

**Fife City Hall**

**Fife City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
November 20, 2012 – continued  
from November 13, 2012  
7:00 PM**

**Council Chambers**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Fife City Council met in Executive Session from 6:00 PM to 6:25 PM for the purpose of discussing Personnel per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) and Real Estate per RCW 42.30.110(1)(c). All Councilmembers with the exception of Councilmember Wolfrom were present, along with Acting City Manager Blount and Assistant City Attorney Amann.

**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, Hulcey, and Dukes-Gethers.

**Absent:** Councilmember Wolfrom was excused.

**Staff Present:** Acting City Manager and Public Works Director Blount, Finance Director DeGroot, Community Development Director Osaki, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Reuter, Chief of Police Brad Blackburn, Assistant City Attorney Amann, Executive Assistant Edwards and City Clerk Etgen.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

VFW Post 11401 members led the Council and audience in the pledge of allegiance.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Curtis moved and Councilmember Dukes-Gethers seconded a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- a) Approval of Minutes of September 24, 2012, October 16, 2012, October 23, 2012 and October 30, 2012**
- b) Approval of Payroll Vouchers: #49069 – 49109 in the amount of \$636,137.16**
- c) Approval of Claims Vouchers: #87805 - 87969 in the amount of \$1,401,118.52**

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

## **PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS**

### **Acknowledgement of Veterans Working for the City**

Public Works Director Blount introduced members of the Milton-Edgewood-Fife VFW. VFW Member Ralph Star stated their post has 80 members, 25 of whom are active. A national award was issued to the post for the Veterans War Memorial, and monies they earn in local fundraisers stay in the community supporting veterans and their families who are in need. Mayor Cerqui and Councilmembers thanked the members for their dedication and service.

Blount stated there were 18 City staff who are veterans (12% of total staff) and four of the seven Councilmembers are veterans.

### **Halloween Carnival Recap**

Chief Blackburn reported the Carnival was once again a success. Lisa Duszynski and Steve Van Zanten provided a brief overview of the activities and thanked the various sponsors for their contributions. They noted the Santa Run is scheduled for December 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> this year.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL DELEGATE**

Councilmembers reported on their attendance at the Flood Control meeting; the Puget Sound Regional Council meeting; the Pierce Transit Board meeting; the Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board meeting; the South Sound 9-1-1 Board meeting; and the Valley Cities Mayors' Breakfast meeting. There was some discussion regarding the potential loss of service due to the transit bond ballot failing; Councilmember Godwin expressed his hope Pierce Transit provides viable options to transit customers in the area, stressing the importance of transit to healthy economic development. Mayor Cerqui congratulated Mayor Pro Tem Hull on being reappointed to the Pierce Transit Board Chair position.

## **ORDINANCES**

### **Ordinance No. 1818 – Comp Plan Amendments – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved and Councilmember Hulcey seconded a motion to pass Ordinance No. 1818 for first reading and place the item on the consent agenda of the next regular meeting.

Community Development Director Osaki noted cities may only amend the Comprehensive Plan once a year under the Growth Management Act, and that this year's amendments are routine in nature. They include an update to the 6-year Transportation Improvement Plan; the school district capital facility projections to be used for future determination of impact fees; and the Shoreline Master Program. The Planning Commission reviewed the amendments in October and recommended

approval. Council held a public hearing on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Osaki emphasized the school impact fees will be brought to Council in a separate action in 2013.

In response to a question from the Mayor, Osaki stated the City will be able to adopt the Shoreline Master Program by Ordinance when it comes back from the State without holding further hearings.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance No. 1820 - 2013-14 Biennial Budget – Passage**

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved and Councilmember Dukes-Gethers seconded a motion to pass Ordinance No. 1820.

Finance Director DeGroot reported that at the Council Meeting of November 6, 2012 the first reading of Ordinance No. 1820 was passed by a vote of 7-0 as presented. The ordinance provides for a Biennial Budget for the years 2013 and 2014 consistent with the preliminary budget proposal and Council policy direction. It authorizes total expenditures of \$92,153,372 for the two-year period for all funds, with \$22,295,832 to be retained in ending fund balance, for a total budget of \$114,449,204. For the General Fund, total expenditures for all departments are authorized at \$32,722,887 with \$2,617,453 projected as ending fund balance

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance No. 1821 – Salaries for Non-Represented Employees – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved and Councilmember Hulcey seconded a motion to pass Ordinance No. 1821 for first reading.

Finance Director DeGroot noted that City Manager Zabell would like to speak regarding this item at the next Council meeting. In 2010 Ordinance No. 1731 was adopted setting forth a salary schedule for employees not represented by collective bargaining which provides for yearly increases. Non-represented employees have agreed to forego the raise due to budget constraints this year.

Council agreed to a one-year suspension of the annual Cost of Living increase.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance No. 1822 - Consolidating LID 08-1 and 08-2 for the purpose of issuing bonds and authorizing the issuance of consolidated LID bonds – First Reading**

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved and Councilmember Godwin seconded a motion to pass Ordinance No. 1822 for first reading.

Finance Director DeGroot explained that by consolidating LID 8-1 and 8-2 into a single bond the City would receive better borrowing rates and terms. He noted there may be some changes before the final figures are brought to Council for the passage of this ordinance; there is a 30-day interest free period which allows people to pay early which may affect the figures.

In response to a question from Councilmember Curtis, David Trageser, of D.A. Davidson, stated the financing for the bonds will be impacted by how the Court rules in response to the State's portion of one of the LIDs and the market; final figures will be on the document provided to Council for approval at the next regular meeting. He also indicated a portion of the bonds are taxable, which may also cause the final figures to fluctuate.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution No. 1511 - Payoff of ULID/LID Assessments on City-Owned Parcels**

Councilmember Curtis moved and Mayor Pro Tem Hull seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1511.

Finance Director DeGroot explained the purpose of the proposed action is to consolidate LID 08-2 and LID 08-1 for the purpose of issuing bonds and authorizes the sale of the bonds and creation of a bond fund, reserve fund and guarantee fund. The bond sale will take place on or about January 3, 2013. A report will be made to Council on January 8, 2013.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution No 1512 - Agreement with John L. Rodabaugh II for Prosecuting Services for 2013**

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved and Councilmember Hulcey seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1512.

Assistant City Manager Amann reported the proposed contract is for 2013 with the same terms and conditions as the previous contract.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution No. 1513 - Agreement with City of Edgewood for Information Technology Services**

Councilmember Curtis moved and Councilmember Dukes-Gethers seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1513.

Acting City Manager Blount reported the agreement would not require any additional staffing. The agreement is for one year and can be renegotiated in the future. The additional revenue will supplement the City's budget and help offset the cost of the IT staff.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution No. 1514 - Agreement with City of Edgewood Regarding Emergency Space Sharing**

Councilmember Dukes-Gethers moved and Councilmember Curtis seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1514.

Assistant City Attorney Amann reported this agreement would allow for the cities to use each other's facilities in the event of an emergency wherein one facility was impacted and the other was not.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution No. 1515 - Amendment to City of Fife Contract for Public Defender Services**

Councilmember Dukes-Gethers moved and Councilmember Godwin seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1515.

Assistant City Attorney Amann stated this contract extends the current contract for additional 2 years with an option for a third year.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution No. 1516 - Establishing a City Council Sub-Committee for Board, Committee, and Commission Appointments**

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved and Councilmember Dukes-Gethers seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1516.

Executive Assistant Edwards reported the proposed resolution goes through the end of 2013 and the subcommittee would be responsible for interviewing and make recommendations regarding appointments to the Tree Commission, the Park Board, the Planning Commission and the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved to amend the motion to include Mayor Pro Tem Hull and Councilmembers Curtis and Hulcey to the subcommittee. Councilmember Dukes-Gethers seconded the motion, and upon vote, the amendment carried.

Upon vote, the motion as amended, carried unanimously.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Acting City Manager Blount reported on the following:

- The Puyallup Tribe's annual \$850,000 (2% funding) contribution will be forthcoming;
- The City's internet bill payment system is up and running and has 150 customers who have already signed up for the automatic bill payer system;
- Tacoma Power has staff working on 70<sup>th</sup> St E and hope to have the work done by Christmas;

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Reuter reported:

- December 1<sup>st</sup> – Breakfast with Santa
- December 4<sup>th</sup> – Tree lighting and visit from Santa
- December 7<sup>th</sup> – Holiday movie in partnership with Click at Columbia Junior High School;
- Pool closure scheduled for December 16<sup>th</sup> through January 6<sup>th</sup> for maintenance;
- The Turkey Tournament Soccer Tournament was held as Dacca Park closes for the season.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Mayor Pro Tem Hull and Councilmember Hulcey thanked Chief Blackburn and Judge Ringus for their part in the Tacoma Pierce County DUI Victims Information Panel Annual Officer recognition awards dinner.

## **STUDY SESSION ITEMS**

### **South Campus Master Plan**

Acting City Manager Blount introduced Randy Cook of TCH Architecture who has worked with the South Campus Master Plan Steering Committee, who presented an draft set of plans for Council's review. Councilmembers provided their thoughts on the plans; an Open House is planned for January and a final report will be provided to Council in February.

### **Sewer Service to a Portion of the City of Edgewood**

Acting City Manager Blount reported that the City of Edgewood has approached the City of Fife to discuss the possibility of Fife providing sewer to that portion of Edgewood generally described as south of 25th Street East, west of 86th Avenue East, and north of 36th Avenue East.

Options available to the City of Fife include: 1) Decline to provide service outside the Fife City limits; 2) Amend Fife's service territory to provide service in Edgewood, under existing policy and 50% surcharge; 3) Amend Fife's service territory to provide service in Edgewood, under a new agreement with Edgewood; or 4) Execute an Interlocal agreement with Edgewood, through which Fife operates Edgewood's system.

Council concurred with using up to \$5,000 to review/study the matter and bring back a proposal to Council.

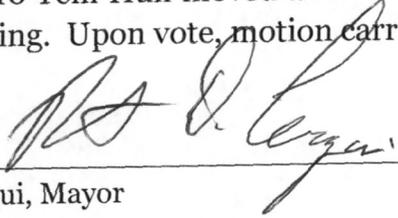
### **Letter of Understanding with Port of Tacoma for Development of "Parcel 14"**

Acting City Manager Blount presented a draft Letter of Understanding with the Port of Tacoma for Council's consideration and comment. He noted that the Port of Tacoma intends to develop the 100 acres it owns between 12th Street East to the south, Alexander Avenue to the west, State Route 509 (SR 509) to the north, and the Fife Ditch to the East. The Port's property lies entirely within the City of Tacoma, but because SR 509 is a limited access highway and Wapato Creek flows through the west edge of the property near Alexander Avenue, vehicular access and utility service to the Port's property is proposed to be through the City of Fife. The wetlands associated with Wapato Creek and the future right-of-way for the SR 167 extension reduce the developable area of the Port's property to approximately 81 acres; this is still a substantial area and development of the property will have substantial impact.

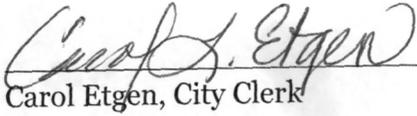
Council expressed concern about additional traffic and the need to address vehicle weight and other matters before any agreement is brought back for consideration.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved and Councilmember Hulcey seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.



Rob Cerqui, Mayor



Carol Etgen, City Clerk