

**FIFE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**July 9, 2013**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was held from 6:00 PM to 7:08 PM in the Council conference room for the purpose of Potential Litigation per RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i) and Personnel per RCW 42.30.110(g). 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 7:10 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 Dukes-Gethers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CHANGES, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS**

Mayor Cerqui moved the Fife Farmers Market Update to the second presentation on the agenda with Council consent.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Approval of Minutes June 11, 2013, June 18, 2013, and June 25, 2013
- b. Approval of Payroll Vouchers as reviewed by the Voucher Committee: #49640-49687 in the amount of \$650,032.96
- c. Approval of Claims Vouchers as reviewed by the Voucher Committee: #90095 - 90225 in the amount of \$1,387,912.42

Councilmember Curtis moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilmember Roscoe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS**

**Presentation – Fife Family Affair Car Show**

PRCS Director Reuter reported on the Fife Family Affair Car Show held on June 30<sup>th</sup> at Dacca Park. Over 220 vehicles participated with approximately 500 people in attendance. Words of appreciation were spoken for Walt Kaplan and his wife, Joan, along with other family members, who continue to dedicate their time and resources to making this a wonderful event for the City.

### **Presentation – Fife Farmers Market Update**

Economic Development Specialist Potter provided a report on the first Fife Farmers Market kick-off on June 26<sup>th</sup>. An estimated 250 attendees enjoyed live music, kid's activities, local vendors and fresh produce. Local reporters were there and reported on the event. More vendors will be added as time goes by.

### **Presentation – Regional Sports Complex Preliminary Feasibility Study**

Community Development Director Osaki presented the Pre-Feasibility Study to Council. Osaki provided background information about the Study, noting that the selected contractor, SportsPlex USA, addressed Council regarding their preliminary findings at the April 16<sup>th</sup> Study Session. They visited 12 market areas to evaluate existing competitive facilities and identified potential concerns. Amenities offered by other sites were reviewed, and a stakeholders meeting was held. Regional and national tournament promoters were also contacted to determine if it was reasonable to expect bookings if a facility were built in this community.

Conclusions indicated a strong support in the community and a strong need for tournament quality facilities in the Seattle-Tacoma market with an adequate population to support a facility. Sufficient freeway and airport accessibility are available. A shortage of mid and high-range hotels was found in Fife. Synthetic turf was recommended due to rainfall to maximize a facility's usage. A further comprehensive review will provide a detailed marketing plan, an assessment for potential uses and alternative site details, estimated economic and fiscal impacts, projected construction costs and project timelines.

Staff requested direction on whether to submit a proposal for a full Feasibility Study from the 2013-2014 Lodging Tax Funds, which is due on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Council expressed concerns regarding the number of rain-out days and whether there were other facilities in the planning stages in the local area. The cost of the Preliminary Study will be deducted from the full Feasibility Study price.

There was a brief discussion on the changes made via legislation this year and Council's ability to modify funding recommendations from the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

Council concurred to move forward with staff preparing a Lodging Tax Fund application for funding for a full Feasibility Study. Councilmember Hulcey expressed his objection about the high cost of the project, the need for Council to evaluate the best use of City-owned property, public safety concerns and paying for another study.

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

Councilmembers reported on their attendance at the Association of Washington Cities Conference in Kennewick, Washington, attendance at and updates about the Pierce Transit Board meeting, attendance at the Car Show, Farmers Market and Multi-Care Community Leaders Breakfast.

### **ORDINANCES**

#### **Ordinance No. 1838**

#### **Medical Marijuana Collective Garden Extension - Passage**

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved and Councilmember Dukes-Gethers seconded a motion to pass Ordinance No. 1838.

Community Development Director Osaki noted the passing of this ordinance would extend the medical marijuana collective gardens moratorium through January 24, 2014. The additional time will be used to evaluate land uses as impacted by the passage of I-502.

Councilmember Hulcey suggested visiting of the Liquor Control website to learn more about the proposed draft rules; the State of Washington is visiting uncharted territory with the passage of this initiative. Mayor Cerqui noted the matter is part of the Planning Commission's work plan, and they will be moving forward a recommendation to Council.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **Resolution No. 1556**

#### **Credit Card Use by Officials and Employees**

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1556.

Finance Director DeGroot presented the proposed resolution adopting a policy for City officials and staff use of credit cards, stating the policy will bring the City in line with State guidelines.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Zabell reported on:

- State Auditor will be here this week for the annual audit for 2012;
- Milroy Bridge - meeting set with Pierce County on July 31;
- 70th Ave - Ribbon cutting scheduled for July 19 at 10 AM;
- 70th Ave - lane closures in the vicinity of 45th Street East;
- 47th Ave underground work nearing completion with sidewalks to follow;
- 54th Ave Pavement Preservation - bid preparation and associated water main extension and resurfacing of 4th St from 54th Ave;
- Port of Tacoma Road Interchange - grant funding "obligated" and available to fund design efforts;
- 54th Avenue Interchange Justification Report meeting with WSDOT and FHWA;
- Fife Swim Center will be closed from July 10th - July 14th to replace the water heater and sand filter; and
- Transit Alternatives meeting scheduled for next week of representatives from Fife, Milton, Edgewood and Puyallup with Pierce Transit.

### **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

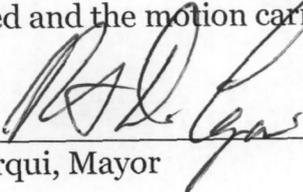
Councilmember Wolfrom expressed displeasure with Pierce Transit closing down routes in Fife and Milton and yet starting up a new project in Gig Harbor. Councilmember Hulcey requested businesses and residents receive up-to-date communication about the construction on 70<sup>th</sup>,

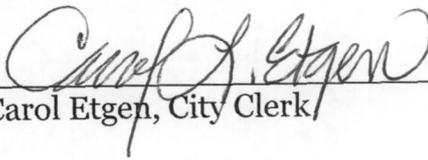
and that consideration is made for residents on 4<sup>th</sup> to ensure they are not isolated. Public Works Director Blount stated the issue will be discussed at the Council Study Session next week when the transportation plan is reviewed.

Councilmembers also expressed their appreciation of the hard work done by Mayor Pro Tem Hull and Fife's State representatives in Olympia this year on Fife's behalf; for the new signage at the crosswalk by the Library; and staff's efforts to resolve a light outage for a local neighborhood.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Hulcey moved for adjournment at 8:30 PM. Councilmember Wolfrom seconded and the motion carried.

  
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Rob Cerqui, Mayor

  
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Carol Etgen, City Clerk