

**FIFE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**September 11, 2012**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was held from 6:00 PM to 6:49 PM in the Council conference room for the purpose of discussing litigation & real estate per RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i) and RCW 42.30.110(1)(B). Mayor Cerqui, Mayor Pro Tem Hull, Councilmembers Godwin, Curtis, Hull, Dukes-Gethers, and Wolfrom were all 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, Dukes-Gethers, and Wolfrom.

**Excused:** Councilmember Hulcey and Councilmember 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, and City Clerk Etgen.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Godwin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE – SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> REMEMBRANCE**

Mayor Cerqui requested a moment of silence in remembrance of the victims of September 11, 2001's terrorist attacks.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)**

Gary Cramer of Auburn addressed Council regarding a red-light traffic citation he received. Mr. Cramer stated that Court Judge told him he would have to ask the City Council for reimbursement of his fine. City Attorney Combs advised Mr. Cramer that the City Council was not the appeal body for the fine and discussed the matter with Mr. Cramer outside the Council Chamber.

Carol Sue Braaten expressed her concern about a sexual predator moving into the neighborhood within a mile of two elementary schools, the community center, parks and the senior center. City Manager Zabell said he would look into the matter and verify the matter had been handled correctly.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Approval of Minutes of August 21, 2012 and August 28, 2012
- b. Approval of Payroll Vouchers: #48926 - 48969 in the amount of \$621,405.61
- c. Approval of Claims Vouchers: #87282 - 87396 in the amount of \$247,250.34
- d. August 15, 2012 Payroll Voucher Numbers Scrivener's Error Correction

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

## **PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS**

### **Olympic Gold Medalist Meagan Jendrick Community Meet & Greet**

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Reuter introduced Olympic Gold Medalist Megan Jendrick who will be offering a swim clinic to the community on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Jendrick addressed Council stating she was born and raised in Pierce County and has trained on and off during her career at the Fife Swim Center, and used it to train for this year's Olympics where she placed 22<sup>nd</sup> just five months after having a baby.

Councilmembers congratulated Ms. Jendrick on her accomplishments and thanked her for developing and participating in the clinic.

### **SR 167 Update and Alternatives**

Public Works Director Blount introduced Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Regional Administrator Kevin Dayton and Steve Fox who updated Council about the SR167 extension project. Mr. Dayton reviewed the work up to this point on the project and stated 70 percent of the right-of-way has been obtained for the project. The possibility of tolls are being reviewed; traffic modeling is being developed and reviewed.

Mr. Dayton reported the project is approximately \$1.5 billion dollars short of completion. A draft financial plan will be developed in October with public outreach. A final recommendation will be presented to the Legislature in January when they convene for the next session. He presented the various options WSDOT is reviewing with different cost levels for Legislative consideration.

Councilmember Godwin asked if consideration could be given to off-ramps with lanes in two directions at 70<sup>th</sup> and I-5 until SR167 is complete. Mr. Dayton stated such an interchange was considered as part of the Environmental Impact Statement but was found to be inadequate for the needs of the complete project.

City Manager Zabell stated Councilmember Hulcey has been attending the stakeholders meetings. The next meeting will be on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Pro Tem Hull suggested the use of a port improvement tax due to the project benefiting the Port.

There was a brief discussion regarding the Puyallup River Bridge improvement program.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL DELEGATE**

Councilmembers reported on attendance at the Parks Board meeting and the Pierce Transit Board meeting.

## **ORDINANCES**

### **Ordinance No. 1785 – Passage**

### **Ordinance Temporarily Extending Planned Residential Development Approvals**

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved to pass Ordinance No. 1785 and Councilmember Dukes-Gethers seconded the motion.

City Attorney Combs reported the ordinance had been modified per Council's request at the previous meeting to exclude conditional use permits.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance No. 1788 – Waive First Reading and Pass Ordinance to Correct Scrivener’s Error in Ordinance 1783**

Councilmember Dukes-Gethers moved to waive first reading and pass Ordinance No. 1788. Mayor Pro Tem Hull seconded the motion.

City Attorney Combs reported a scrivener’s error in Ordinance No. 1783 as previously passed by Council needed to be corrected in order to properly enact Ordinance 1783.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution No. 1497**

**2012 Overlay Construction Contract Acceptance as Complete and Closeout**

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved and Councilmember Dukes-Gethers seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1497.

City Manager Zabell reported the overlay construction project had been performed successfully at night on several sections of roadway in town.

In response to a question from Mayor Pro Tem Hull, Public Works Director Blount reported that they do look for opportunities to partner with other public entities when performing the pavement patching projects, however the bidding laws prohibit it in different circumstances.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution No. 1498**

**62nd Avenue Sidewalk and Sheffield Trail Extension**

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved and Councilmember Curtis seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1498.

Public Works Director Blount reported this project will provide for substantial improvements at the 20<sup>th</sup> Street crossing with the installation of ramps and a fully compliant handicapped accessible sidewalk and flashing lights. The project should begin quickly.

Mayor Pro Tem Hull encouraged the installation of lights to illuminate the trail.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Zabell reported on:

- Brookville Gardens Community Park’s design plans are at cost estimates and contact has been made with the Puyallup Tribe’s fishery staff to move forward with permitting;
- 70<sup>th</sup> Street Project progress;
- Pierce County annual street striping;
- Capital Facilities Campus Master Plan;
- Prologis Company development off 70<sup>th</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup>;
- Community Center replacement of carpet and removal of skylights along with the annual pool maintenance; and
- September 15<sup>th</sup> Council Budget Workshop.

Mayor Pro Tem Hull reiterated his desire to add lighting to the Sheffield Trail development project; Councilmember Godwin stated he would prefer not to do so. City Manager Zabell confirmed with Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Reuter that Council's policy has been to close parks and trails at dusk.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

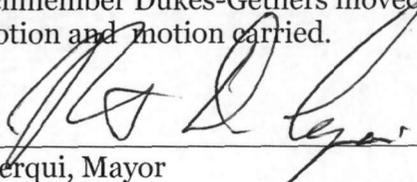
Councilmember Curtis requested contact with the State about the striping of 54<sup>th</sup>.

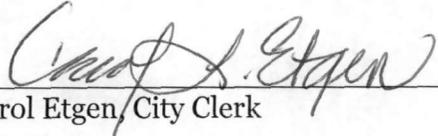
Councilmember Godwin requested an updated timeline for the Levy Road Park. Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Reuter stated he will be bringing it to the Parks Board at their next meeting; there was not a quorum at the last meeting. City Manager Zabell stated the timeline would depend on whether the project was included in the capital projects approved within the budget.

Councilmember Dukes-Gethers reported on the Saddle Creek Park ribbon cutting event last weekend and thanked everyone who participated.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Dukes-Gethers moved for adjournment at 8:26 PM. Councilmember Godwin seconded the motion and motion carried.

  
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Rob Cerqui, Mayor

  
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Carol Etgen, City Clerk