

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held from 6:00 PM to 7:03 PM in the Council conference room for the purpose of discussing personnel and potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(g) and RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). All Councilmembers with the exception of Councilmember Dukes-Gethers 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 7:07 PM.

Present: Mayor Cerqui, Mayor Pro Tem Hull, Councilmembers Godwin, Curtis, Hull, Hulcey, and Wolfrom.

Excused: Councilmember Dukes-Gethers.

Staff Present: City Manager Zabell, Finance Director DeGroot, Public Works Engineer Gill, Community Development Director Osaki, Chief of Police Blackburn, City Attorney Combs, Executive Assistant Edwards and City Clerk Etgen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Wolfrom led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS COMMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

Nancy Combs of Federal Way expressed concern about the merging of two lanes into one on 54th in front of Dairy Queen, tailgating in the City and the poor traffic control on the 70th Avenue project by the flaggers.

Mike Seeger of Fife Flowers stated he has been working with Pierce County about the proposed annexation of Fife Heights and was ready to turn in information to City Manager Zabell. Planning Director Osaki briefly reviewed the necessary steps in the annexation process.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a) Minutes of July 10, July 14, July 17 and July 24, 2012
- b) Approval of Payroll Vouchers: #48849 – 48892 in the amount of \$624,652.89
- c) Approval of Claims Vouchers: #86957 - 87143 in the amount of \$500,827.74
- d) Ordinance No. 1783 – Second Reading and Passage
Substantive FMC Changes including Fee Structure
- e) Ordinance No. 1784 – Second Reading and Passage
Business Licensing for Residential Rental Units of 4 or More

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

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

Introduction of Bennish Brown, New CEO of Tacoma Regional Convention & Visitors Bureau

Economic Development Specialist Laurel Potter introduced Bennish Brown. His goals include the recruitment of more conventions to the convention center to bring more business to Fife hotels; bringing more events to the Tacoma Dome; trade shows; reunions, and working with the Port of Tacoma for economic development opportunities.

Proclamation – Buck Owens Day

Mayor Cerqui proclaimed August 12th as Buck Owens Day in the City of Fife, noting Mr. Owens lived in Fife at one time and was a part-owner of a radio station in Puyallup. Matt Hodges, President of the Buck Owens Fan Club sent a letter which was read into the record. The proclamation will be sent to Mr. Hodges.

Presentation of Certificate of Municipal Leadership to Mayor Pro Tem Hull

An Association of Washington Cities Certificate of Municipal Leadership Award was presented to Mayor Pro Tem Hull. The award represents 30 hours of training on the part of Mayor Pro Tem in the areas of Planning and Community Development, effective local leadership and roles, along with public sector resource management. Mayor Pro Tem Hull accepted the award stating he would not have been able to do the work without the support of his family. He stated he cherishes the opportunity to serve the citizens of Fife and wants to work to position Fife to become a model community in Pierce County.

GFOA Distinguished Budget Award

Finance Director/Treasurer DeGroot presented the Government and Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget award for 2012's budget to Nacelle Heuslein. City Manager Zabell noted this award is only made to a small group of public agencies each year. Zabell additionally thanked DeGroot and Katie Bolam for their hard work on the budget. Council also expressed their appreciation for the work that has gone into the budget document.

Recap – National Night Out

Lisa Duszynski, Fife Police Department, reported on the National Night Out event held on August 7th at 5-Acre Park in Radiance. There were approximately 1,000 participants. She expressed appreciation to a number of sponsors along with members of the City Council who volunteered for the dunk tank.

Councilmembers all expressed their appreciation to members of the Police Department and Parks Department for the successful event.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL DELEGATE

Councilmember Curtis reported on attending National Night Out. Mayor Pro Tem Hull attended the Pierce Transit Board meeting and stated the union's mediation was certified and the Board would be going to binding arbitration now. Hull reported Sound Transit made a presentation at the meeting and the Pacific Highway route is an alternative study for light rail and possibly bus rapid transit.

Councilmember Hulcey attended the SR167 tolling study meeting. Mayor Cerqui attended the Pierce County Cities and Towns meeting along with a South Sound 9-1-1 meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan

City Manager Zabell noted there are not many changes to the Six Year Transportation Plan. The 70th Avenue construction project was eliminated because it is underway. The Planning Commission reviewed the Plan and recommended Council approval. Public Works Engineer Gill stated the process of holding a public hearing and eventually adoption of the Improvement Plan establishes the City's eligibility to apply for State grants.

Mayor Cerqui opened the public hearing at 8:15 PM.

Carole Sue Braaten, resident, expressed concern about the assessment and valuation of properties along with earmarking of funds by the State.

Mayor Cerqui closed the public hearing at 8:17 PM.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 1782 – First Reading 2012 Budget Amendment

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved and Councilmember Hulcey seconded a motion to pass Ordinance No. 1782 for first reading and place it on the consent agenda for the next regular business meeting.

Finance Director/Treasurer DeGroot reported on the recommended 2012 budget amendments which increase appropriations for programs and projects not identified at the time of budget adoption and adjustment of the ending fund balance from the estimated to the actual. City Manager Zabell pointed out the increase on both the expenditure and revenue sides of the budget to include items such as the grant-funded emergency response vehicle and the bonds which were refinanced in 2011 instead of 2012. Two grants were also awarded for the street construction fund and one project was carried over from 2011 to 2012.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1488

Stormwater Rate & Study and Comprehensive Plan – Authorize contract with Brown & Caldwell

Councilmember Curtis moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 1488.

Public Works Engineer Gill stated the last Comprehensive Stormwater Plan was prepared in 2002 when the population was 4,200. The population has doubled and there are 15 miles of ditches, 250 catch basins and 25 miles of pipes with over 2000 catch basins now in the system.

Councilmember Godwin stated it would be important to allocate funds for projects to follow Plan recommendations once it is adopted. In response to a question from Councilmember Curtis, Gill stated projects and corresponding cost estimates garnered from the development of the Plan would be included in the Capital Improvement Project list for budgeting purposes.

Carole Sue Braaten, resident, stated water and drainage problems in the City need to be addressed due to the high water table.

Upon vote, motion carried. Councilmember Hulcey was not present for the vote.

Resolution No. 1489

Fee Schedule Adoption

Councilmember Godwin moved and Curtis seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1489.

City Attorney Combs stated this resolution relates to Ordinance No. 1783 as passed by Council earlier this evening; the resolution will not become effective until the Ordinance becomes effective with publication requirements. The resolution moves administrative fees out of the Fife Municipal Code and

into a fee schedule which provide easier access for citizens.

Ms. Braaten testified water fees need to be reviewed in comparison to other areas.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 1492

SS911 MOU

City Manager Zabell recounted the history of arriving at the South Sound 9-1-1 Memorandum of Understanding. A few changes have been made to the originally proposed memorandum, including:

- A permanent seat for the City on the policy advisory board;
- The five current employees will receive employment offers for similar positions;
- Even if used by the regional system, capital assets will remain the property of the City of Fife; and
- Levels of service will meet or exceed current levels of service.

The transition is scheduled at this point for 2015. There is a 90-day trigger which will allow Council to make the ultimate decision of transferring to the regional service or remaining independent. Under the Participation Agreement, until the operational transition date, the City of Fife shall continue to serve as a satellite PSAP and provide dispatch services for its contracted agencies, to the extent those contracting agencies wish to continue having the City of Fife provide dispatch services. In consideration for the expense to Fife of continuing to operate as a PSAP, SS911 will annually subsidize the City of Fife's PSAP operational expenses, with the payment of an operational maintenance fee to be made in January of each year, commencing in 2013. In the event Fife ultimately determines not to transition to SS911, accrued subsidies would be returned to SS911. The base amount used for calculating the annual operational maintenance fee for 2013 will be \$110,000. For subsequent years, the maintenance fee will be adjusted based on the change in the Consumer Price Index, urban workers (CPI-U) for the Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton metropolitan area.

Chief Blackburn stated one other safeguard was proposed which consists of consideration of a combined operations board with Police and Fire representation.

Councilmember Godwin expressed concern about the project creating a larger bureaucracy, being expensive to taxpayers and the ultimate loss of local control.

Upon vote, motion carried with Mayor Cerqui, Mayor Pro Tem Hull and Councilmembers Curtis, Hull, Hulcey, and Wolfrom voting yes and Councilmember Godwin voting no.

Resolution No. 1493

Adopting the 2013 to 2018 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved to suspend the rules to consider Resolution No. 1493 (a matter which was considered during an earlier Public Hearing). Councilmember Godwin seconded the motion.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Godwin moved and Mayor Pro Tem Hull seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1493.

Councilmember Godwin moved and Mayor Pro Tem Hull seconded an amendment to the motion to move the item on the Project listed as #12 to the #42 (last) spot on the Plan.

Mayor Cerqui expressed opposition to the move, stating the transportation study being performed later this year may change the ranking anyway.

Upon vote, motion carried with Mayor Pro Tem Hull and Councilmembers Godwin, Curtis, Hulcey, and Wolfrom voting yes and Mayor Cerqui voted no.

The motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Zabell reported:

- The employee barbecue was very successful and he thanked VSI for their donations;
- National Night Out was an impressive success for the City;
- Recruitment for the replacement of the Building Official and Fire Marshall is underway;
- A new police officer has been hired as a lateral transfer;
- City Hall has been repainted thanks to a team of City employees who decided on the new colors and Zabell thanked the Public Works Department for their work on the project; and
- Fife Harvest Festival will take place on October 6th.

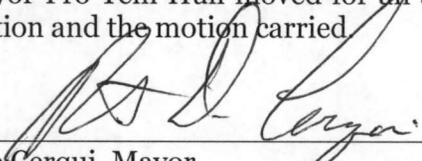
COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

In response to a question from Councilmember Godwin, City Manager Zabell stated Council would receive an update about the Local Improvement Districts at next week's study session.

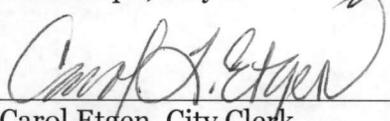
Mayor Pro Tem Hull recognized audience member Carole Sue Braaten for her efforts in running for State Legislature.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved for an adjournment at 9:08 PM. Councilmember Wolfrom seconded the motion and the motion carried.



Rob Cerqui, Mayor



Carol Etgen, City Clerk