

**FIFE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2012**

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 litigation, personnel and real estate per RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i), RCW 42.30.110(g) and RCW 42.30.110 (1) (B). 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, Hull, Hulcey, Dukes-Gethers, and Wolfrom.

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

Absent: Executive Assistant Edwards.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Curtis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen comments

Brett Beetham, Vice-President of the Saddle Creek Home Owners Association requested the speed limit be reduced in Saddle Creek from 25 miles per hour (mph) to 20 mph. City Manager Zabell stated he would work with Public Works and the Police Department to monitor and make an evaluation of the situation and come back to Council with a recommendation. He stated he would coordinate the effort with the Association.

John Laster of Al's Towing in Federal Way stated he has owned the business since 1987 and that he hoped to get his company's name on the City's towing roster. He left his business contact information with City Manager Zabell.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of Minutes: March 13th and March 20th, 2012
- Approval of Payroll Vouchers: # 48551 – 48579 in the amount of \$411,611.27
- Approval of Claims Vouchers: #85684 – 85807 in the amount of \$385,464.68

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

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

Pierce County Department of Emergency Management Liaison Introduction

Chief Blackburn introduced Marci Scott, who reported the City's previous Emergency Management Liaison, Judy Harmon, has been reassigned to the East Pierce County area. As a result, Kyle Bustad has been assigned as the new DEM liaison to Fife; he will also be working with the Port of Tacoma, which

will serve both agencies well. Mr. Bustad was introduced to the Council and stated he was happy to be of service.

Recognition of Tacoma Fire Chief Ron Stephens

Chief Blackburn introduced retiring Fire Chief Ron Stephens. Mayor Cerqui and Council joined the Chief in thanking him for his years of service and presented him with a jacket and clock. City of Tacoma Interim Chief Duggan was introduced to Council by Chief Stephens.

Swearing in Ceremony – Police Lieutenant

Judge Ringus noted he had the privilege of swearing in Officer Green in 1996, and was pleased to oversee this ceremony. Lieutenant Green was sworn in and congratulated by Council. His official promotion was effective March 16, 2012.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL DELEGATE REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Hull reported he attended the Pierce County Regional Council's Growth Management Coordinating Committee, and stated there was some contentious discussion about the designation and rank of local centers, with progress being made.

Mayor Pro Tem Hull also attended the Pierce Transit Boundary Review Board where the Board unanimously agreed to approve the proposed boundaries which included Fife. The City still can "petition out" of the new boundaries. He stated he would like to represent Council on the Pierce Transit Policy Board.

Councilmember Dukes-Gethers reported she attended the Fife Milton Edgewood Chamber of Commerce meeting where a September Golf Tournament is being planned. She also attended the Fife School District meeting.

Councilmember Hulcey attended a Freight Mobility Investment Strategy Board (FMISB) regional meeting where regional transportation projects were reviewed. He also attended a Port of Tacoma meeting along with the driving skills class for Fife High School. Mayor Cerqui pointed out Councilmember Hulcey was nominated to become a member of the FMISB.

Mayor Cerqui stated he attended the Mayors Breakfast with the Pierce County Executive and several mayors, along with the Valley Cities Luncheon which was in Fife this month. He also attended the 59th Street ribbon cutting ceremony. He expressed his pride in the fact that his fellow Councilmembers are all very active on committees and in the community.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1462 - Commute Trip Reduction Agreement with Pierce County

Councilmember Hulcey moved to adopt Resolution No. 1462 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Commute Trip Reduction Agreement with Pierce County. Councilmember Dukes-Gethers seconded the motion.

Associate Planner Chris Pasinetti, Community Development, reported Resolution 1462 and 1463 work in concert together. In 1991 the Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) Efficiency Act was passed wherein businesses with 100 or more employees are required to implement a CTR program. Pierce County and the City of Tacoma both provide funding for the programs through contracts, with this contract being effective through June 30, 2013.

In response to questions from Councilmembers Godwin and Curtis, Mr. Pasinetti explained employees are allowed to flex their hours to reduce the number of days vehicles are on the roads. There are currently two employers in Fife participating in the program; the City and the Comcast Call Center.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 1463 - Commute Trip Reduction Agreement with the City of Tacoma

Councilmember Dukes-Gethers moved to adopt Resolution No. 1463 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Commute Trip Reduction Agreement with the City of Tacoma. Mayor Pro Tem Hull seconded the motion.

With the item having been presented with Resolution 1462, there was no further discussion.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 1464 - Valley Cities Gang Intervention Agreement

Councilmember Hulcey moved to adopt Resolution Number 1464 and allow the City Manager to enter into the agreement with the City of Auburn. Councilmember Wolfrom seconded the motion.

Michael Hursh, Community Services Manager, City of Auburn, addressed Council regarding the effort to address gang activity from south of Lake Washington to Tacoma. He stated the Seahawks and the Metro YMCA out of Greater Seattle have partnered with the Auburn YMCA and outreach workers to work with police for incident response and follow-up to gang activity. Programs like this have been successful in Seattle and Los Angeles.

Chief Blackburn stated with the cuts to law enforcement and gang enforcement, this project provides a great resource for the Police Department. He stated \$5,000 was budgeted for this year; Mayor Pro Tem Hull expressed an interest in researching more funding options.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 1465 - Selection of Council Representative to Participate in the Meeting to Determine the Composition of the Pierce Transit Board

City Manager Zabell briefed the Council regarding the requirement for the City to appoint a representative to determine the Pierce Transit Board makeup at a meeting to be held on April 11th or 12th. Mayor Pro Tem Hull has attended Public Transportation Improvement Conference meetings on the Council's behalf up to this point.

Councilmember Godwin asked a question about the small cities representative; City Manager Zabell stated the position for the small city representative was as it currently exists; the positions will be determined at the meeting.

Councilmember Dukes-Gethers moved to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Hull as the City of Fife's representative. Councilmember Curtis seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Curtis moved to adopt Resolution No. 1465, appointing Mayor Pro Tem Hull to represent the City at the Pierce Transit meeting. Councilmember Wolfrom seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Hull thanked the Council for the appointment and briefly reviewed the actions that had taken place up to this point. He stated it is his intention to attempt to secure a permanent seat on the Board where the City can be more fully engaged regionally.

Resolution No. 1466 - Naming of 5 Acre Park Area - Brenda's Grove

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 1466. Councilmember Dukes-Gethers seconded the motion.

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Reuter proposed a grove of trees in 5 Acre Park be named after a former City of Fife employee, Brenda, who was a highly respected employee who served the citizens of Fife for over 10 years. The Park Board has recommended Council proceed with authorizing the naming of the grove which is consistent with the process as laid out in the Fife Municipal Code (FMC).

Councilmember Godwin expressed that while he does not oppose this action, he is concerned about choosing to do this for one employee when there will be many good City employees who may be eligible for a similar designation. Mayor Pro Tem Hull noted it had been passed unanimously by the Parks Board and it met with the intent of the FMC. Councilmember Hulcey stated he was concerned about the process and questioned how the criteria is determined.

Mr. Reuter stated there was a distinction between adding amenities and naming a geographical area. City Attorney Combs stated he was involved in the original drafting of the ordinance and the language had been meant to be vague in order for Council to not be tied to specific definitions, but rather that Councils could individually evaluate such requests.

Councilmembers Curtis and Wolfrom expressed their support of the motion.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Parks, Recreation & Community Services Citizens Advisory Board Appointment

Councilmember Curtis moved to appoint Jay Marks to Position 1 on the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Citizens Advisory Board for a three-year term expiring on December 31, 2014. Councilmember Hulcey seconded the motion.

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Reuter stated Mr. Marks had been an active member of the Fife High School PTA, Booster Club and Scholarship Committee along with the Civil Service Commission. He lives next to Wedge Park and is committed to keeping Fife's parks in good condition.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Zabell reported on:

- Ribbon cutting on 59th Avenue;
- 70th Avenue East – early response to call for bids with 16 general contractors & four subcontractors;
- Shoreline Master Plan – public hearing scheduled before Planning Commission on May 7th with the comment period for the SEPA determination of non-significance ending on April 12th;
- International Building Safety Month – the Building Department is performing community outreach and has completed their annual training – the Building Department has a good reputation for responsiveness and turnaround times for permits;
- Milgard Nature Trail is nearing completion in the next two to three weeks – it is being widened and a layer of gravel is being applied to make it safer;
- The Police Department has a loaned executive coming in as part of the Law Enforcement Management Assistance Program evaluation as part of a 45-day process culminating in a written report in May; and
- Washington D.C. trip – City Manager Zabell and Councilmembers are leaving tonight and tomorrow to meet with elected officials and agencies.

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Reuter reported the Easter Egg Hunt will be April 7th with a Teen Flashlight Egg Hunt for ages 11 to 16 on the evening of the 6th.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

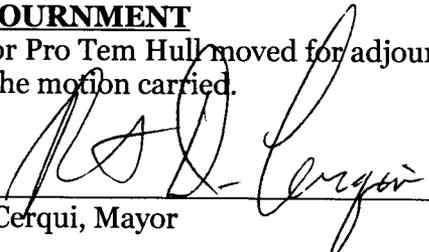
Mayor Pro Tem Hull wished the Washington D.C. delegation luck.

Councilmember Wolfrom stated he enjoyed his first Park Board and Tree Committee meeting. He complimented staff for the new fountain in Dacca Park.

Mayor Cerqui reported on his attendance at the meet and greet for Community Development Director Osaki and expressed his appreciation for the way the minutes are being prepared.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved for adjournment at 8:16 PM. Councilmember Hulcey seconded the motion and the motion carried.



Rob Cerqui, Mayor



Carol Etgen, City Clerk