

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was held from 6:00 PM to 7:00 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). 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 7:04 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, Executive Assistant Edwards and City Clerk Etgen.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pro Tem Hull led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Skip Leingang of Federal Way asked how he would go about asking Council to repeal the Fife Municipal Code provision for fortune telling and tea leaf reading. He stated it appears Fife is the only city in Washington with such laws. City Attorney Combs was directed to review the manner and bring back a proposal for updating the Code to Council at a future meeting.

Mizu Sugimura, Fife Arts Commission member, thanked Council for appointing her to the Commission and encouraged the Council to continue to include art in economic development efforts.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Approval of Minutes of November 6, 2012
- b. Approval of Payroll Vouchers: #49110 - 49138 in the amount of \$421,688.98
- c. Approval of Claims Vouchers: #87970 - 88143 in the amount of \$594,994.27
- d. Passage of Ordinance No. 1818 - 2012 Comprehensive Plan Amendments
- e. Waive 1<sup>st</sup> Reading & Pass Ordinance No. 1823 - Housekeeping Ordinance to Correct Scrivener's Error in FMC Section 6.01.050(A)

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

**PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS**

**Comcast Foundation Grant**

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Reuter stated Comcast staff participated in the Comcast Cares program wherein 70 Comcast employees worked at the Hylebos Nature Area last April and then followed up with a \$2,375 grant award to the City to be used towards strengthening community partnerships. Hans Hechtman from Comcast expressed his appreciation for the

opportunity to help facilitate projects within the community and emphasized the availability of a program wherein Comcast provides broadband services to needy students at their homes at a reduced rate. Council and the Mayor thanked Mr. Hechtman for the grant and community service Comcast staff has provided.

### **Fife High School Fall Sports Recognition**

Judge Ringus introduced the coaches and team members for football, boys tennis, cross-country, swimming, girls soccer and diving and volleyball. Council welcomed and congratulated the coaches and team members.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL DELEGATE**

Mayor Cerqui reported he attended the Pierce County Cities & Towns meeting today.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### **Emergency Ordinance No. 1819 - Gambling Premises Moratorium**

Community Development Director Osaki noted the purpose of the hearing is to take testimony on Ordinance 1819 which was passed on October 23, 2012. The City's City Center planning process is still underway and will help Council determine the zoning needs for the different areas which will impact decisions about where gambling premises are allowed.

Mayor Cerqui opened the public hearing at 7:46 PM. With no one coming forward to testify, the public hearing was closed at 7:47 PM.

### **ORDINANCES**

#### **Ordinance No. 1821 – Passage**

#### **Amending Ordinance No. 1731 Regarding Salaries for Non-Represented Employees**

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved and Councilmember Curtis seconded a motion to pass Ordinance No. 1821.

City Manager Zabell emphasized the significance of non-represented staff stepping up in times of budget difficulties and being willing to forego a cost of living increase. Councilmembers each expressed this appreciation for the action and the excellent work being done by staff.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

#### **Ordinance No. 1822 - Passage**

#### **Consolidating LID 08-1 and 08-2 for the Purpose of Issuing Bonds and Authorizing the Issuance of Consolidated LID Bonds**

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded a motion to pass Ordinance No. 1822.

Financial Services Director DeGroot reported the passage of Ordinance No. 1822 would result in the consolidation of Local Improvement District No's 08-1 and 08-2. Council unanimously approved the first reading of the ordinance. Dave Trageser of D.A. Davidson & Co. stated it is their hopes rates will be no more than 6.9 percent. One-third to forty percent of property owners have opted to pay the full balance off.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution No. 1517**

#### **Authorizing an Agreement with City of Buckley for Fire Dispatch Services**

Councilmember Hulcey moved and Mayor Pro Tem Hull seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1517.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

### **Resolution No. 1518**

#### **Ratifying an Agreement with OB Fife Property, LLC for Wapato Uplands**

Councilmember Godwin moved and Mayor Pro Tem Hull seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1518.

Public Works Director Blount reported that the City is in need of a suitable wetland mitigation site to provide wetland mitigation for the Port of Tacoma interchange project. Tax Parcel Nos. 0420181002, 0420181003, 0420181016, 0420181030 and 0420181032, known collectively as "Wapato Uplands" total approximately 13.55 acres and are bordered by Wapato Creek. Wapato Uplands has been partially excavated by the owner as a compensatory storage site. It is the City's policy to make every effort to provide wetland mitigation within the City limits for projects within the City limits requiring mitigation.

He further stated that due to its creek border, current use for compensatory storage, and location adjacent to the City's Brookville Garden's park property, Wapato Uplands would be an ideal wetland mitigation site. Blount is working to purchase the property with grant funding previously approved for the Port of Tacoma Interchange Project. It may be that the City uses the property as the local match for the grant and reimbursement comes to the City in the form of a credit rather than direct reimbursement. Previously appropriated funding for the 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue Project are available to make the payment in full from a combination of the low bids received for the project and a separate \$700,000 from a grant not in original budget that is now available.

The area will be a designated wetland and not accessible to the public. The project is being permitted as part of the Port of Tacoma Road Interchange Project; the environmental analysis and application have been approved and the mitigation work is just beginning.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Recreation and Community Services Director Reuter reported on the:

- Breakfast with Santa this Saturday;
- Holiday Tree Lighting at City Hall on December 4<sup>th</sup>; and
- Second Annual Holiday Movie on December 7<sup>th</sup> in partnership with Click!

City Manager Zabell reported:

- The undergrounding of utilities on 62<sup>nd</sup> is within a day or two of completion; and
- Spoke with the School Board about the Fife Center and Campus Plans and will be presenting the information to Council on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

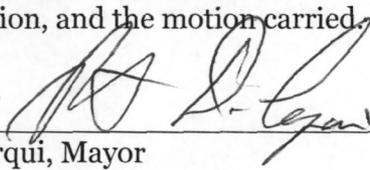
In response to questions from Councilmember Godwin, Recreation and Community Services Director Reuter stated the Levy Park development was discussed with the Parks Board at their November meeting and endorsed a design which will be provided to Council in a memorandum. It is scheduled for development in the summer of 2013.

Councilmember Curtis and Mayor Pro Tem Hull stated they would like to see protection provided for pedestrians along 70<sup>th</sup> at the railroad crossing barriers.

In response to a question from Mayor Pro Tem Hull, City Manager Zabell stated a discussion about City membership participation in outside organizations is scheduled for the January study session.

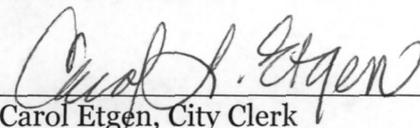
**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Dukes-Gethers moved for adjournment at 8:34 PM. Councilmember Hulcey seconded the motion, and the motion carried.



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Rob Cerqui, Mayor



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Carol Etgen, City Clerk