

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 6:00 PM an Executive Session was convened at 6:00 PM for the purpose of discussing Potential Litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), Personnel per RCW 42.30.110(g) and Collective Bargaining, and was extended for ten minutes at 7:00 PM. The Executive Session ended at 7:10 PM.

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

Mayor Cerqui called the Regular Meeting of the Fife City Council to order at 7:14 PM.

**Present:** Mayor Cerqui, Mayor Pro Tem Hull, Councilmembers Roscoe, 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 (PRCS) Director Reuter, Chief of Police Blackburn, City Attorney Combs and City Clerk Etgen.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Curtis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CHANGES, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS**

With Council concurrence, Mayor Cerqui moved the order of the Tacoma Regional Convention & Visitors Bureau presentation from the last presentation to the second presentation.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Michael Wilkins, Fife resident, stated he sits on the Transportation Committee for Sound Transit and that the free ride zone from Link Light Transit will end in March, 2014, due to budget restrictions.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Approval of Minutes of July 9, 2013
- b. Approval of Payroll Vouchers as reviewed by the Voucher Committee: #49688 - 49725 in the amount of \$650,032.96
- c. Approval of Claims Vouchers as reviewed by the Voucher Committee: #90226 - 90376 in the amount of \$2,108,453.47

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

## **PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS**

### **Presentation – Washington State 2013 Legislative Wrap**

Senator Dammeier and Representatives Morrell and Zeiger addressed Council. Senator Dammeier noted that there was unprecedented bipartisan support of the final operating budget. Preservation of the flexibility in spending of Lodging Tax funds was passed and the streamlined sales tax mitigation was maintained. The Telecommunication Parity Act was moved forward. Half of the revenue from liquor taxes was retained for cities, and it is hoped with the strong support for moving the SR167 project forward that it will return to the floor in the future.

Representative Morrell stated Medicaid has been expanded and the Driving While Under the Influence (DUI) bill was passed. New rules regarding mental health care will help keep mentally ill individuals off the streets. Fife's Council and Mayor's presence in Olympia in support of issues was appreciated.

Representative Zeiger also expressed appreciation for everyone's advocacy on a variety of issues, specifically thanking Mayor Cerqui, Mayor Pro Tem Hull and Councilmember Hulcey for their participation over the year. He stated a change in taxes on trade-in vehicles would have been devastating to the car industry if it had passed and stated SR167 should be the #1 economic development project for the State.

Council thanked the Senator and Representatives for their work over the year.

Doug Levee, the City's State lobbyist, reported all three of the district's representatives worked as a team for the City. He also touched on the Lodging Tax legislation, the Streamlined State Sales Tax initiative and the Marketplace Fairness Act, along with the new DUI law, and new bills on vehicle prowls, sexual offenders and mental health.

### **Presentation – Update from Tacoma Regional Convention & Visitors Bureau (TRCVB)**

Bennish Brown introduced TRCVB Board Members Shelly Schlumpf and Monique Trudnowski who discussed their work over the past year, and thanked Council for their support. Councilmembers also thanked them for their service and advocacy for the City.

### **Presentation – Law Enforcement Torch Run® (LETR) for Special Olympics 2013**

Lisa Duszynski, Police Specialist, gave an overview of the Torch Run and introduced Drew Gibbons-Lehmann, a Special Olympics participant and Bronze Medal winner.

### **Presentation – National Night Out Against Crime 2013**

Lisa Duszynski, Police Specialist, stated this year's National Night Out celebration will be held on August 6<sup>th</sup> at Five Acre Park in Radiance from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM. The celebration is to promote community awareness and partnerships.

### **Presentation – 70th Avenue East Ribbon Cutting for Widening and Improvement-Valley to I-5**

Public Works Director Blount reported the Ribbon Cutting ceremony was well-attended by Councilmembers, the Legislative Delegation and other funding partners. All refreshments were provided by businesses impacted by the 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue East project.

## **Presentation – Second Quarter 2013 Financial Status Report Presentation**

Finance Director DeGroot reported:

- General Fund second quarter sales tax revenue collections are higher than last year and are tracking well compared to the adopted budget. Cable TV utility tax revenues are less than expected and are being reviewed with the utility providers. Non-parking traffic fines are less than expected. Building related permit revenue is higher than expected for the second consecutive quarter.
- Status of the Detention Services Fund is to be reported separately. No General Fund transfers out (subsidy) for detention services have been made so far this year.
- Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) collections are outperforming both last year and the 2013 financial plan.
- Other funds are performing generally as expected.

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

Councilmember Hulcey reported on attendance at the Rainier Communications Commission meeting, the Edgewood Community Picnic, and an ASA function. Councilmember Dukes-Gethers reported on attendance at the Fife Chamber luncheon. Mayor Cerqui and Councilmember Hulcey attended the unveiling of the sculpture at the Museum. Mayor Cerqui and Councilmembers Dukes-Gethers and Hulcey attended the 70<sup>th</sup> Street Ribbon Cutting.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### **2014-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Public Works Director Blount presented the annual update to the 2014-2019 TIP project list, which includes over 40 projects tied to Council goals for community connectivity and community building.

Don Samdahl of Fehr and Peers and Michael Lapham of KPG introduced the TIP, stating it is consistent and based on work done over the past few months to develop a transportation plan which is in the process of being finalized. The projects in the TIP meet the long range vision of the City and the 44 projects are put in priority as part of a six-year program. They reviewed the top 10 projects beginning with #1.

1. POT Road Interchange Modification-Phase 1 - I-5 SB and 34<sup>th</sup> Ave E - Relocate I-5 SB exit ramp to connect to Pacific Highway at 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue and reconstruct 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 12<sup>th</sup> Street to a 3 lane roadway.
2. Pacific Highway E/54<sup>th</sup> Avenue E Intersection Improvements - Construct 2<sup>nd</sup> westbound left-turn lane and other intersection improvements.
3. Pacific Highway E Non-Motorized Improvements from 54<sup>th</sup> Ave E to 65<sup>th</sup> Ave E - Reconstruct north side of Pacific Highway E to include curbs, gutters, sidewalks, bike lanes, and drainage improvements.
4. 20<sup>th</sup> Street E Reconstruction - 50<sup>th</sup> to 59<sup>th</sup> - Reconstruct section of 20<sup>th</sup> Street E to a 5-lane roadway with curbs, gutters, sidewalks, bike lanes and drainage improvements.
5. 20<sup>th</sup> Street E Reconstruction - 59<sup>th</sup> to 70<sup>th</sup> - Reconstruct and widen 3-lane roadway with curbs, gutters, sidewalks, bike lanes and drainage improvements. Construct new signal at 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue E.

6. 54th Avenue E Interchange with I-5 - Rebuild I-5 interchange and intersections between Pacific Hwy and 20th St E.
7. Valley Avenue E Reconstruction - 54th to Brookville Gardens - Reconstruct and widen 3-lane roadway and construct two roundabout intersections at 58th Avenue E and 62nd Avenue E.
8. 54th Avenue East: Grade Separation - Construct a grade separation structure that would reconnect the street.
9. Port Of Tacoma Road Interchange Modification - Phase 2 - Relocation of new exit ramp connecting I-5 SB to Port of Tacoma.
10. POT Road Interchange Modification - Phase 3 - Reconstruct NB I5 exit and entrance ramp connectors with Port of Tacoma Rd, 20th St E, and 34th Ave E and two signal installations.

Mr. Lapham reported they studied a request to install a traffic signal at 54<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>; current volumes do not warrant a signal at the intersection. Other alternatives are being reviewed. Mr. Blount stated a light at the intersection would cost approximately \$500,000.

Mayor Cerqui opened the public hearing at 8:49 PM.

The following individuals spoke in favor of opening the 54<sup>th</sup> Street railroad crossing: Spence Braden, Stephen Kallberg, Richard Albright, Regas Sages, Denise Webb, Mark Laden, Dave Bock, Susie Valehose, Gena Ready and Bobbi Davies.

Speaking against the opening of the 54<sup>th</sup> Street railroad crossing were: Rick Strackey, Doug Moeller, Connie Cook and Josie Moeller.

Speaking about the issue were: Carol Sue Braaten, Adam Spencer and Glen Hare.

Issues addressed were:

- Emergency exit access
- Ability to get out of David Court
- Safety for Children
- Semi-trucks going through neighborhoods
- Increased Levy Road traffic
- Increased bridge traffic
- Importance for children to be able to walk to school for exercise
- A promise by realtors that the crossing would be opened in the future
- Emergency service access for residents
- Need for SR167 to be addressed first
- Commuters using Fife as a thoroughfare
- New development will worsen the problem

Letters from the Puyallup Tribe, the Fife School District and the Radiance Home Owners Association will all be part of the record.

The public hearing was closed to further testimony at 9:22 PM.

Mayor Cerqui stated Council would take action on the TIP at the meeting of August 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **ORDINANCES**

#### **Ordinance No. 1839 – 1st Reading**

#### **Tree Commission Membership Reduction**

Councilmember Wolfrom moved and Councilmember Hulcey seconded a motion to pass Ordinance No. 1839 for first reading, and place on the next meeting's consent agenda for passage.

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Reuter stated over the course of the last several years it has been a challenge to obtain a quorum at meetings with a seven-member Commission. The request before Council is to reduce the number to five members, which will reduce the quorum to three, which should be easier to obtain.

Carol Sue Braaten expressed her support for the proposal.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Zabell reported:

1. 70th - Ribbon cutting marked substantial completion, but construction speed limit of 25 mph is still in effect as the contractor adjusts castings and completes other minor work.
2. 54th Avenue Overlay - is "on the street" for bid.
3. 47th Avenue - water services are being connected, paving will be next!
4. Pierce Transit - met last week with the cities of Fife, Milton, Edgewood and Puyallup officials to talk about the circulator bus route concept that has been advanced by Milton, Edgewood and Fife.
5. Movie in the Park - First of 2 Movie in the Park Events on Saturday, 7/20/13, at Dacca Park. The event was well attended with over 200 people enjoying the animated feature "Brave." Our next Movie in the Park will be held on Saturday, August 17th and will feature the Movie "Rise of the Guardians".
6. Brown and Haley Milestone - It was announced this week that the first bottle of ALMOND ROCA® Cream Wine was available in the Brown & Haley ROCA® Outlet in Fife, WA.
7. Municipal Court Judge Kevin G. Ringus has been appointed co-chair of the state Board for Judicial Administration (BJA), a representative body of judges that provides a voice for the courts and develops policies to enhance the administration of justice in Washington.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

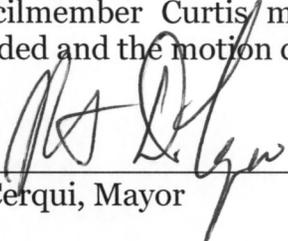
Councilmembers thanked the public for coming to the meeting; expressed appreciation for the 70<sup>th</sup> Street Ribbon Cutting ceremony, the sculpture in Dacca Park and the Movies in the Park; and congratulated Judge Ringus.

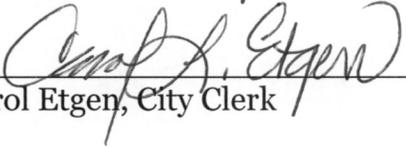
**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Carol Sue Braaten thanked Council for addressing the Tip and stated information should be obtained from the Port regarding the number of boats and trucks using their facility.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Curtis moved for an adjournment at 9:53 PM. Councilmember Hulcey seconded and the motion carried.

  
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Rob Cerqui, Mayor

  
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Carol Etgen, City Clerk