

FIFE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2013

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, Council Members Curtis, Hulcey, Dukes-Gethers, Roscoe, and Wolfrom.

Staff Present: Finance Director DeGroot, Public Works Director Blount, Municipal Court Judge Ringus, Community Development Director Osaki, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Reuter, City Manager Zabell, City Attorney Combs, and Administrative Assistant Merlino.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Hulcey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHANGES, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

Consensus was received from Council to move the following agenda item to the end of presentations:

- Item 6c – First Quarter 2013 Financial Status report

Citizens comments

Gordon Ericksen, resident of Federal Way, expressed a concern with how a police incident on Thursday, May 23, 2013 was handled. Mr. Ericksen stated a Fife Lieutenant informed him they were following protocol, and he asked Council what the protocol was. Claire Ericksen, a Federal Way resident, also expressed concern about the event.

Sherry Axson, resident of Enumclaw, requested the City help citizens and community leaders understand mental illness by partnering with the County and other mental health providers to host educational forums in the community.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approval of Payroll Vouchers as reviewed by the Voucher Committee: #49524 - 49556 in the amount of \$440,589.57
- b. Approval of Claims Vouchers as reviewed by the Voucher Committee: #89707 – 89815 in the amount of \$1,007,696.04

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

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

Presentation – Fife High School Spring Sports & Community Service Recognition

Judge Ringus introduced and publicly acknowledged the accomplishments of those athletes participating in Spring sports as well as those students that have donated their time and effort throughout the year in service to the community.

Mayor Cerqui and Council recognized the athletes and coaches and congratulated them on their season.

Presentation – Honoring Fife High School – Future Business Leaders of Fife

Mayor Cerqui and Council congratulated Fife High School advisor, Laura Hilzendegeer, and Fife High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) who received special recognition for their outstanding achievement at the Washington State FBLA Conference in Spokane.

Presentation – Excellence in Public Service Awards

City Manager Zabell provided a brief update on the Public Service Award Program which serves to recognize community members and employees who have made significant contributions to the community and the City.

The Excellence in Public Service Award was presented to seven community members who sit on the Fife Public Art Commission: Gaven Cole, Anette Cree, Kendra Danielson, Jeanne Howe, Stelian Paraschiv, Mizu Sugimura, and Danielle Twichel. The Mayor and Council congratulated them on their great service to the community.

The recipient of the Excellence in Public Service Employee Award was presented to Carla Mathis, Senior Accounting Assistant in the Finance Department. The Mayor and Council congratulated Carla on her continual outstanding service to the employees of Fife.

Presentation – Puget Sound Regional Council – Growing Transit Communities

Michael Hubner, Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Senior Planner, provided an update on “The Growing Transit Communities Strategy” project. This project is an integral part of the City’s Center planning. Mr. Hubner acknowledged the project has three main goals:

- Attract more of the region’s residential and employment growth;
- Provide housing choices affordable to a full range of incomes; and
- Increase access to opportunity (e.g. education and other factors that help individuals succeed) for existing and future residents.

Mr. Hubner stated the public comment period ends on June 7, 2013, after which the City Council may want to adopt a non-binding resolution which outlines their recommendations.

Presentation – First Quarter 2013 Financial Status Report

Finance Director DeGroot reported on the financial status of the first quarter of 2013. DeGroot commented the first quarter of the City’s 2013-2014 Biennial Budget is largely consistent with expectations. Economic trends at the local, state and national levels continue to moving in a positive direction. Mr. DeGroot’s first quarter highlights included an update on:

- General fund revenues
 - Property Taxes
 - Sales Taxes
 - Utility Taxes
 - Building Related Permits
 - Other Revenues – Non-Paring Traffic Infractions
 - Expenditures
- Detention Services Fund
- Public Safety Fund
- Stadium and Convention Center Fund
- Growth Management Fund
- Utilities
- Cash and Investments

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL DELEGATE

Mayor Pro Tem Hull reported on his attendance at the Pierce County Regional Council meeting and the Pierce County Transit meeting. Councilmember Dukes-Gethers attended the first Police Department Meet and Greet with the Saddle Creek residents and also attended the Port of Tacoma Breakfast with City Manager Zabell. Councilmember Hulcey attended the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meeting with Mayor Cerqui and Mayor Pro Tem Hull. Mayor Cerqui attended the Spring Lodging Tax Advisory Meeting, as well as the South Sound 9-1-1 meeting.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 1834

Amending FMC Sections 1.28.070 and 1.28.075 regarding Sale of Surplus Personal Property

Councilmember Hulcey moved and Councilmember Dukes-Gethers seconded a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1834.

Councilmember Curtis moved to amend the original motion and Councilmember Roscoe seconded the motion to delete the following sentence and replace it as follows:

~~The city manager shall provide the city council with quarterly reports describing all personal property with an estimated value between \$2,000 and \$10,000 that is surplus by the city manager under this section during the quarter, the method of disposition, and the consideration received.~~

The City Manager shall include in his annual budget report to the City Council a list of all surplus property that was sold with a value of at least \$5,000 and of all vehicles sold from the City's fleet, regardless of value.

Upon vote, the amendment carried unanimously.

Upon vote the motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 1836

Adoption of 2012 State Building Codes

Councilmember Hulcey moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1836 for first reading.

Perry Fegley, Acting Building Official/Fire Marshal, presented a brief overview of the proposed changes.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1550

Authorizing the City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Agreement relating to the financing of capital assets for South Sound 9-1-1

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved and Councilmember Roscoe seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1550.

City Manager Zabell reported the City of Fife is one of five agencies that is currently in the process of moving forward with the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement relating to the financing of capital assets for South Sound 9-1-1. City Manager Zabell advised the City's initial Member Agency share is 6.21% of the 100% of the total amount of capital improvements.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 1551

Appointment of AWC Voting Delegates

Council Member Roscoe moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1551 by designating Councilmembers Curtis, Hulcey and Mayor Pro Tem Hull as AWC voting delegates.

Councilmember Roscoe amended the motion designating City Manager Zabell and Mayor Cerqui as alternate voting delegates. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon vote the motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 1552

Opposing Pierce Transit's Service Reduction Plan for Routes 501 and 402, and proposing an alternative Route for consideration by Pierce Transit.

Councilmember Dukes-Gethers moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1552.

David Osaki, Community Development Director, presented a brief overview of Pierce Transit's Service Reduction Plan for Routes 501 and 402 and further discussed an alternative route as proposed by the City of Fife, City of Milton and City of Edgewood.

Mayor Pro Tem Hull also stated that the proposed alternative route identifies a solution and provides for a potential increase in ridership with the circular route.

Upon vote, motion carried with 6 affirmative votes and one abstention. Mayor Pro Tem Hull abstained from voting, due to a conflict of interest. Mayor Pro Tem Hull is a member of the Pierce Transit Board.

Resolution No. 1553

In strong support of a 2013 State Transportation Investment Package

Councilmember Roscoe moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1553.

City Manager Zabell commented the Legislature is now in Special Session and debating a comprehensive transportation investment package as captured by SHB 1954, SHB 1955 and related bills. The package provides for critical funding for key highway corridor projects throughout the state, including the State Route 167/State Route 509 "Puget Sound Gateway" project which completes strategic corridors that connect Ports of Tacoma and Seattle.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Softball Tournament Contract Amendment

City Manager Zabell reported due to the changes with the Fife Milton Edgewood Chamber of Commerce, it is proposed that the \$20,000 allocated to the Chamber for execution of the 53rd Annual Seattle Invitational be reallocated to the former tournament manager, Mike Rabin. This proposal has the recommendation of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, who considered this issue at their May 22, 2013 meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved and Councilmember Roscoe seconded the motion to reallocate up to \$20,000 from the Fife Milton Edgewood Chamber of Commerce to the tournament manager, Mike Rabin.

Motion passed unanimously

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Zabell reported on:

- Capital improvements on the 70th Avenue Project;
- Repaving project by the City of Tacoma on the access loops connecting Pacific Highway East to Milwaukee Way;
- Pierce County Community Development authorized the 47th Avenue sidewalk project to Scotty's General Construction;
- The power-actuated door opener is now in service for handicapped users at the front door of City Hall;
- Event Reminder – Transportation Plan Update/City Center Plan open house – June 6th from 4pm to 7 pm; and
- Event Reminder – The Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run is Friday, May 31st.

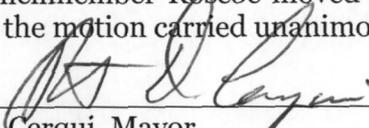
City Manager Zabell commented on the statements made during the Citizens Comments portion of the meeting received earlier this evening, stating the incident is still an active investigation and the City cannot respond to any questions at this time. Zabell asked the citizens to reserve judgment until the investigation is complete.

Council Members Comments

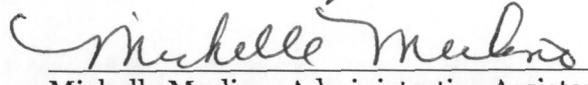
Councilmember Hulcey commented he will be in the Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch run this Friday. He also questioned what other entities will assist the City of Fife with future road improvement required in lieu of developing SR 167.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Roscoe moved for an adjournment at 10:12 pm. Councilmember Wolfrom seconded and the motion carried unanimously.



Rob Cerqui, Mayor



Michelle Merlino, Administrative Assistant