

FIFE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 24, 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, per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). 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 Blackburn, City Attorney Combs, Administrative Assistant Michelle Merlino and City Clerk Carol Etgen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Wolfrom led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHANGES, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

Consensus to add a New Employee Introduction and moved Ordinance No. 1773 – First Reading - Amendment to SGA Development Agreement for Trail Resolutions to agenda of May 8th.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 1. Approval of Payroll Vouchers:** #48620 - 48645 in the amount of \$485,487.52
- 2. Approval of Claims Vouchers:** #85938 - 86092 in the amount of \$586,200.55
- 3. Ordinance No. 1772 – Second Reading - 2004 Revenue Bonds Refinancing**
- 4. 2013 Council Goals**

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

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

Introduction of Daffodil Princess Delaney Ferrell

Daffodil Princess Delaney Ferrell expressed her disappointment that the City of Fife was not represented by a float this year. She thanked Council for the opportunity to serve as the Daffodil Princess and said she hoped the City chose to continue the tradition.

Laura Hilzendeger of Fife High School said she hoped to work with the City next year to put together a plan to make sure the float tradition continued.

Parks Appreciation Day Recap

Kurt Reuter, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, introduced Hans Hechtman and staff from Comcast, thanking them for the hard work they did in removing blackberry bushes and planting shrubs and flowers in Fife's parks. Mayor Cerqui presented them with a certificate of appreciation. The Girls Scouts, Rotarians and Councilmembers were also thanked.

Laurel Potter, Economic Development & Marketing Specialist, reported on the public arts unveiling in coordination with Parks Appreciation Day which occurred at City Hall, the Library, and Fountain Memorial Park. The final art piece will be installed at Brookville Gardens in 2013.

Council thanked staff and all the volunteers who participated in the events.

Arbor Day Celebration Recap

Kurt Reuter, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, stated this year's Arbor Day celebration included the dedication of a grove of trees in honor of a former City employee. Mayor Cerqui has donated a memorial plaque that will be placed on a bench near Brenda's Grove. Sarah Foster of the Washington State Department of Natural Resources attended the event as a guest speaker and presented Fife with its *Tree City USA* third-year award.

New Employee Introduction

City Clerk Etgen introduced Administrative Assistant Michelle Merlino, who comes to the City with years of experience as a former Certified Municipal Clerk. Ms. Merlino expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to work for the City.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL DELEGATE

Councilmember Curtis reported he attended the World Vision open house last Thursday. Councilmember Curtis also attended the Police Department's Reserve Academy graduation ceremony over the weekend.

Mayor Pro Tem Hull reported he attended the Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) meeting as chair. He also attended the World Vision open house along with the Port of Tacoma's breakfast.

Councilmember Dukes-Gethers attended the World Vision Open House along with the Port of Tacoma breakfast.

Councilmember Hulcey also attended the World Vision open house along with the Parks Appreciation celebration, Arts unveiling event and Reserve Graduation.

Mayor Cerqui attended the Parks and Arbor Day events along with a meeting regarding South Sound 911.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1469

70th Avenue Construction Award

Councilmember Curtis moved to adopt Resolution No. 1469 authorizing the City Manager to execute on behalf of the City of Fife, a contract with Active Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$7,448,182.60 for the construction of improvements to 70th Avenue East between Valley Avenue East and I-5. Councilmember Wolfrom seconded the motion.

Public Works Director Blount stated Active Construction was located near Fife, their bid had been very good and references checked out. The Washington State Department of Transportation approved of

them as a contractor for the project which is partially funded by the State. The project is expected to come out well under budget.

Upon vote, motion carried.

Resolution No. 1470

70th Avenue Construction Management Award

Councilmember Curtis moved to adopt Resolution No. 1470 authorizing Supplement 20 to the contract with David Evans and Associates (DEA) for Construction Administration Services for the widening of 70th Avenue East between Valley Avenue East and I-5, for a fee not to exceed \$1,110,411. Councilmember Dukes-Gethers seconded the motion.

Public Works Director Blount reported David Evans and Associates (DEA) was the right firm to handle the contract administration for this project having been involved with the project for the past eight years. DEA was selected as being the most qualified by the Washington State Department of Transportation and other parties. DEA has worked through significant environmental issues with the project along with working out a substantial redesign as settled with the Puyallup Tribe.

Mike Clark, DEA, stated he was pleased to be part of the team seeing this project to fruition.

Councilmember Godwin stated he wanted weekly updates about the project. Councilmember Curtis agreed, stating perhaps the information could be disseminated on the City's website. Councilmember Hulcey agreed it was important to have the public understand the process and costs involved in a project of this magnitude. Mayor Pro Tem Hull expressed his pleasure with having a local company selected to do the work.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 1471

Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies – Ratification

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 1471. Councilmember Wolfrom seconded the motion.

Associate Planner Chris Pasinetti explained this action was necessary in order to ensure the City's planning policies are consistent with the Growth Management Act and in line with the regional vision and multi-county planning policies as part of Vision 2040. The City's Comprehensive Plan is consistent with the countywide plan in order to design the Urban Growth Area in a consistent manner. Vision 2040 was adopted in 2008 as a new multi-planning policy, planning for 1.7 million people and jobs by 2040.

The Planning Commission and staff have done an extensive review of the proposed amendments and have found the City's Comprehensive Plan supports many of the proposed amendments. The Interlocal Agreement states no action by an agency within 180 days deems the amendments approved. The Planning Commission made a unanimous recommendation to Council to approve the Interlocal Agreement. Currently 11 of the jurisdictions have ratified the amendments; 14 are needed for approval.

Councilmember Godwin stated he did not have enough time to review the large document and is concerned about other entity's policies driving the City of Fife's planning policies.

Mayor Pro Tem Hull stated the matter has been studied and debated for two years with employment and growth targets being contentious in nature. Fife is expected to take on more growth because of its location, and he stated he will work to ensure Fife's future growth needs are met in his role as chair of the PCRC. Mayor Pro Tem Hull encouraged Council to vote for the amendments.

Councilmember Godwin expressed the desire to study the proposed amendments further in a study session due to the possibility that the amendments could require modifications to the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Councilmember Curtis moved to postpone further discussion of the matter to the regular Council meeting of May 8th. Councilmember Godwin seconded the motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Hull spoke against the motion to postpone the discussion, stating as Chair of the PCRC he urged the matter not be postponed. He felt the staff and Planning Commission had thoroughly reviewed the matter. Mayor Pro Tem Hull stated there was currently discussion underway at the Puget Sound Regional Council about limiting transportation funding to those entities that did not ratify the Countywide Planning Policies, and that while it was only being discussed at this time, it was a concern with \$21 million dollars at stake potentially being jeopardized.

Councilmember Dukes-Gethers and Mayor Cerqui expressed their desire to move forward with the approval of the amendments.

Upon vote, the motion to postpone the discussion to May 8th failed, with Councilmembers Hull, Cerqui, Dukes-Gethers and Wolfrom casting dissenting votes and Councilmembers Godwin, Curtis and Hulcey casting affirmative votes.

Upon vote, the original motion carried, with Councilmembers Hull, Cerqui, Dukes-Gethers and Wolfrom casting affirmative votes, Councilmembers Godwin and Hulcey casting dissenting votes, and Councilmember Curtis abstaining.

Resolution No. 1472

Appointment to the Pierce Transit Board

Councilmember Dukes-Gethers moved to nominate Mayor Pro Tem Hull as a potential Pierce Transit Board Member and adopt Resolution No. 1472. Councilmember Wolfrom seconded the motion.

City Manager Zabell clarified that Council was being asked to forward a nominee's name on behalf of one of three cities (Fife, Milton and Edgewood) that would have one position on the newly formed Pierce Transit Board. If nominated and ultimately elected by all three cities, Hull would represent the three cities. The City of Milton has already nominated Hull for the position.

Mayor Pro Tem Hull stated he was pleased with the results of the new seat on the Board and that he would be happy to represent the three cities on the Pierce Transit Board.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Zabell reported on the following:

- Staff attended Public Records training which will aid in the goal of transparency and avoiding litigation;
- Interviews were conducted with four architectural firms for the South Campus Master Plan; and

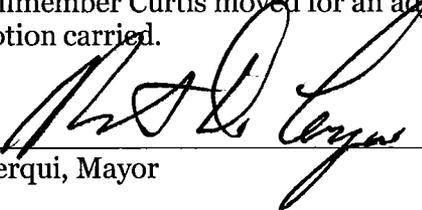
- A 54th Street Interchange concept meeting was held with the Port of Tacoma, Department of Transportation and Pierce County along with members of the Puyallup Tribe.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmembers expressed their appreciation for the wonderful Parks Appreciation and Arbor Day celebrations along with all the work staff and fellow Councilmembers did to make the events successful.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Curtis moved for an adjournment at 8:40 PM. Councilmember Wolfrom seconded and the motion carried.



Rob Cerqui, Mayor



Carol Etgen, City Clerk