

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; Assistant City Attorney Amann 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 March 12, 2013, March 19, 2013, March 26, 2013 and April 2, 2013
- b) Approval of Payroll Vouchers as reviewed by the Voucher Committee: #49416 - 49455 in the amount of \$639,912.85
- c) Approval of Claims Vouchers as reviewed by the Voucher Committee: #89259 - 89400 in the amount of \$452,628.69

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

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

Easter Egg Hunt Events Recap

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Reuter introduced staff member Shelby Borden who discussed the teen and children's Egg Hunts of March 29th and 30th. The Lions Club, residents of Mill Ridge Village, GNTI and Wal-Mart were all instrumental in the event and thanked for their participation.

Parks, Recreation and Community Service Board Member Recognition

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Reuter recognized three long-term Parks Board members including Chris Hoffman-Fagundes, Chuck McDonald and Pat Coddington and thanked them for their time and commitment. Chris Hoffman-Fagundes and Pat Coddington were present and spoke briefly, and were also thanked by councilmembers for their service.

Proclamation – 2013 Parks Appreciation Day

Mayor Cerqui read a proclamation into the record declaring April 20th as Parks Appreciation Day.

Proclamation – 2013 Arbor Day

Mayor Cerqui read a proclamation into the record declaring April 20th as Arbor Day.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL DELEGATE

The Mayor and Councilmembers provided reports about:

- Plans for decorating the Daffodil Float;
- An update about the Lodging Tax Bill;
- Extension of the Pierce Transit CEO's contract and a new classification and compensation schedule for Transit's non-represented employees;
- Attendance at the Parks Board meeting;
- Attendance at the RAMP meeting and a discussion about the expansion of Tacoma's Link Light Rail System;
- Attendance at the Pierce County Mayors' meeting; and
- Attendance at the South Sound 9-1-1 meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Sign Code Amendments – Phase 1

Planning Director Osaki presented the proposed Sign Code amendments and explained they are part of a two-phase process. The amendments are written to expand opportunities for signage and clarify the process. The proposed amendments have been reviewed by the Planning Commission and reflect their recommendations. Correspondence was received and is included in the Council's packet from Brown and Haley speaking to the proposal.

Osaki stated the definition of a "sign" is fairly broad and pertains to any communication device that aids in selling or promoting products, a business, or events. The amendments being considered in this phase are for temporary signs, political signs, murals and residential reader-board signs.

Current regulations which exclude the use of an a-board except as a temporary sign. The proposed changes allow for a-board usage in the industrial zones, as a pilot project to see if it would work in other areas in the City. The proposal is for a sign no larger than 48 inches tall by 36 inches wide, or 12 square feet per side. Placement would be anywhere the business is located within the zone, which would address concerns about buildings which contain multiple businesses. A-boards have to be placed on the ground and need to be taken down upon close of the business and not allowed in the right-of-way or public parking.

Changes to the temporary sign section of the Code would provide for flexibility for the duration of display, the number of times and sign type for grand openings, out-of-business or annual corporate events. Currently three temporary sign permits are allowed for a total of up to 45 days per year and include an allowance for up to two banners and one a-board. The proposed changes are to allow for up to 60 days four times a year with a combination of banners and boards not to exceed three, total.

Current regulations for political signs allow for one sign per candidate per property. Proposed changes would allow for one sign per street frontage.

There are no changes proposed to the mural requirements.

Currently residential reader-board signs are not allowed. Proposed changes would allow for a sign with interchangeable letters which is up to six feet tall and 32 square feet which rests on the ground, not on a flagpole or lawn, with a minimum setback of 10 feet from all property lines. One additional sign may be placed in one-half mile or more. Allowed messages would include subdivision member communications but not commercial messages. Electronic signs would be allowed and Code can be written to restrict the type of electronic messages used.

Councilmembers requested a-board sign alternative sizes be reviewed for discussion at the next meeting, and that notification be provided to businesses about the Code changes, once passed.

Mayor Cerqui opened the public hearing at 8:12 PM.

Winston Marsh, resident, expressed support of the revisions to the Code allowing for reader-boards in subdivisions. He expressed support of electric reader-boards.

Stelian Paraschiv of GNTI stated he would like to see 120 days allowed for the temporary sign permits.

Mayor Cerqui closed the public hearing at 8:16 PM.

The ordinance will come back to Council for first reading at a future meeting.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 1832 – Passage Gambling Premises Moratorium Extension

Councilmember Dukes-Gethers moved and Councilmember Hulcey seconded a motion to pass Ordinance No. 1832.

Planning Director Osaki noted the request is for an additional extension of six months to allow the City to review the impacts on City Center planning currently underway. The extension of the moratorium would go through October 23, 2013.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1544 Acceptance and Closeout of 62nd Ave E/20th Street E Crosswalk/Sheffield Trail Extension

City Engineer Ken Gill presented Resolution No. 1544 to Council, stating the construction of Sheffield Trail was funded in 2012's budget through the Street Construction fund and included a marked and flashing sidewalk crossing funded out of the Public Safety Fund.

Councilmembers expressed their appreciation for the completion of the project and safety enhancements for pedestrians created by the crossing.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Appointment Process

City Manager Zabell asked Council for direction regarding the interview process for the two candidates who applied for the vacant Council seat, stating it must be filled by May 20th.

Councilmember Curtis moved and Mayor Pro Tem Hull seconded a motion to hold a special meeting on May 20th to make the Council appointment and hold the interviews between now and then.

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

Councilmember Dukes-Gethers moved and Councilmember Curtis seconded a motion to schedule interviews on April 23rd.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Public Works Director Blount discussed the 70th Street construction project and record-setting rainfall occurring over the weekend. The contractor is working diligently to fill potholes and clean the streets of water and debris. A change order for the project has been approved to repair the liner of a pump station. Blount also reported on his attendance at the Pierce County Flood Control Advisory Committee meeting.

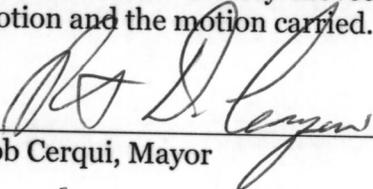
City Manager Zabell discussed the legislative session work, including the lodging tax bill, streamlined sales tax, the Governor's budget and SR 167.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

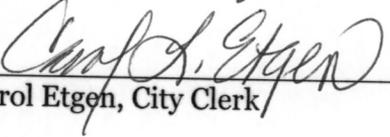
Councilmembers reported on a Parachute Drop put on by Rangers from Joint Base Lewis-McChord; thanked staff and volunteers for the Easter Egg Hunts and volunteers for their service on the Park Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Hulcey moved for an adjournment at 9:10 PM. Mayor Pro Tem Hull seconded the motion and the motion carried.



Rob Cerqui, Mayor



Carol Etgen, City Clerk