

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), Real Estate per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b), Personnel per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), and Collective Bargaining for 50 minutes. Executive Session was extended and ended at 7:10 PM.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Cerqui called the Regular Meeting of the Fife City Council to order at 7:10 PM.

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

Absent: Councilmember Hulsey

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; City Attorney Combs; and Executive Assistant Rota and Administrative Assistant Merlino.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Roscoe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHANGES, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

No changes were made.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Carole Sue Braaten reiterated her concerns regarding the flood issues in Fife and understands the Council is addressing these issues. Ms. Braaten also voiced concerns with the US geological map that is currently being used as the standards for all flood plan matters.

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:**
#49886 – 49925 in the amount of \$668,603.44
- b. **Approval of Claims Vouchers as reviewed by the Voucher Committee:**
#91023 - 91149 in the amount of \$666,538.91
- c. **Ordinance No. 1847 - Passage**
Granting Sprint Communications Company, L.P., a Franchise for Noncable Telecommunications Facilities

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

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

Presentation - Stormwater Rates and Capital Improvement Plan

Public Works Director, Russ Blount introduced John Ghilarducci representing Financial Consulting Solutions Group, who prepared a Stormwater rate study for the City. Mr. Ghilarducci presented two options for the Stormwater rate increase. "Uniform Rate Ladder" consists of a 9.25 percent increase over the next several years. This option would be adequate to fund the preliminary Capital Improvements Projects (CIP). The other option "Front-Loaded Rate Ladder" consists of three years of 20 percent increases followed by five years of 3 percent increases. The "Front-Loaded Rate Ladder" could also fund the CIP, but at a slightly reduced cost, since the City would not need an interfund loan to finance some of the proposed CIP projects.

Russ outlined the 17 proposed preliminary 2014 – 2021 CIP that could commence, depending upon the stormwater rate increase.

Councilmember Curtis asked for an updated rate sheet for the stormwater rates. He also asked for a comparison graph.

Mayor Cerqui asked if increasing the industrial rate and lowering the residential rates would make a significant difference. Mr. Ghilarducci was not sure if there would be a significant difference, but will run some numbers and advise the Mayor and Council of the outcome.

Presentation – 2013 Fife Harvest Festival Recap

Kurt Reuter, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, thanked Julie Ryan for her great efforts in organizing and managing the 2013 Fife Harvest Festival. Julie thanked the sponsors, volunteers and City staff who helped make this another great year and presented a PowerPoint presentation which demonstrated the many new events.

Councilmember Roscoe congratulated the staff on a very successful event and recommended that perhaps in the future the Harvest Festival parade start earlier in the day.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL DELEGATE

Mayor Cerqui reported he attended the South Sound 911 meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2013-2014 Mid-Biennial Revenue Hearing

Finance Director DeGroot opened the discussion relative to the 2013-2014 mid-biennial revenue hearing. DeGroot reported a public hearing is scheduled for October 22nd as part of the budget process as it relates to the levying of property taxes and that no revenue policies are being proposed at this time.

DeGroot further reported the revised revenues estimates for 2013-14 from all sources excluding beginning fund balances is \$56.5 million for 2013 and \$43.2 for 2014. The General Fund portion is projected at \$17.3 million for 2013 and \$17.0 million for 2014.

DeGroot presented a PowerPoint presentation illustrating the General Fund revenues; the annual Property Tax Levy for 2014; sales tax collection and projections; and revenue sources for the General Fund.

Mayor Pro Tem Hull commented that the City recently increased several taxes, such as franchise fees and utility taxes and questioned whether City staff could identify those costs and determine what the impact is on the citizens in Fife.

City Manager Zabell reminded the council, due to the improving economy, the City needs to be diligent about replenishing the contingency funds that were drained in the past few years. Zabell also reminded the Council that in the year 2012 the City took a rate holiday from the City's rental fees, however this year the City will add back 50% to the budget and the remaining 50% will be added in 2014.

At 8:40 PM Mayor opened the public hearing.

Carol Sue Braaten expressed support of City Manager Zabell's comments relating to the concept of putting funds aside and paying as you go.

At 8:45 p.m. Mayor closed the public hearing

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 1846 - Passage

Gambling Premises Moratorium Extension

Councilmember Roscoe moved and Councilmember Dukes-Gethers seconded a motion to pass Ordinance No. 1846.

Community Development Director Osaki gave a brief update on the Council's moratorium extensions that were granted for gambling premises. Osaki commented the Planning Commission discussed gambling premises at their last meeting and will have a recommendation to the City Council in early 2014.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1568

Urging the State Legislature to Pass a Transportation Funding Package.

Councilmember Wolfrom moved and Mayor Pro Tem Hull seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1568.

City Manager Zabell introduced the subject by commenting that SR 167 currently is not complete, however with the completion of SR 509, I-5 and SR 167 Puget Sound Gateway, it will enhance and complete a crucial freight corridor that will send a message that Washington State is investing in their infrastructure and that the City of Fife values the jobs and economic impact associated with trade.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Zabell reported on:

- Completion of the 54th paving project;
- 70th Avenue work is nearing completion; and
- The city received an \$18,000 grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce to be used for the Growth Management Act. Grant application requested funds to update and streamline our permit processing codes and regulations.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Hull voiced his disappointment in the US Senate and President in their lack of leadership regarding the recent government shutdown.

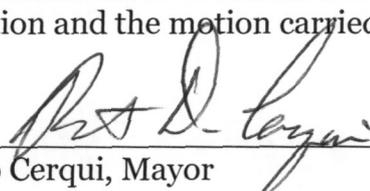
Mayor Cerqui again thanked City Staff for the successful 2013 Fife Harvest Festival. Mayor Cerqui and Council also thanked Mayor Pro Tem Hull for his donation of the replicated United States Constitution which adorns the walls of the City Council Chambers.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

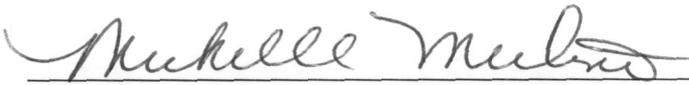
Carole Sue Braaten questioned why stormwater fees were charged if there were no stormwater facilities in her neighborhood.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Wolfrom moved for an adjournment at 9:01 PM. Pro Tem Hull seconded the motion and the motion carried.



Rob Cerqui, Mayor



Michelle Merlino, Administrative Assistant