

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was held from 6:00 PM to 6:50 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 7:00 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**

Councilmember Dukes-Gethers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CHANGES, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS**

Two employee recognition items were added to the agenda under Presentations and Proclamations.

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded a motion to approve the addition of "Employee Recognition – Chris Pasinetti, Community Development" and "Employee Recognition – Stefanie McCauley, Human Resources" to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)**

Stelian Paraschiv, current Chair of the Government Affairs Committee for the Fife Milton Edgewood Chamber of Commerce expressed his appreciation to Mayor Pro Tem Hull and the Council for hosting the recent Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) General Assembly at the Emerald Queen Casino. He was pleased with the turnout and the information shared at the event.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- Approval of Minutes: October 25, 2011; November 8, 15 & 22, 2011; December 13, 2011; January 10, 17 & 24, 2012 and January 27/28, 2012
- Approval of Payroll Voucher No's 48439 – #48479 in the amount of \$600,745.52
- Approval of Claims Vouchers No's 85194 - #85378 in the amount of \$844,305.81

Councilmember Hulsey moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Hull seconded and motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

**Library Update**

Neel Parikh, Executive Director of Pierce County Library System, provided a presentation regarding the Fife Library. The presentation included statistics on utilization and community feedback. Ms. Parikh

stated 35,000 items were checked out during the first two months after opening, which is more than a combined six other libraries in the County. The Library will be providing more bilingual services to patrons, and a meeting room is available to reserve. The Mayor presented a proclamation in recognition of the Pierce County Library System "Pierce County Reads" Program to Ms. Parikh on behalf of the Council. Councilmembers each received a copy of a book being introduced with the "Pierce County Reads" Program.

#### **Employee Recognition – Chris Pasinetti**

City Manager Zabell acknowledged Associate Planner Chris Pasinetti's accomplishment of passing the professional certification exam by the American Institute of Certified Planners.

#### **Employee Recognition – Stefanie McCauley**

City Manager Zabell acknowledged Human Resources Manager's accomplishment of obtaining her Professional in Human Resources (PHR) degree from the HR Certification Institute.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL DELEGATE**

Councilmember Curtis reported he attended the AWC Newly Elected Officials seminar, the Tree Commission meeting and the PCRC General Assembly at the Emerald Queen Casino. He met with Economic Development & Marketing Specialist Laurel Potter and IT employee Shawn Zilbert regarding the website, and with Public Works Director Russ Blount regarding some traffic challenges that are being addressed.

Mayor Pro Tem Hull attended the annual PCRC General Assembly with over 170 members from other communities consisting of elected officials, educators and students, along with Metro Parks officials, Health Department officials, Pierce Transit and the Puyallup Tribe. Four speakers made presentations, including Former Maryland Governor Parris Glendening, who spoke about smart growth.

Councilmember Hulcey also attended the PCRC General Assembly meeting and he and City Manager Zabell met to review the Port of Tacoma's strategic plan with representations from the Port.

Mayor Cerqui attended the Mayor's breakfast and the PCRC General Assembly meeting along with going to Olympia with Councilmember Hulcey and City Manager Zabell. He thanked Council for spending the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of January at the retreat; he felt it had been very productive.

#### **ORDINANCES**

##### **Ordinance No. 1767 – First Reading**

##### **Ordinance Raising the Speed Limit on 58<sup>th</sup> Ave & 59<sup>th</sup> Ave Court East to 25 mph**

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved and Councilmember Hulcey seconded a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1767 for first reading.

Public Works Director Blount presented the matter to Council. The speed limit on 58th Avenue East is currently listed at 20 mph in FMC 10.12.040 but is posted at 25 mph. With improvements to 59th Avenue Court nearly complete and a review by the Public Works Director/City Engineer, the recommendation is to set the default speed limit on 59th Avenue Court East and 58th Avenue East to 25 miles per hour.

It is also recommended 23<sup>rd</sup> Street East be removed from the Fife Municipal Code (FMC) because its speed is established by the standard in the Revised Code of Washington at 25 miles per hour. The ordinance will be effective upon the opening of 59th Ave Court East to through traffic from Pacific Highway East to 12th Street East, which is expected to occur at the end of March of this year.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance No. 1768 – (First Reading Waived - Passage)**

**Ordinance Condemning a Portion of Parcel Nos. 0420078014 and 0420078017 for the 70th Ave Improvement Project**

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved and Councilmember Dukes-Gethers seconded a motion to waive first reading and pass Ordinance No. 1768.

Public Works Director Blount presented the matter to Council. Priority number 1 on the 2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program is the reconstruction of 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue East from 20<sup>th</sup> Street East to Valley Avenue East. In order to proceed with the project, it is necessary for the City to acquire two tax parcels from Brookville 70th Avenue Business Park, LLC for right of way, utilities, slope easement and a two year temporary construction easement. No response has been received from an offer the City extended to purchase the property for the appraised value of \$80,690. The City has paid the owner \$80,690 for previously granted possession and use of the property and this amount will be credited towards the condemnation award.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance No. 1769 – First Reading**

**Ordinance Amending FMC 2.52.160 Regarding the Authority of the Civil Service Commission to Make Rules**

Councilmember Wolfrom moved and Councilmember Godwin seconded a motion pass Ordinance No. 1769 for first reading.

Human Resources Manager Stefanie McCauley presented the matter to Council. The Civil Service Commission's rule making authority is currently limited by the FMC to certain specific procedural matters. The Civil Service Commission has requested that the Council amend the Code to allow the Civil Service Commission the authority to adopt suitable rules that supplement but not conflict with the provisions of Title 2.52.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance No. 1770 – First Reading**

**Ordinance adding a new Section 20.25.057 to the Fife Municipal Code authorizing Traffic Impact Fee Credit for Redevelopment**

Councilmember Hulseby moved and Councilmember Godwin seconded a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1770 for First Reading.

City Attorney Combs presented the matter to Council. Ordinance No. 1770 is intended to encourage the demolition of business structures that have exceeded their useful life, and encourage redevelopment with uses that support tourism, civic uses or businesses that create living wage jobs will strengthen the City's business community, promote tourism and help stimulate economic growth.

The adoption of this ordinance will allow transportation impact fee credits to be banked for future redevelopment in cases where business structures that have exceeded their useful life are demolished and the property is redeveloped with uses that support tourism, civic uses or businesses that create living wage jobs. A development agreement will be required in cases where the property meets the requirements of Ordinance No. 1770 but the redevelopment will not occur for more than two years.

Motion carried unanimously.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution No. 1456 - Brookville Gardens Community Park Phase III Design Contract (Continued from January 24, 2012)**

THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR, AS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM HULL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HULCEY ON JANUARY 10, 2012, IS TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1456.

Public Works Director Blount presented the matter to Council. After the Brookville Gardens Community Park project site was acquired in 2001 the City prepared a comprehensive plan culminating in a park design in 2009. The project was set aside due to lack of funding, and opened back up in the spring of 2011. Three changes were implemented, including removal of the creek corridor from the project; removal of the Parks maintenance facility from the project and physical location and the addition of a small fish hatchery to the project and park. Council adopted these plans into the Brookville Gardens Community Park Master Plan in the fall of 2011.

The proposed scope of work in the contract incorporate the changes from 2011.

City Attorney Combs pointed out one of the exhibits included in the packet material was not part of the contract. Public Works Director Blount reported it is doubtful the project will begin before the "fish window" this year. Councilmember Curtis requested Council be kept up to date on developments with this project.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Resolution No. 1458 - Approval of Agreement for Purchase of a Portion of Property for 59th Ave. Project**

Councilmember Godwin moved and Mayor Pro Tem Hull seconded a motion approve Resolution No. 1458.

Public Works Director Blount presented the matter to Council.

In order to construct the enhanced road improvements planned for 59th Avenue East from 12th Street to Pacific Highway, it is necessary for the City to acquire a portion of a tax parcel located at 1224 59th Ave Ct. East, from Miguel and Margarita Chipres for right of way, utilities, and a three year temporary construction easement. A purchase and sale agreement has been negotiated in the amount of \$16,000. The Puyallup Tribe will reimburse the City for the costs of acquisition pursuant to the agreement signed in 2011 as authorized by Resolution 1406.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Resolution No. 1459 - Interlocal Agreement/Memo of Understanding with DUI and Traffic Safety Task Force**

Councilmember Hulsey moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 1459.

Police Chief Blackburn presented the matter to Council. The proposed inter-local and mutual aid agreements will replace current agreements. The agreements establish operating relationships, authority, and structure associated with the multi-agency task force and emphasis details.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution No. 1460 - Introduction of Proposed Development Agreement with KS Family, LLC**

City Attorney Combs presented the matter to Council. The agreement associated with this resolution will be impacted by the passage of Ordinance No. 1770 which passed first reading by Council earlier this evening. KS Family, LLC, the owners of the Hometel motel located at 3520 Pacific Highway East, is proposing to demolish the motel structure and eventually redevelop the property with a new 100+ room hotel and convention center and would like to bank traffic impact fee credits as provided in Ordinance No 1770.

The resolution and proposed development agreement are being introduced now because, as required by law, a public hearing is required before a development agreement can be approved by the Council. The public hearing is scheduled to be held on February 28th and it is recommended that the Council waive its usual practice and consider passing the resolution on the same night, after the public hearing.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

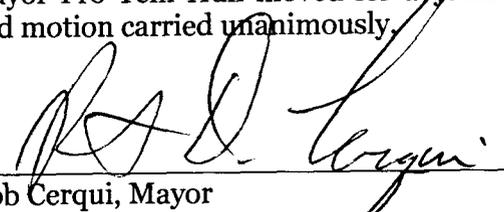
City Manager Zabell reported on the following items:

- The Port of Tacoma's open house requesting public input about their draft Strategic Plan
- Interviews for the Community Development Director and Financial Services Manager
- Emergency radio implementation at City Hall
- Washington State Department of Transportation's Future Use Agreement for Municipal Court

Parks and Recreation Director Reuter reported on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Daddy-Daughter Dance.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved for adjournment at 8:13 PM. Councilmember Dukes-Gethers seconded and motion carried unanimously.

  
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Rob Cerqui, Mayor

  
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Carol Etgen, City Clerk