

FIFE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 10, 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 personnel and real estate matters pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(g) and RCW 42.30.110 (1) (B). All Councilmembers with the exception of Councilmember Wolfrom 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, and Dukes-Gethers.

Excused: Councilmember Wolfrom.

Staff Present: City Manager Dave Zabell, Finance Director David DeGroot, Public Works Director Russ Blount, Interim Community Development Director Bev Boyle, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Kurt Reuter, Chief of Police Brad Blackburn, City Attorney Loren Combs, Executive Assistant Andrea Edwards and Administrative Assistant Jan Kurz.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Hull led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS COMMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

Aaron Williams, Executive Director of the Fife Milton Edgewood Chamber of Commerce reported Comcast will be assisting the Parks Department with eliminating evasive species at the Hylebos waterway area on April 21st. He expressed appreciation for their community involvement and partnership efforts.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a) Approval of Minutes of March 27, 2012
- b) Approval of Payroll Vouchers: #48580 - 48619 in the amount of \$600,017.20
- c) Approval of Claims Vouchers: #85807 - #85937 in the amount of \$207,317.20

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

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

New Employee Introduction – Financial Services Manager

Finance Director DeGroot introduced Carol Parvey, Financial Services Manager. Council welcomed Carol, who came to the City from a strong pool of candidates for the position. Carol's analytical and supervisory skills will be valuable attributes for her work within the Finance Department.

Arts Commission – Artwork Pieces

Laurel Potter, Economic Development & Marketing Specialist, joined four of the Arts Commissioners in reporting the Arts Commission have the selected art pieces almost all installed, with a ribbon cutting planned for April 21st.

Parks Appreciation Day Proclamation

Mayor Cerqui read the proclamation declaring April 21st as Parks Appreciation Day. Kurt Reuter, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director accepted the proclamation on the Parks Commission's behalf.

Arbor Day Proclamation

Mayor Cerqui read the proclamation for the 2012 Arbor Day dedication. Kurt Reuter, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director accepted the proclamation on the Tree Commission's behalf. Ms. Foster from the Department of Natural Resources will present the City with a third Tree City USA certification.

Recap of Easter Egg Hunt

Julie Ryan, Recreation Services Supervisor, reported on the teen Easter egg hunt and regular Easter egg hunt. The events were very successful in large part due to the sincerely appreciated assistance from the Lions Club and Mill Ridge Village residents and staff.

WRPA Hot Spot State Finalists Recognition

Kurt Reuter, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, discussed the Washington Recreation and Parks Association (WRPA) Hot Spot competition wherein boys and girls, ages 7 through 14, competed in a timed basketball shooting contest. The two Fife athletes who placed in the State competition this year were introduced and congratulated by Council. Rachel Lewis took 3rd place in the 11 - 12 girls age group and Todd (TJ) Stroschein took first place in the 9 - 10 boys age group.

Recap of Washington D.C. Trip

City Manager Zabell reported on the City's delegation trip to Washington D.C. The delegation consisted of City Manager Zabell, Mayor Cerqui and Councilmembers Dukes-Gethers and Hulcey. Topics addressed with congressional and legislative members included:

- 70th Ave East Project in conjunction with the I-5 Bridge Replacement;
- SR 167 Project;
- Flood Control and Puyallup River Levees;
- Port of Tacoma Road Interchange;
- 54th Avenue Interchange and the Vision for the City Center which include collaborative ventures with the Puyallup Tribe, Sound Transit, Washington State Department of Transportation and the Port of Tacoma;

Mayor Cerqui and Councilmembers Hulcey and Dukes-Gethers noted the importance of the trip in the ability to promote the City's vision for Fife and expressed appreciation for lobbyist Justin LeBlanc's coordination of all the meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL DELEGATE

Mayor Pro Tem Hull the Pierce Transit Board composition was determined in one meeting. He attended the first South Sound 9-1-1 policy board meeting where the City was awarded a permanent seat on the Board where he will serve as alternate and Mayor Cerqui as the representative.

Councilmember Hulcey attended a RAMP meeting last week where the SR 167 project was discussed with gubernatorial candidates Ensley and McKenna.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Amendment to SGA Development Agreement for Trail

Public Works Director Blount reported the proposed amendment is to immediately require the developer to deed the easement for the trail to the City which would allow the City to extend the trail from Sheffield Place and relieve the developers of the obligation to complete the trail when they finish their project. The estimated cost for the project is \$70,000. The action would allow the City to immediately proceed with the project, avoiding a potential two-year delay if the current agreement moves forward.

Mayor Cerqui opened the public hearing. With no one coming forward to testify, he closed the public hearing. There was consensus to move the matter forward to the regular Council meeting of April 24th for consideration.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 1772 – First Reading

2004 Revenue Bond Refinancing

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved to pass Ordinance No. 1772 for first reading. Councilmember Dukes-Gethers seconded the motion.

Finance Director DeGroot and Bond Counsel Dan Gottlieb reported that due to recent changes in market conditions it has become favorable to refinance Fife's Water Sewer Revenue Bonds 2004. Timing of debt issuance is based upon capital project cash flow needs as opposed to when interest rates are the lowest, and refinancing of debt becomes favorable if interest rates drop far enough below the interest rate at which the debt was issued originally. The benchmark to refinance is generally 5% savings on future interest costs.

This ordinance will authorize staff to refinance administratively the Water Sewer Revenue Bonds 2004 in the future when the interest cost savings equals or exceed 5%. The debt when refinanced will lower future interest costs thereby offsetting some of the need for future sewer utility rate increases. The delegation to staff to sell the refinancing debt ends on September 1, 2012. The flexibility provided by the proposed ordinance allows the City Manager to move quickly when conditions are favorable.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1467

Acceptance of Completion of Valley Avenue E. Project

Councilmember Curtis moved to adopt Resolution No. 1467. Councilmember Dukes-Gethers seconded the motion.

Public Works Director Blount stated the Valley Avenue E. project has been officially closed with the contract coming in under budget and work performed well.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 1468

Authorize Contract for Fife Visioning and Comprehensive Transportation Plan

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 1468. Councilmember Dukes-Gethers seconded the motion.

Public Works Director Blount presented the matter to Council, stating this document presents Fife's vision for the transportation corridor, noting the only other formal document is the older Tideflats Transportation Study. He stated this plan will address all transportation issues and impact driving, walking, biking and living conditions in Fife. Funding for the plan is included in the 2012 budget.

Aaron Williams, Executive Director of the Fife Milton Edgewood Chamber of Commerce, congratulated Council on the process and plan and encouraged Council to move forward.

Mayor Pro Tem Hull noted an e-mail had been received from Jonathan Ashley of Fife requesting Council move forward with the plan quickly, stating he had concerns regarding both safety and accessibility.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment to the Arts Commission

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved to appoint Gavin Cole to the Arts Commission. Councilmember Hulcey seconded the motion.

Laurel Potter, Economic Development & Marketing Specialist, introduced Gavin Cole who stated he was looking forward to being involved with the Commission.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

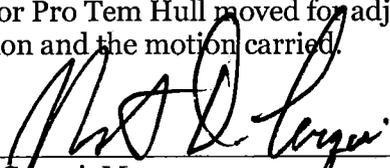
CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Zabell reported on the following:

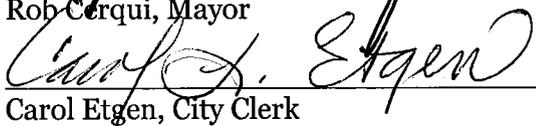
- Four residential building permits have been issued this year – only four total were issued in 2011;
- The 7-11 Store received permits and broke ground last week;
- Bids for Phase 2 of the 70th Avenue East project will be opened next week;
- A federal grant was submitted for \$4.2 million dollars for the 70th Avenue East/Port of Tacoma Road Interchange project;
- The 2012 overlay work is under final review and will go out for bid within the next couple of months;
- RFP's for the south Campus Master Plan have been initially review by staff who will forward a recommendation to Council in the future;
- There is an AWC Board position opening – applications are due on April 13th;
- The Budget Retreat is scheduled for May 5th; and,
- The May 15th study session will be a 90-minute ICS presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved for adjournment at 8:40 PM. Councilmember Dukes-Gethers seconded the motion and the motion carried.



Rob Cerqui, Mayor



Carol Etgen, City Clerk