

FIFE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2012
7:00 p.m.

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 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Cerqui, Mayor Pro Tem Hull, Councilmembers Godwin, Curtis, Hull, 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, and City Clerk Etgen.

Absent: Executive Assistant Edwards.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Wolfrom led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of Minutes of February 14, 2012
- Approval of Payroll Vouchers: #48480 – 48509 in the amount of \$404,923.47
- Approval of Claims Vouchers: #85379 - 85563 in the amount of \$250,898.86
- Passage of Ordinance No. 1767 – Raising the Speed Limit on 58th Ave and 59th Ave Court East to 25 mph
- Passage of Ordinance No. 1770 – Adding a new Section 20.25.057 to the Fife Municipal Code authorizing Traffic Impact Fee Credit for Redevelopment

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

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

New Employee Introduction - Community Development Director

City Manager Zabell introduced David Osaki, the new Community Development Director who will begin working on March 19th. City Manager Zabell reported:

- Mr. Osaki was chosen from a pool of five strong top finalists;
- A thorough background review and evaluation of work product and accomplishments was performed with an emphasis on leadership, economic development, customer service and employee development; and,
- Mr. Osaki holds numerous degrees in his field and is a member of many community and professional organizations.

Mr. Osaki stated he is honored to have been selected and feels this is more than a professional opportunity; he has roots and family in the area. He stated he is anxious to be involved in sharpening a community vision and laying the groundwork and foundation as to what the community will look like in the next 20 to 40 years.

Employee Recognition – Chief Brad Blackburn

City Manager Zabell asked Council to join him in congratulating Chief Blackburn for his recently completed Master's Degree in public Administration through Ashford university. The Chief began his career with the City in 1988 as a Reserve Officer, becoming a full-time Police Officer in 1991. In 2005 he was promoted to Assistant Chief and in 2006 became the Chief of Police. City Manager Zabell made note of the Chief's intelligence, experience, training and "street smarts," in addition to his strong commitment to public service.

Councilmembers congratulated the Chief and commented on the professionalism of the Police Department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL DELEGATE

Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Hulcey reported he attended a DUI sign dedication in Milton with the Chief. He also reported on attendance at an event for a non-Council related organization he volunteers for – the Tacoma Family Medical Advocacy Council, which honored one of the clinics at the Multi-Care Presidents Awards ceremony.

Mayor Cerqui stated he and City Manager Zabell attended the Valley Cities luncheon and listened to a gang prevention presentation.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Proposed Development Agreement with KS Family, LLC

City Attorney Combs reported Council is obligated by State law to hold a public hearing prior to the approval of a development agreement. The agreement under consideration would encourage the demolition of the current structure and allow for future use that supports the City's vision over the next 10 years. The agreement would allow for traffic impact fee credits equal to the number of trips generated. No action will be taken this evening; the matter will come before Council at the next regular meeting.

Mayor Cerqui opened the public hearing at 7:20 p.m. With no one coming forward to testify, he immediately closed the public hearing.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 1769 – Passage

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

Councilmember Wolfrom moved to pass Ordinance No. 1769. Councilmember Dukes-Gethers seconded the motion

City Attorney Combs stated the ordinance allows the Civil Service Commission to adopt rules and regulations that do not fall under Council's authority, in order to more fully administer their meetings.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 1771 – First Reading

Ordinance amending FMC sections 20.10.130 and 20.10.140 Regarding the Time Period for Expending Impact Fees

Councilmember Curtis moved to pass Ordinance No. 1771 for first reading. Councilmember Godwin seconded the motion.

City Attorney Combs reported this ordinance updates the Municipal Code to be consistent with State law. In response to a question from Councilmember Godwin, City Attorney Combs stated if the six-year timeline for the expenditure of impacts fees that have already been collected has not already run, then the 10-year timeline would apply to that project.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1460

Approval of Agreement for Purchase of a Portion of Parcel No. 0420063060 for 59th Ave. Improvement Project

Councilmember Dukes-Gethers moved to adopt Resolution No. 1460. Council member Wolfrom seconded the motion.

Public Works Director Blount reported this purchase is necessary for Phase 2 of the construction for the 59th Avenue project.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

City of Fife Tree Commission Appointment

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved to appoint Mr. Coddington to the Tree Commission. Councilmember Hulcey seconded the motion.

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Reuter stated Mr. Coddington has been an outstanding member of the Tree Commission, and is a very active and knowledgeable member. There are still two open positions after this position is filled.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Reuter thanked City Manager Zabell for attending the Fife Milton Rotary Club meeting where he provided a State of the City address and answered questions. Last weekend the Parks and Recreation Department hosted the very successful 4th Annual Hot Spot basketball competition for boys and girls ages 7 to 14.

City Manager Zabell reported on the following items:

- The 70th Avenue project's agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation is complete along with the trust conversion with Ms. Turnipseed which allows for the completion of the certification of the right-of-way and the project to go to bid in March;
- The Shoreline Master Plan is available for review on the website;
- Visited with the Facilities Director for the new Recovery Innovations facility going in at 70th and 20th along with Milton's Mayor Perry – he was impressed with the efforts being made to reach out to the community, public safety organizations and the schools. The facility is a short term care facility for people in crisis with 60 employees for the 24/7 operation which should be opening the latter part of

March;

- Service Steel Aerospace is relocating to Fife at 45th and 70th and bringing in 50 employees;
- The Ram Brewery has applied for a conditional use permit which began the 21-day appeal period on the 27th of February.
- Economic Development & Marketing Specialist Laurel Potter is working with the Chamber's new salesperson, Kate Hinzman, along with the Chamber's Director to more effectively market the City at trade shows and other events;
- The Police Department will have officers working on I-5 over the next couple of days in order for Washington State Patrol troopers to attend the funeral for Trooper Radulescu who lost his life last week;
- Sales tax is up for the month to \$116,900, which is nearly \$60,000 higher than reported in January;
- With the State Legislature attempting to balance the budget, cities may lose shared liquor excise tax which would amount to \$46,000 in lost revenue for the City;
- A trip to Washington D.C. is being planned for this spring;
- Public Works Director Blount is working with the Puyallup Tribe through the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) on a minor project which the Tribe may help fund; and
- The City's Lobbyist, Justin LeBlanc, will speak at the March 20th Council meeting via Skype.

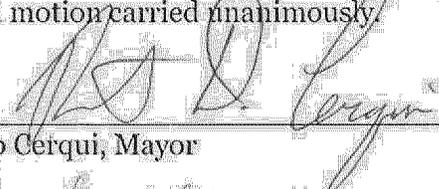
COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Curtis asked about the status of LID 2008-01. City Manager Zabell stated the agreement has been signed, however, still needs approval by the BIA, which could take six months to a year. Public Works Director Blount stated they have proceeded with extending water for the project per the original agreement.

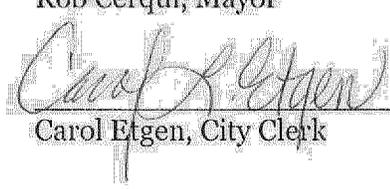
Mayor Pro Tem Hull reported a candidates forum will be held tomorrow night and he hoped anyone who wanted to would attend the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Hulcey moved for adjournment at 7:51 PM. Councilmember Dukes-Gethers seconded and motion carried unanimously.



Rob Cerqui, Mayor



Carol Etgen, City Clerk