

FIFE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2013
7:00 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council convened into executive session at 6:00 PM for the purpose of discussing Personnel matters per RCW 42.30.110(g), and came out of executive session at 6:51 PM.

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 Curtis, Dukes-Gethers, Hulcey, 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 and City Clerk Etgen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Hull led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCILMEMBER CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

Michael Wilkins

Mr. Wilkins stated he has been a resident of Fife for 7 1/2 years and has been involved in fighting for transportation issues in the area by serving on the Citizens Advisory Accessibility Committee. He has worked with Iraq veterans and knows there are a great number of underserved people in the area. Wilkins stated he would foster a sense of community in Fife by getting out and meeting with people. His primary goals are crime reduction, roads and bridges and budget. Emergency preparedness is also of concern. Wilkins stated his strengths were accountability, integrity, his morals and beliefs, and passion.

Kim Roscoe

Ms. Roscoe reviewed her past tenure as a Councilmember stating she felt she would bring history and a good perspective to Council. She has stayed engaged with citywide activities and is confident she could easily work with Council in a cohesive group setting. She briefly discussed her goals for transportation projects in the City and stated her number one goal is to improve pedestrian safety and access. She stated Brookville and SR 167 are the largest issues for the City right now. She stated she has no desire to run for the office; she would be honored to step in temporarily as she has in the past.

CITIZENS COMMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

Nancy Feller Nalder reported she is the co-chair for Relay for Life, which will be held on June 22nd and 23rd at Fife High School. She would like to see everyone there.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Hulcey moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded a motion to go into executive session for approximately 10 minutes to discuss the qualifications of candidates for Councilmember with the possibility of taking action afterwards.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Council went into executive session at 7:42 PM to discuss the qualifications of the candidates for Councilmember, per RCW 42.30.110(1)(h), and came out of executive session at 7:56 PM.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILMEMBER TO FILL VACANT SEAT

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved and Councilmember Hulcey seconded a motion to amend the agenda to take action and appoint an individual as Councilmember to fill vacated Position 1.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Curtis moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded a motion to appoint Kim Roscoe as the interim Councilmember for Position 1.

Councilmembers thanked Mr. Wilkins for stepping forward and expressed their appreciation for his desire to serve the City.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

RECESS

Council went into recess at 8:00 PM and reconvened at 8:10 PM.

SWEARING IN OF COUNCILMEMBER ROSCOE

Judge Ringus swore Kim Roscoe in as Councilmember to serve in Position 1.

Councilmember Roscoe took her seat at the dais, with Councilmembers expressing their congratulations.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approval of Payroll Vouchers: #49456 – 49482 in the amount of \$431,839.70**
- b. Approval of Claims Vouchers: #89401 – 89546 in the amount of \$1,000,475.10**

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved and Councilmember Dukes-Gethers seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Upon vote, motion carried with Councilmember Roscoe abstaining.

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

Parks Appreciation Day & Arbor Day Events Recap

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Reuter stated Parks Appreciation Day was held last Saturday with park cleanup by City staff, Park Board members and Councilmembers

and other community volunteers, including Karen Colburn and family along with the King Aquatics Club.

Reuter also acknowledged all the volunteers who helped with the Arbor Day celebration which was accomplished in a joint venture with the Public Works Department. Parks Maintenance Supervisor David Cantlin oversaw the planting of 500 willow cuttings at Wedge Park after noxious weeds were eliminated from the area.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL DELEGATE

The Mayor and Councilmembers reported about their activities including:

- Attendance at the Pierce County Regional Council's meeting;
- Testifying before the State House and Senate regarding SR 167;
- Attendance at the Chamber luncheon;
- Attendance at the Reserve Academy graduation ceremonies;
- Participation in the Parks & Recreation Day and Arbor Day activities; and
- Participation on the Voucher Review Committee.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 1833 – 1st Reading Sign Code Amendments – Phase 1

Community Development Director Osaki presented various examples of different size a-boards, explaining that staff recommends 12 square feet. If reader-boards are electronic, staff recommendation is that the display does not flash or blink, appear to move or be animated. The display shall not scroll or "travel" on the sign and shall be in only one direction. It shall remain static for a minimum of three (3) seconds and shall be turned off from 10:00 PM to 7:00 AM.

Osaki stated revisions were made to the draft ordinance since the public hearing in order to clarify certain areas, including that each business on a lot shall be allowed one a-board sign, and adds language about placement not damaging landscaping or in a place where people park or vehicles travel.

Councilmember Curtis moved and Councilmember Dukes-Gethers seconded a motion to pass Ordinance No. 1833 for first reading.

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded a motion to amend the ordinance to reduce the a-board sign size to 10.5 square feet.

Mayor Pro Tem Hull expressed his concern about proceeding cautiously to determine the impacts on businesses and the community. Councilmember Curtis stated that the Planning Department had reviewed the recommendation and questioned whether the small difference in size would make much of an impact. Councilmember Hulcey stated sign size was important to ensure visibility. Mayor Cerqui agreed with Councilmember Curtis's statements.

Upon vote the amending motion failed, with Mayor Pro Tem Hull and Councilmember Wolfrom voting yes, and Mayor Cerqui and Councilmembers Curtis, Dukes-Gethers, Hulcey and Wolfrom voting no.

Councilmember Curtis moved and Councilmember Dukes-Gethers seconded a motion to amend proposed Ordinance No. 1833 to include the following language in Section 9, Section 10 and Section 11 relating to standards for Residential Subdivision Readerboard signs: 7. Residential Subdivision Readerboard signs containing electronic messaging displays shall be subject to the following standards: a. The display shall not, or shall not appear to, flash, undulate, pulse, or portray explosions, fireworks, flashes of light, or blinking or chasing lights; the display shall not appear to move toward or away from the viewer, expand or contract, bounce, rotate, spin, twist or otherwise portray movement or animation as it comes onto, is displayed on, or leaves the sign board. b. Displays/messages shall either appear immediately on the electronic message sign or shall scroll/travel on to the sign. Displays/messages that scroll or travel onto the sign shall be allowed from one (1) direction only per display. Each display/message shall remain in a static state for at least three (3) seconds. c. Electronic displays shall either have a static display/message (single message that does not change) or the electronic messaging shall be turned off between the hours of 10:00 pm and 7:00 am.

Upon vote, motion carried with Mayor Cerqui and Councilmembers Curtis, Dukes-Gethers, Hulcey, Roscoe and Wolfrom voting yes, and Mayor Pro Tem Hull voting no.

Councilmember Curtis moved and Councilmember Roscoe seconded a motion to amend Section 12 of proposed Ordinance No. 1833 by: A) Inserting the phrase "(This means each business on a lot shall be allowed one A-Board Sign)" after the sentence, "One (1) A-Board sign per business per lot." in Item A; and, B) Inserting the phrase, "...or driveway/aisle. The placement of A-Board signs in parking area landscape islands is allowed provided that landscaping is not damaged or destroyed." at the end of Item F.

Mayor Pro Tem Hull stated he would be voting against the motion because he does not support the proposed size of the reader-boards.

Upon vote, motion carried with Mayor Cerqui and Councilmembers Curtis, Dukes-Gethers, Hulcey, Roscoe and Wolfrom voting yes, and Mayor Pro Tem Hull voting no.

Upon voting on the main motion as amended, motion carried with Mayor Cerqui and Councilmembers Curtis, Dukes-Gethers, Hulcey, Roscoe and Wolfrom voting yes, and Mayor Pro Tem Hull voting no.

NEW BUSINESS

Fife Memorial Fountain Plaque Selection

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Reuter reported the Park Board looked at the past practice of nominating and commemorating influential members of the Fife Community by placing a plaque on the Fife Memorial Fountain, and came up with an application criteria and process. After an application period which was open for several months, with advertising on the web site, through Fife Free Press and information at all City facilities, there were two nominations submitted. The Parks Board suggested five names be considered for next year's awards due to the small number of nominees presented this year.

Reuter reported Mayor Cerqui submitted both of the nominations and appeared before the Park Board to give a presentation in addition to the written form he submitted with the

nominations. The Park Board approved both nominations and forwarded them to Council for consideration.

Councilmember Roscoe proposed that for next year's nomination process a biography of each existing recipient be placed in the advertisement.

Mayor Cerqui stated Brenda Puaokalani worked for the City for many years, and Chief James Paulson served as Police Chief for 35 years, with the Community Justice Center named after him.

Councilmember Roscoe asked that the decision be deferred for one more meeting in order to educate herself on the names and criteria used for the existing individuals. Mayor Pro Tem Hull agreed and stated he was struggling with the criteria, and wanted to make sure the criteria for selecting individuals was uniform and consistent with what has been used in the past.

Councilmember Hulcey stated he would look at the past criteria and provide research to Council at a future meeting about the current recipients.

City Manager Evaluation

Mayor Cerqui presented a letter which will serve as the 2012 evaluation of City Manager Dave Zabell.

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded a motion to adopt the letter as the 2012 City Manager's Annual Performance Evaluation, thanking him for his service.

The Mayor and Councilmembers thanked City Manager Zabell for his service and expressed appreciation for his vision and leadership.

Upon vote, motion carried with Councilmember Roscoe abstaining.

Mayor Cerqui presented Zabell with a gift certificate and card as a token of Council's appreciation. Zabell reviewed the work accomplished over the past year and thanked Council for the opportunity to continue to lead the organization.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Zabell reported on:

- Receipt of the Well City Award from the Association of Washington Cities which ensures the continuation of a two (2) percent decrease in the City's health insurance premiums;
- The 47th Street project funded by a Community Development Block Grant to install storm drainage, sidewalks and a water main replacement went out for bids today;
- The Ashley Square Project on 62nd Street submitted an amended Planned Residential Development (PRD) which will be reviewed by the Planning Commission and then Council;
- A grading permit has been issued for Murray's on 70th Street for office building improvements;
- The Pierce County Library System was awarded a national medal for their museum and library services – the first of its kind to be issued in the State; and

- The City of Fife was mentioned recently in the Wall Street Journal in an article about the contractor the City is using for its community center work.

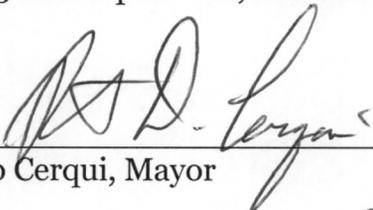
COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmembers commented on:

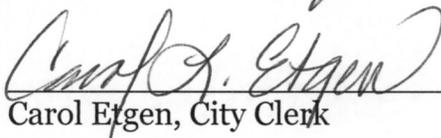
- A new South Sound magazine named Pick Quick as one of the best burger restaurants in the area;
- Expressed appreciation for Councilmember Roscoe for joining the Council; and
- Asked about signage on 54th and 62nd on Pacific Highway for the Milgard Nature.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Hulcey moved and Councilmember Curtis seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:55 PM. Upon vote, motion carried.



Rob Cerqui, Mayor



Carol Etgen, City Clerk