

FIFE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 8, 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, real estate and litigation per RCW 42.30.110(g), RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) 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 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, Assistant City Attorney Greg Amann, Administrative Assistant Michelle Merlino, and City Clerk Carol Etgen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Hulcey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approval of Minutes: April 10, 2012, April 17, 2012 and April 24, 2012
- b. Approval of Payroll Vouchers: #48646 - 48681 in the amount of \$605,480.59
- c. Approval of Claims Vouchers: # 86093 – 86212 in the amount of \$883,649.15
- d. 1st Quarter Financial Status Report

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

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

Fife Lions Club Presentation

Bob Johnson of the Fife Lions Club and two other members provided a brief overview of the Lions Club history and membership information. The Lions Club are best known for fighting blindness, however today work on many other world-wide causes. Councilmember Hulcey, a member of the Fife Lions Club, encouraged others to join the Club.

Flood Control District Update

Brian Ziegler, Director of Pierce County Public Works and Utilities presented an update on the County's work towards flood protection for the region. He discussed some of the impacts of a major flooding, which would include an estimated 17,000 jobs lost, along with the repercussions of the failure of sewage systems. The capital needs to reinforce the levees cannot be met with local funding alone; the Corps of Engineers are working on a long-range plan to begin the process. A public meeting will be held in September to review the findings.

The Pierce County Council is establishing a Flood District Advisory Committee utilizing an Interlocal Agreement for services. It is possible the Advisory Committee could be in place by year-end. In the current proposal the City of Fife has a representative on the Committee.

Mayor Pro Tem Hull expressed his support of the Puyallup Tribe holding a permanent position on the Committee.

National Public Works Week

Mayor Cerqui read the National Public Works Week proclamation and presented it to Public Works Director Blount. Mr. Blount stated the Public Works Department is working with Endeavor School students as an educational outreach.

Building Safety Month

Mayor Cerqui read the Building Safety Month proclamation and presented it to Community Development Director Osaki. Mr. Osaki reported the Building Division was focusing on public education through outreach with the library system.

National Police Week

Mayor Cerqui read the National Police Week proclamation and presented it to Chief Blackburn, who stated 58 officers have given their lives in Pierce County. Councilmembers all thanked the Chief and his staff for the daily work they do for the safekeeping of our community.

National Corrections Officer Week

Mayor Cerqui read the National Corrections Officer Week proclamation and presented it to Chief Blackburn who stated the Corrections staff are valuable members of the department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL DELEGATE

The Mayor and councilmembers reported on attendance at the Law Enforcement Memorial event, the Valley Cities Mayor luncheon and the Council Budget Retreat.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance No. 1773 – First Reading

Amendment to SGA Development Agreement for Trail

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved and Councilmember Dukes-Gethers seconded a motion to pass Ordinance No. 1773 for first reading.

Public Works Director Blount stated a public hearing was held by Council on April 10th to allow the public to testify on the proposal to relieve the developer of the obligation to build a trail and deed it to public use before occupying buildings on the site.

The council has allocated \$70,000 in the 2012 budget to construct the trail on the western edge of the development. The owners have expressed a willingness to dedicate the 7 foot public open space/pedestrian trail corridor to the City now so that the City may construct the trail, provided that the requirement in Section 4.9 for construction of the trail improvements is removed from the Development Agreement.

The proposed Fourth Addendum to Development Agreement would remove the requirement in section 4.9 for construction of the trail improvements, conditioned on the owners granting the City an easement for a public open space/pedestrian corridor along the western property line of the development.

Councilmembers Godwin and Hulcey expressed their strong disagreement with allowing the developer to walk away from the obligation to build a trail.

Upon vote, motion carried with Councilmembers Curtis, Hull, Cerqui, Dukes-Gethers and Wolfrom voting in the affirmative. Councilmember Godwin voted no, and Councilmember Hulcey abstained.

**Ordinance No. 1774 - First Reading
Fireworks**

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1774 for first reading.

Assistant City Attorney Amann reported the proposed amendments were strictly house-keeping in nature along with an update to the liability insurance provisions.

Upon vote, motion carried.

**Ordinance No. 1775 - First Reading
Parking**

Councilmember Godwin moved and Councilmember Hulcey seconded a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1775 for first reading.

Assistant City Attorney Amann reported the proposed amendments to this ordinance are also housekeeping in nature, along with some fee schedule changes. Some misdemeanor parking charges have been downgraded to infractions at the Chief's request.

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved to waive first reading and pass Ordinance No. 1775. Councilmember Godwin seconded and motion carried.

Councilmember Wolfrom moved and Mayor Pro Tem Hull seconded a motion to amend Section 1 in Item D for overnight parking restrictions with the exception of automobiles and pickup trucks to *include motorcycles as an exception*. Upon vote, the amendment carried.

Upon vote, the motion, as amended, carried.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1472

Acceptance of 54th Water Main Extension Closeout

Councilmember Curtis moved and Councilmember Godwin seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1472.

Public Works Director Blount reported the project came out five percent under budget and that it had been well executed.

Upon vote, motion carried.

Resolution No. 1473

Appointment to the Pierce Transit Board

Councilmember Godwin moved and Councilmember Curtis seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1473 naming Mayor Pro Tem Hull to the Pierce Transit Board.

Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Zabell reported on the following:

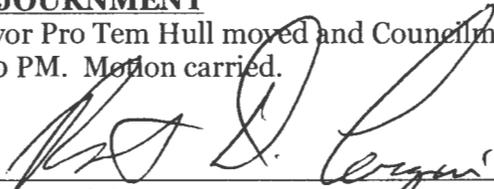
- Shoreline Master Plan
- City Center/Transportation Visioning Project
- Historical Society Update re Barn Use and Successor Agreement
- Economic Development – 11 New Businesses in Fife & Business Retention & Assistance Efforts
- Tour of 8 Hotels by Staff and Chamber of Commerce
- Public Works Grant Submissions Update
- 70th Project - Notice of Award of Contract
- Pierce Trips Recognition for Commute Trip Coordinator Katie Bolam
- New Police Blotter

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmembers discussed the new Car Museum opening in Tacoma and the potential hotel business and requested a status update regarding Brookville Gardens. They also congratulated Ms. Bolam for her award and the Police Department for their communication efforts with the community.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved and Councilmember Dukes-Gethers seconded a motion for adjournment at 8:50 PM. Motion carried.



Rob Cerqui, Mayor



Carol Etgen, City Clerk