

**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 personnel per RCW 42.30.110.(1)(g), potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and real estate per 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 7:03 PM.

**Present:** Mayor Cerqui, Mayor Pro Tem Hull, Councilmembers Godwin, Curtis, 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.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Approval of Minutes of November 27, 2012, December 11, 2012 & January 8, 2013
- b. Approval of Payroll Vouchers: #49239 – 49278 in the amount of \$842,343.37
- c. Approval of Claims Vouchers: #88479 - 88652 in the amount of \$658,059.69
- d. Ordinance No. 1827 – Amending FMC Chapter 2.52 Regarding the Police Department – Passage
- e. Ordinance No. 1828 – Repealing FMC 9.08.030 - Waive 1st Reading & Pass

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

**PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS**

**Drug K-9 Retirement**

Chief Blackburn introduced Lieutenant Gardner with K-9 Maggie and Officer Kenyon. Over the past six years the K-9's have been responsible for the seizure of \$3.4 million dollars in drugs and cash. Council thanked the Police Department and officers for their work with the K-9's.

### **Recognition of Detective Jeff Nolta**

Chief Blackburn stated that while Detective Nolta was not available to attend the meeting, he wanted to recognize his service on a regional meth lab team for 10 years.

### **Train Town USA Recognition**

Brock Nelson, Director of Public Affairs for the Union Pacific Railroad, presented a proclamation to the City, commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of the railway. Fife was also presented with a plaque and commemorative coin. The City of Fife is the 54<sup>th</sup> town in the territory to receive the distinction of being a place of historical significance for the railway.

### **CLID #1 Bond Sale Results**

Finance Director DeGroot reported on the consolidated bond sale which was finalized last week. DeGroot provided a summary of the bond sale process and ultimate construction contract award to Scarsella Brothers Construction.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Hull reported on the Pierce Transit Board meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> and updated Councilmembers about planned service reductions. He also attended the Pierce County Regional Council meeting and reported SR167 has been addressed as the #1 economic development project in the State, and the City will experience a modest increase for dues for the upcoming year. Hull noted the 2013 Urban Studies Forum sponsored by the University of Washington (Tacoma) will be held in February with a general assembly meeting at the Emerald Queen Casino.

Mayor Cerqui reported on his attendance at the South Sound 9-1-1 board meeting and the City's Legislative banquet, and said a meeting with the County Prosecutor went well.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### **School Impact Fee amending FMC 20.15.010**

Associate Planner Chris Pasinetti introduced the proposed ordinance amending School Impact Fees for single family and multifamily developments. Pasinetti reviewed Council action pertaining to the Comprehensive Plan amendments and explained the rates identified in the Capital Facilities Plans of the Fife and Puyallup School Districts. The Planning Commission has recommended School Impact Fee amounts of \$1,163 for single family homes and \$0 for multifamily homes as identified in the Fife Capital Facilities Plan.

Council packets contained information pertaining to prior year's assessments and letters from the Master Builders Association and the School Districts, along with jurisdictional boundary maps.

In response to a question from Councilmember Godwin, Pasinetti responded there are no current multifamily developments in the Puyallup School District boundaries, although zoning would allow for future building.

Mayor Cerqui opened the public hearing at 7:42 PM.

Shawn Hoey, Master Builders Association, spoke in support of Ordinance 1829, referring to an October 2012 letter also sent in support of the Planning Commission's recommendation. He

stated the rate proposed by the Puyallup School District is \$10,000 over current rates, and that Fife's current rates are higher than any other jurisdiction the Puyallup School District falls in, and yet Fife is the smallest areas of the School District. Upon an earlier review, he discovered no projects pending in Fife in the Puyallup School District area. Hoey stated it would be simple to maintain consistency in the City with fees and easier on developers when looking at fees in the City, regardless of the location. He encouraged Council to support the ordinance as proposed.

With no one else coming forward to testify, the hearing was closed to further public testimony at 7:45 PM.

Mayor Cerqui noted the ordinance would come back before Council for 1<sup>st</sup> reading on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution No. 1532**

#### **Revision of Council Rules**

Councilmember Wolfrom moved and Councilmember Dukes-Gethers seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1532.

City Clerk Etgen reviewed the proposed resolution adopting the Council Rules as discussed at the January 15<sup>th</sup> study session. A friendly amendment to the motion added wording regarding the date of the Voucher Review Committee meeting should the regular meeting date fall on a holiday was agreed upon.

Councilmember Godwin moved and Mayor Pro Tem Hull seconded a motion to revise #8 on the Agenda Items for a Regular Business Meeting to read "Committee Reports/Council Delegate" instead of "Councilmember Activity Reports."

Upon vote, motion to amend the main motion carried unanimously.

Upon vote, motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

### **Resolution No. 1534**

#### **Utility Easements on Choo Choo Investment Properties**

Councilmember Dukes-Gethers moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1534.

Public Works Director Blount reviewed the proposed easement location which will be necessary for future development in the area to provide a future tenant with water. The work is included in the Comprehensive Plan and fees have been collected through construction projects over the years to fund the purchase.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2013 Park Board Work Plan**

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Reuter introduced Chair Chuck McDonald and Vice Chair Cody Geddes of the Park Board, who helped present the Commission's 2013 Work Plan, which was adopted by the Commission on December 5th. The Plan has been fairly consistent throughout the years, and this year includes reviewing various amenities at Brookville Gardens Park and sitting on the selection committee for the Open Space Plan consultant, which will ultimately come to Council for review and approval.

A Trail Awareness Day will be organized in June and an annual process for the addition of names to the Fife Fountain are included in the Plan.

Councilmember Wolfrom moved and Mayor Pro Tem Hull seconded a motion to approve the 2013 Park Board Work Plan.

Councilmembers thanked the Parks Board members for their participation on the Committee.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

### **2013 Tree Commission Work Plan**

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Reuter presented the 2013 Work Plan for the Tree Commission. A tree inventory and assessment was developed last year for the Urban Forestry Management Plan and implementation will continue through 2013. The Commission will assist staff in coordinating and developing the 2013 Tree City USA submittal. Two new members have joined the Commission recently.

Reuter introduced Pat Coddington, past Chair of the Commission, who has opted to take a leave of absence this year. Mr. Coddington asked the Council to approve the Work Plan.

Councilmembers thanked Mr. Coddington for the work he and other Commission members have done for the City.

Councilmember Wolfrom moved and Mayor Pro Tem Hull seconded a motion to approve the 2013 Tree Commission Work Plan.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Zabell reported:

- \$1,660,800 grant was received for pedestrian improvements on SR 99;
- \$35,000 grant was received for pedestrian improvements on 47th Avenue East;
- 15th Street East sewers are on line and the street has been repaved;
- Closed acquisition of Wapato uplands site;
- Initiated the EHM system Monday Jan 14;
- 544 people have signed up for online utility billing, accounting for 16% of active accounts;

- Legislative retreat;
- Mayor Pro Tem Hull was named to the SR167 Completion Coalition; and
- He was elected to the Executive Board for the Washington Cities Insurance Authority.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Councilmembers discussed a concern regarding legislation which may restrict the annexation process; thanked a citizen for bringing the matter regarding an outdated statute to Council for resolution; the SR167 Coalition; and an upcoming Freight Mobility Transportation Improvement Board meeting.

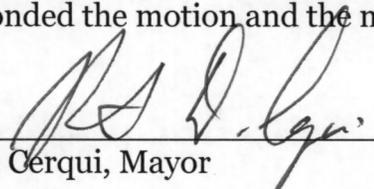
**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

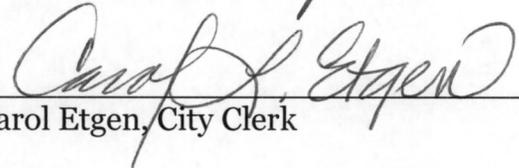
Brian Devereux, Facilities Planner for the Puyallup School District, apologized for being late for the public hearing for Ordinance No. 1829, and stated the Fife and Puyallup School Districts are two very different districts and requested Council consider maintaining at least the minimum impact fees currently in effect. He briefly addressed the bond issue before Puyallup voters.

Skip Leingang expressed his appreciation for Council's passing Ordinance No. 1828.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Hulcey moved for an adjournment at 8:41 PM. Councilmember Godwin seconded the motion and the motion carried.

  
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Rob Cerqui, Mayor

  
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Carol Etgen, City Clerk