, 4 & 5

Judge Ringus swore in newly-elected Councilmember Curtis and returning Councilmembers Cerqui, Hulcey and Godwin.

SELECTION OF MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM

Councilmembers marked ballots for the selection of Mayor with Councilmembers Wolfrom, Hulcey and Godwin voting for Councilmember Godwin. Councilmembers Dukes-Gethers, Cerqui, Hull and Curtis voted for Councilmember Cerqui. Councilmember Cerqui was selected as Mayor.

Councilmembers marked ballots for the selection of Mayor Pro Tem with Councilmembers Godwin, Wolfrom and Hulcey voting for Councilmember Hulcey. Councilmembers Curtis, Hull, Cerqui and Dukes-Gethers voted for Councilmember Hull. Councilmember Hull was selected as Mayor Pro Tem.

CHANGES, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

Councilmember Curtis moved to move Item 13b – Brookville Gardens Resolution No. 1456 to the study session of January 17th for discussion with action scheduled for the regular meeting of January 24th. Councilmember Dukes-Gethers seconded the motion.

After a brief discussion, Councilmember Curtis and Councilmember Dukes-Gethers withdrew the motion; the matter will be discussed at this meeting and continued to a later meeting for action.

CITIZENS COMMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

Aaron Williams, Executive Director of the Fife Milton Edgewood Chamber of Commerce congratulated the incoming Councilmembers, Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem and stated he and the Board were looking forward to working with the Fife City Council in 2012.

Carol Sue Braaten congratulated new Councilmembers and expressed her concern about a proposed mental health clinic coming to the area. She also expressed concern about residents being able to have access to evacuation routes during flood events.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Johnson presented the following items for consideration on the Consent Agenda:

- Ratification of December 27, 2011 Approval of Claims Vouchers No's: 84832 - 84968 in amount of \$254,178.27
- Approval of Payroll Voucher No's 48341 - 48395 in the amount of \$\$846,757.95
- Approval of Claims Vouchers No's 84969 - 85037 in the amount of \$519,710.61

Councilmember Hulcey moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilmember Hull seconded and motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Merit Award – Police Officer

Chief Blackburn advised that the Police Department recently conducted an Awards Board. The Board is comprised of representatives from all divisions of the department. The Board unanimously approved the nomination of Officer Jake Stringfellow to receive the Police Department's Medal of Merit award.

In making their determination from among many worthy candidates, the Board recognized Officer Stringfellow's consistent efforts to go "above and beyond in the call of duty in his assignments," including as a member of the Regional Drug Task Force. During his tenure at the task force, Officer Stringfellow consistently produced high quality work. His contributions in this regard have been applauded by his co-workers on the task force, supervisors in Fife and generally within the Pierce County law enforcement community.

The Mayor and Chief Blackburn presented the Medal of Merit award to Officer Stringfellow and Councilmembers congratulated him on the award and thanked him for his service.

Fife Municipal Court's 50th Anniversary

Judge Ringus reviewed the reception and ceremony held on January 9th honoring judges, employees, mayors and councilmembers for their part in the Court's first 50 years.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL DELEGATE

Pierce County Public Transportation Improvement Conference (PTIC)

Mayor Pro Tem Hull introduced Tom Wolfendale, the PTIC legal counsel. Mr. Wolfendale presented the following information to Council:

The first meeting held in December provided a first drawing of a proposed boundary for Pierce Transit. Cities were then allowed time to decide whether they wanted to be included in the proposed boundary. The next meeting is January 20th at which time the PTIC will decide whether the proposed boundaries are sufficient to bring forward to a public hearing with a four-week notice. After testimony is received at the public hearing, the PTIC would have the opportunity to add territory not originally included in the map and a second public hearing would be held after another four-week noticing period.

The PTIC could then decide to make or not make further changes. The County then would have a 30 to 60 day opportunity to step in and make changes and cities would have an opportunity to withdraw. The process is expected to take three to four months.

Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Curtis reported he attended a meeting of the Legislative Coalition with City Manager Zabell and Councilmember Hulcey.

Mayor Pro Tem Hull stated the Pierce County Regional Council will be holding the annual General Assembly Meeting at the Emerald Queen facility in Fife this year on February 9th, with former Maryland Governor Parris Glending speaking about smart growth to elected officials and local business members.

Councilmember Hulcey stated he attended the Legislative Breakfast and spoke about Secretary of Transportation Paula Hammond's report.

Mayor Cerqui stated he attended the Court's 50-year celebration.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1456 Brookville Gardens Community Park Phase III Design Contract

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved to approve Resolution No. 1456. Councilmember Hulcey seconded the motion.

Parks and Recreation Director Reuter presented the matter to Council. The Brookville Gardens Community Park project began in 2008. The park design element of the project reached substantial completion in mid-2009 and was mothballed due to lack funding. With the sale of the Gathering Place property, sufficient funds were allocated from the proceeds to the Park Development fund and Council directed staff in the spring of 2011 to re-initiate work on the project.

As work began, three substantial changes were implemented: the first involved removing the creek corridor element as part of the project; additionally a determination was made that the Park site is not compatible for co-location of a future Park maintenance facility; and finally exploration and possible development of a small hatchery on the property were incorporated. With respect to the creek corridor, this portion of the property, while a potential amenity to the Park, was determined to be much more beneficial to the community as a mitigation site for a different project. The proposed hatchery will require close coordination with the Puyallup Tribe and appropriate state and federal agencies. These changes were incorporated into the Brookville Gardens Community Park Master plan which was approved by the City Council in the fall of 2011.

While the Park and proposed mitigation project are distinctly separate projects, they will require extensive coordination in their design and construction. The end result will appear to visitors of the future park and mitigation site as a seamless community amenity providing ample parking facilities, extensive habitat, stream and wetland restoration, and open space and park facilities. Combined, these two projects will serve to enhance the quality of life for the community by creating a safe and enjoyable atmosphere, provide significant environmental enhancements and serve as a learning environment for an important segment of Wapato Creek. The changes have significantly enhanced the value of this project; however, they have also impacted the scope of the project and necessitate some level of redesign work, beyond what was contemplated in the original plan.

With approval of the Master Plan last fall, the City achieved a major milestone allowing the project to proceed to final design. The contract amendment before you provides three major work elements by the consultant: 1) Preparation of plans, specifications, engineering and bid documents; 2) Construction administration and evaluation of bids; and 3) Design, bid documents, and construction administration for the proposed Fish Hatchery. A breakdown of costs associated with each of these services is attached.

The completion of this work will prepare the project for the construction phase. Again, while the Park and wetland mitigation projects are separate projects involving separate parcels of land, they are interdependent in that materials excavated from the mitigation project will be utilized for the Park project.

Councilmember Curtis pointed out some differences between the current scope of work and the contract. Staff will spend time reviewing the contract and bring a revised contract back to Council. City Manager Zabell stated it was not critical time-wise to pass this contract tonight, and recommended the item be continued to the next regular meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved to continue the item to the next regular meeting of January 24th. Councilmember Hulcey seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 1457 – Amendment to the City Manager’s Contract

Councilmember Hulcey moved to approve Resolution No. 1457. Councilmember Curtis seconded the motion.

Paragraph 5 of the agreement with David K. Zabell, City Manager, as originally executed on December 14, 2010 and amended in 2011, state that Mr. Zabell must live within the Fife City limits. Mr. Zabell has found a home located in the City's urban expansion area (urban growth area) and requests Council's confirmation that a home within an area Fife may legally annex into the City's corporate limits at a future date meets the intent and spirit of Paragraph 5 in the agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Committee Liaison Appointments

There are several opportunities for Councilmembers and key staff to serve on City and regional boards, committees, or commissions as a representative of the Fife Council and City of Fife.

Council reviewed appointments with Executive Assistant Edwards and agreed to the following designations:

- Volunteer PD Reserve Board - City of Fife
(Councilmember Godwin)
- Fife Milton Edgewood Chamber of Commerce
(Councilmember Dukes-Gethers)
- Lodging Tax Advisory Committee - City of Fife
(Mayor Cerqui, alternate - Councilmember Hulcey)
- Wellness Committee - City of Fife
(Councilmember Wolfrom)
- Rainier Media Center
(Councilmember Hulcey, alternate-Dave Zabell)
- Rainier Communications Commission
(Councilmember Hulcey, alternate-Dave Zabell)
- Puget Sound Regional Council
(Mayor Pro Tem Hull, alternate- Mayor Cerqui)
- Pierce County Regional Council
(Mayor Pro Tem Hull, alternate - Councilmember Curtis)
- Fife School Board
(Councilmember Dukes-Gethers, alternate-Councilmember Wolfrom)
- Puyallup School Board
(Councilmember Wolfrom, alternate - Mayor Cerqui)
- Senior Citizens Advisory Board - City of Fife
-Inactive Board-
- RAMP
(Councilmember Hulcey, alternate - Mayor Cerqui)

- Voucher Review Committee - City of Fife
(Council rotation schedule)
- Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Advisory Board - City of Fife
(Councilmember Wolfrom, alternate - Councilmember Curtis)
- Tree Commission - City of Fife
(Councilmember Wolfrom, alternate – Mayor Pro Tem Hull)
- Association of Washington Cities
(Voting delegates to be assigned in May)
- Association of Washington Cities - Legislative Committee
(Mayor Cerqui, alternate - Councilmember Godwin)
- Fife Historical Society
(Mayor Pro Tem Hull – alternate Councilmember Hulcey)
- Valley Cities Mayors and City Administrators
(Mayor Cerqui and Dave Zabell, alternate - Mayor Pro Tem Hull)
- Mayors of Pierce County
(Mayor Cerqui)
- Website Advisory Committee
(Councilmember Curtis, alternate - Councilmember Hulcey)
- Pierce County Public Transportation Improvement Conference (PTIC)
(Mayor Pro Tem Hull, alternate - Councilmember Dee-Dee Dukes-Gethers)
- Pierce County Cities & Towns Association (PCCTA)
(Mayor Cerqui)
- LEOFF I Disability Board (PCCTA appointment)
(Councilmember Hulcey)
- Pierce County Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) (PCCTA appointment)
(Councilmember Hulcey)
- Arts Commission
(Wait)

2012 Parks, Recreation & Community Services Advisory Board Work Plan

The City of Fife Park, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Citizens Advisory Board prepared and approved a draft work plan at its December 7, 2011 regular meeting. The proposed work plan is a collaborative effort of staff and the board to implement a work program that benefits the community and improves parks and trails. The work plan includes:

- Provide support and organization of the 2012 Parks Appreciation Day and Arbor Day events.
- Continue to perform a lead role in the planning and administration of the parade organization for the 2012 Fife Harvest Festival.
- Formulate a Sub Committee to assist staff with the selection of amenities for Brookville Gardens Community Park.
- Assist staff with recommendations for updating the City of Fife Park, Recreation, and Open Space Plan.
- Organize and conduct the 2nd Annual City Of Fife Trail Awareness Day Event.
- Assist staff with development of a Community Center Readerboard advertising policy.
- Participate in an annual joint Park Board meeting with Edgewood and Milton.

Councilmember Wolfrom moved to approve the 2012 PRCS Advisory Board Work Plan. Councilmember Hull seconded and motion carried unanimously.

2012 Tree Commission Work Plan

The City of Fife Tree Commission prepared and approved a draft 2012 work plan at its December 7, 2011 regular meeting. The proposed work plan is a collaborative effort of staff and the commission to

implement a work program that benefits the community and the City's valuable urban forest resource. The Tree Commission just completed its third year of service to our city. The work plan includes:

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- Participate in an annual joint Park Board meeting with Edgewood and Milton.

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved to approve the 2012 Tree Commission Work Plan. Councilmember Curtis seconded and motion carried unanimously.

State Legislative Agenda

City Manager Zabell reviewed pending bills before the State Legislature which would impact the City, including:

- HB 2146 would result in a PERMANENT 10 percent reduction to SST Mitigation to cities.
- HB 2140 would permanently transfer revenue from the Liquor Excise Tax Fund, including the portion distributed to cities and counties, into the state's general fund beginning July 1, 2012.
- HB 2134 would permanently require cities and counties to pay 50% of the cost to send trainees to the Criminal Justice Training Commission's Basic Law Enforcement Academy beginning July 1, 2012, estimated at \$7,537 per trainee.
- HB 2141 would eliminate the local government exemption for licensing fees for emergency medical technicians, paramedics, and other first responders. It allows the Department of Health to adopt licensing fees, estimated at \$40-\$300 for every three-year license.
- HB 2146 would permanently reduce the annexation sales tax credit and the streamlined sales tax mitigation by 10%.

The 2012 proposed Legislative Agenda consists of:

- Continue to Fund Development of the SR 167 Corridor
- Maintain Streamlined Sales Tax Mitigation to Cities
- Enhance Financial Flexibility
- Support Efforts to Maintain Local Streets
- Provide Assistance for Flood Protection

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved to adopt the proposed City of Fife State Legislative Agenda for 2012. Councilmember Hulcey seconded and motion carried.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Zabell reported on the following items:

- 20th Street Update
- Temporary 70th Avenue Lane Closures
- Community Center Renovation
- Fife Swim Center Mural Placement and Renovation

- Redistricting Approval by Redistricting Committee with the Final Report Published – Recommendation puts City totally in 25th Legislative District and Congressional District No. 10
- Legislative Action Conference – 25th and 26th of January
- Change in Location of Department Heads at Council Meetings

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Curtis stated he is excited about being on the Council and looking forward to the Retreat.

Mayor Cerqui and Mayor Pro Tem Hull welcomed new and returning Councilmembers and stated they are looking forward to 2012.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

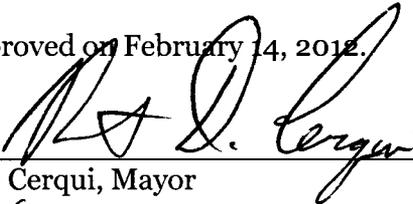
Carol Sue Braaten, resident, expressed concern about Pierce County Transit Board's being a separate entity and not listening to residents. She is also concerned about the roads, evacuation, and no road funding.

Chris Hoffman, citizen, asked Council to reconsider having residents give their address at the podium. She invited Council to join her for the Fife-Milton-Edgewood Relay for Life – June 15 and 16 at Fife High School.

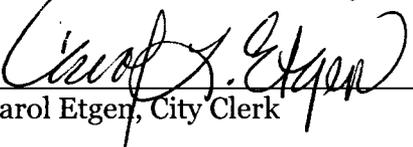
ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Hulcey moved for adjournment at 9:46 PM. Mayor Pro Tem Hull seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Approved on February 14, 2012.



Rob Cerqui, Mayor



Carol Etgen, City Clerk