

FIFE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2012

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held from 6:00 PM to 7:09 PM in the Council conference room for the purpose of discussing personnel, real estate and litigation. All Councilmembers were present along with City Manager Zabell and City Attorney Combs.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Cerqui called the Regular Meeting of the Fife City Council to order at 7:10 PM

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

Mayor Pro Tem Hull led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS COMMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

Judy Harmon, Pierce County Emergency Management liaison for the City of Fife reported long hours were spent in last week's snowstorm at the Emergency Operations Center and that citizens and businesses can reach the Damage Assessment Center at 1-866-798-6363. There is an economic recovery worksheet for businesses on the City's website and citizens and businesses can report damages, and loss of revenue, including lost wages. While there is no guarantee the dollars can be collected, the total damages may help the State put in a declaration for FEMA. Ms. Harmon encouraged citizens to sign up for the Pierce County alert and warning system.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approval of Payroll Voucher No's 48396 - 48438 in the amount of \$846,751.22
- b. Approval of Claims Vouchers No's 85038 - 85193 in the amount of \$425,014.72
- c. Council Liaison Appointments

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

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

Mural at the Wading Pool - by the Arts Commission and FHS Art Club

Laurel Potter, Marketing Coordinator, reported the Fife Public Arts Commissioner and FHS student representative Danielle Twichell spear-headed the mural painting of the wading pool at Fife Swim Center. Along with other members from the FHS Art Club, Danielle and art teacher Katy Baur designed, sketched, and finally painted the large mural on the bottom of the children's wading pool. A slide show of photos taken during the painting was shown, and the contribution of the participants acknowledged by Councilmembers and staff.

Art Pieces Selection Presentation by Arts Commission

Laurel Potter, Marketing Coordinator, stated the Fife Public Arts Commission received applications from 24 artists for the 2012 Call to Artists. The entries came from all over the country, including one from Canada. The Arts Commission selected five pieces to display at each the Library, City Hall, Dacca Park/Barn, Fountain Memorial Park, and one to be reserved for Brookville Gardens Community Park. Each artist will receive a stipend for their art work. The selected pieces were revealed as: Whispering Bird by Marion-Lea Jamieson, The Throne by Nicky Falkenhayn, Flour Bed by Sarah Ybarra Lopez, Dream Followers by Julie Watts, and Valley Roundelay by Lisa Kinoshita.

Budget Document Presentation

Finance Director DeGroot presented the final budget document for 2012 as approved by Council on November 8, 2011. City Manager Zabell and Councilmembers acknowledged the staff members who assisted with the budget document development. Copies of the document are also available in public places including the Fife library, City Hall, and on the City's website.

4th Quarter Financial Report

Finance Director DeGroot reported that for the fourth quarter of 2011 revenues tracked about where we expected them to be based upon financial performance tracking from earlier in the year, except for intergovernmental revenue. The planned second round of 2% tribal gaming impact awards was delayed from late 2011 to early 2012 resulting in a delay in the one-time catch-up basic impact payment of \$850,000. The current year basic impact payment was receipted in April. All funds ended the year within budget and with a positive cash balance. DeGroot stated he would be reviewing the reduction in the Lodging Tax revenues.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL DELEGATE

Councilmember Hull reported on the Pierce Transit Public Transit Improvement Conference meeting and discussions taking place among the various city representatives.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance No. 1765

Extending Existing Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Collective Gardens

City Attorney Combs noted that the City Council imposed a moratorium on medical marijuana collective gardens in 2011. Council's action was necessary to allow sufficient time to study the impacts of allowing this use within the City Limits. The State Legislature continues to consider and deliberate on legislation related to medical marijuana collective gardens proposed since commencement of the current session. Aside from needing additional time to complete its own study of the ramifications of allowing medical marijuana collective gardens within the City limits, it is prudent that the City allow for the legislature to complete its process as new legislation may impact conditions. A public hearing was held to allow public input regarding the proposed moratorium.

The public hearing was opened at 7:56 PM by Mayor Cerqui. With no one coming forward to testify, the hearing was closed at 7:56 PM.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 1765

Extending Existing Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Collective Gardens

Councilmember Hull moved the Council waive the first reading and adopt Ordinance 1765, a 6 month extension of the Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Collective Gardens. Councilmember Hulsey seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 1766

1st Reading - LID Bank Anticipation Note (BAN) Expansion

Mayor Cerqui excused himself from the meeting and left the room because of a direct financial interest in the matter under consideration due to property ownership. He did not participate in the deliberation or voting for this item. Mayor Pro Tem Hull took over the meeting.

Councilmember Curtis moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1766 waiving first reading and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded the motion.

Finance Director DeGroot stated this action request is a follow up to Council's discussion at their January 17 Study Session on ULID/LID financing and interim financing needs for LID 2008-1. The action authorizes the issuance of Local Improvement District 2008-1 bond anticipation notes, 2012, series A and B, pending the receipt of proceeds from the sale of the notes to Cashmere Valley Bank. These notes will replace notes 2011 series A and B that expire on March 1, 2012 and must be repaid. Long-term/take-out financing will be completed by year-end and may be consolidated with LID 2008-2. Council was briefed on this matter at its study session on January 17, 2012, and directed staff to bring this ordinance to it for its approval.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Cerqui rejoined the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1456

Brookville Gardens Community Park Phase III Design Contract

Councilmember Hull moved to continue the consideration of Resolution 1456 regarding Brookville Gardens Community Park Phase III Design Contract to the meeting of February 14, 2012. Councilmember Hulsey seconded and motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Park Board Appointments

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Kurt Reuter reported that members of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services (PRCS) Citizens Advisory Board are appointed by the City Council for a three year term. The two appointments being requested are the result of position vacancies created by three members of the board whose terms expired on 12/31/11. Of those three, only Mr. McDonald has chosen to reapply. Ms. de Booy's appointment would fill one of the additional vacancies and one position remains unfilled at this time.

Councilmember Dukes-Gethers moved to Appoint Nancy de Booy and Chuck McDonald to Positions 1 and 2, respectively, on the Parks, Recreation, & Community Services Advisory Board for three year terms that expire on 12/31/14. Councilmember Wolfrom seconded and motion carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Zabell reported on the following items:

- City Legislative Action Conference – Councilmember Hulsey and Mayor Cerqui will also be attending later this week.
- City & Counties Cost Savings Legislation
- Business License and B&O Tax Simplification Legislation Update
- Medical Marijuana – Legislation which would preempt cities from disallowing collective gardens.

- State Environmental Policy Act Updates
- Phase II Stormwater Updates
- Infrastructure Bill
- Retreat – Coming up on Friday and Saturday of this week
- January Storm Impacts - included 300 hours of staff time in Public Works, the use of 25 tons of sand and deicer, 100 hours of equipment time and major impacts to the driving public. City Hall was closed for one day. There are normally 10-12 calls per day for the Police Department on dayshift, but calls increased to 112 calls on dayshift with Thursday's storm. There were a number of trees down in the city and parks. A device is on order to clear sidewalks in future storms.

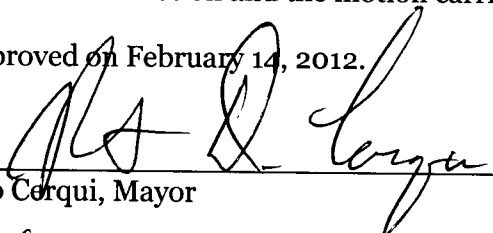
COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Wolfrom thanked the Arts Commission for the art work they selected and thanked the young adults who worked on the art at the pool.

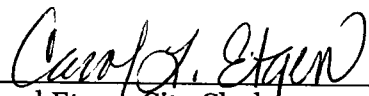
ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Hulcey moved for an adjournment at 8:28 PM. Councilmember Dukes-Gethers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Approved on February 14, 2012.



Rob Cerqui, Mayor



Carol Etgen, City Clerk