

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:00 PM an Executive Session was convened for the purpose of discussing Potential Litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), and Real Estate per RCW 42.30.110(1)(B) until 6:35 PM.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Cerqui called the Regular Meeting of the Fife City Council to order at 7:04 PM.

Present: Mayor Cerqui, Mayor Pro Tem Hull, Councilmembers Roscoe, Hulcey, Dukes-Gethers and Wolfrom.

Absent: Excused - Councilmember Curtis.

Staff Present: City Manager Zabell; Finance Director DeGroot; Public Works Director Blount; Community Development Director Osaki; Chief of Police Blackburn; Assistant City Attorney Amann, and City Clerk Etgen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Roscoe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Carol Sue Braatan, resident, reported flood insurance rates are due to go up nationwide. She expressed concern over locations in the City which flood during storms which she feels need to be addressed. She stated developers have not provided adequate escape routes for flood emergencies.

Staff will look into the rate increase and report back to Council. Information regarding water storage capacity in the City will be provided to the Council in a future presentation.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approval of Minutes of August 13, 2013 and August 20, 2013
- b. Approval of Payroll Vouchers as reviewed by the Voucher Committee: #49776 - 49811 in the amount of \$482,652.07
- c. Approval of Claims Vouchers as reviewed by the Voucher Committee: #90570 - 90710 in the amount of \$410,836.98

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

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

Movie in the Park Program Recap

Julie Ryan provided an overview of the July 20th and August 17th Movies in the Park events. The City paid \$350 for the year's services which were coordinated by "Click." An estimated 250 to 300 people attended the events.

Stormwater Comprehensive Plan Update

Public Works Director Blount reviewed the Plan, stating more detail will be provided at the September 14th Retreat about the projects and impacts on future rates. He noted the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) is looking at nationwide rate increases as a result of recent storms around the Country. Blount stated the City's development has been monitored by City staff for appropriate stormwater management.

Blount reviewed capital projects and the schedule related to stormwater along with information pertaining to State grants which have fully or partially funded the projects. Approximately half of the projects are related to pump stations; the City is protected by pumping water out to the saltwater.

Blount pointed out that Brookville Park should be partially funded from the stormwater utility and rates may be doubled. With the rates being raised incrementally over the next eight years Fife will still be at the low end of comparable cities in rates.

Councilmember Hulcey expressed concern about the condition of the Erdahl Ditch Pump Station which he visited with a staff member. He stated it needs to be fixed; the tide gate appears to be stuck.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL DELEGATE

The Mayor and Councilmembers reported on attendance at the Chamber After Hours event, the Pierce Transit Board meeting, the Lodging Tax Committee meeting and an all-class reunion.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance No. 1841 - Moratorium – Marijuana Land Uses

Community Development Director Osaki stated the purpose of the public hearing is to take testimony on Ordinance No. 1841 which was passed at Council's last regular meeting. The ordinance established a one-year moratorium on the establishment, location, permitting, licensing or operation of medical marijuana collective gardens and marijuana production, processing and retailing.

Initiative 502 was passed in November of 2012 and authorized the State to license producers, processors and retailers of recreational marijuana for adults 21 years of age and older. The time will allow the City to evaluate land use impacts associated with issues including marijuana, including crime, lighting and juvenile impacts. Conflicting State and Federal laws need to be addressed and the Planning Commission needs time to evaluate the zoning impacts and make a recommendation to the City Council.

In response to a question from Mayor Cerqui, Osaki stated the process could take a full year, depending on what the Planning Commission recommendations are; if use is allowed, it would

take time to evaluate, produce mapping and review joint uses and zoning issues. The moratorium could be ended sooner if progress is made more quickly.

Mayor Cerqui opened the public hearing at 7:49 PM.

Carol Sue Braatan testified she agreed with extending the moratorium. She stated marijuana had been on the noxious weed list for years and the Noxious Weed Board was supposed to provide enforcement but it was turned over to police departments. Braatan reported there are significant issues that go along with marijuana production and she questioned the limited electrical resources it would take for production.

With no one else coming forward to testify, Mayor Cerqui closed the public hearing at 7:51 PM.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 1842

Amending Ordinance 944 to Extend Sprint's Non-Exclusive License to Place Fiber-Optic Cable in the City Right of Way to November 7, 2013

Councilmember Roscoe moved to waive first reading and pass Ordinance No. 944. Councilmember Dukes Gethers seconded the motion.

Assistant City Attorney Amann reported he is close to finalizing the new agreement but needs more time to do so, and is asking for an additional 60-day extension.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1560

Design Contract with KPG for Pacific Highway/SR99 – Pedestrian Improvement Project, with Second Left Turn Lane & Arterial Utility Conversion

Councilmember Roscoe moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1560.

Public Works Director Blount advised that this project is the result of a competitive grant award in the amount of \$1,660,000 from the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), with a local match of \$700,000. Council previously authorized the scope of the project, including conversion of overhead utilities and the installation of a second left-turn lane. An interview panel consisting of Tacoma Public Utilities and WSDOT unanimously chose KPG to design the project.

City Manager Zabell noted there is non-trust tribal property at 62nd and Pacific Highway which the Puyallup Tribe is interested in improving; if this work triggers required development improvements, negotiations will be conducted and use of the 2% funding could be involved.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Zabell reported the following:

- The 4th Street Water Main and Overlay has gone out to bid;
- Approval was received from the Federal Highway Administration for the non-motorized crosswalk environmental review;
- The draft punch list has been issued for the 70th Avenue project;
- Arterials are being restriped and the work will begin as the weather and County crew schedules permit;
- The Police Department completed hiring of two new officers;
- The Parks Department is finishing up Day Camp with over 440 kids served over the summer;
- The Community Center is closed for annual repairs for the week, and the Aquatic Center will close for two weeks from August 31st to September 7th;
- The Dacca ball fields are hosting an 18u girls softball tournament over Labor Day weekend on all four fields; and,
- 25 single family permits have been issued to date in 2013, equaling what was issued for all of 2012.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

In response to a question from Councilmember Roscoe, Public Works Director Blount reported a number of individuals have contacted the City regarding the possibility of hooking up to the City's water main in the Benthian Loop area. People appear to be excited about the project and disappointed the project will not go through the whole area.

In response to a question regarding the left turn signal on 54th and Valley, Blount stated the counts for the light vary according to the time of day and it appears from studies that it works well at this time.

City Manager Zabell reported the mural is nearly complete and more information will be provided once an unveiling date is available.

Councilmember Hulcey requested the School District be contacted about the charges for use of the Performing Arts Center; one of the Lodging Tax applicants indicated they were going to be charged \$7000 for use of the facility. Zabell will contact the new Superintendent to discuss the matter.

Mayor Cerqui expressed his condolences to the families of Dianna Kilponen and Connie Zackula, long-term Police Department employees who have passed away recently.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

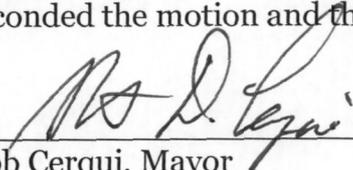
Carol Sue Braatan stated in 2005 or 2006 a soil scientist told Council not to build anymore. She stated they were told at the time that the levy would be deregulated if more houses were built. Many people protested when the warehouses were built at the back of the floodplain. She said the water table has risen.

Doug Fagundes stated as a representative of the School Board he would also like to know what is going on with the rental rates for the Performing Arts Center and stated he would be asking about it.

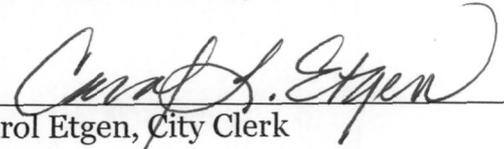
Mayor Cerqui said he would like to assure the public that the homes and warehouses which have been built in the City were properly permitted in accordance with current laws. Regulations change over time, and everything currently permitted is in accordance with the FEMA requirements.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved for an adjournment at 8:18 PM. Councilmember Wolfrom seconded the motion and the motion carried.



Rob Cerqui, Mayor



Carol Etgen, City Clerk