

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, and then extended to 7:03 PM in the Council Conference Room for the purpose of discussing Real Estate per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (B). 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 7:07 PM.

Present: Mayor Cerqui, Mayor Pro Tem Hull, Councilmembers Yambe, Curtis, Hulcey, Marsh and Wolfrom.

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; Executive Assistant Rota and City Clerk Etgen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Marsh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OATH OF OFFICE

Councilmember Position 3 Swearing-In (Hull) and Councilmember Position 7 Swearing-In (Wolfrom)

Judge Ringus administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Pro Tem Glenn Hull and Councilmember Lew Wolfrom.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Stephanie Cox, director of the Nutcracker production extended an invitation to Council and the public to attend the Nutcracker ballet at the Fife Performing Arts Center on December 20th and 21st.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a) Approval of Minutes of November 19, 2013 and November 26, 2013
- b) Approval of Payroll Vouchers as reviewed by the Voucher Committee: #50039-50080 in the amount of \$724,912.06
- c) Approval of Claims Vouchers as reviewed by the Voucher Committee: #91760 - 91843 in the amount of \$337,130.42
- d) Correction to Payroll Voucher Check Numbers Previously Approved

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

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

Announcement of New Scholarship Program for Fife High School Graduates

Mayor Pro Tem Hull introduced Mike and Al Godwin, noting the creation of a Fife High School scholarship program in honor of Councilmember Godwin, who passed away earlier this year. Washington State Representatives Morrell and Zeiger spoke of the newly created fund, stating Councilmember Godwin strongly promoted unions and creating living wage jobs for families. The winners of this scholarship fund will be for students who are interested in the trades, and not the traditional college career path. The family will be providing seed money for the scholarship, and others are welcome to donate in order to build the fund.

Recognition of Jeff Brown, former Planning Commissioner

Mayor Cerqui presented a plaque to outgoing Planning Commissioner Jeff Brown and Councilmembers thanked him for his service.

Eagle Scout Project Recognition

Jack Ferrell, Eagle Scout, spoke of and presented pictures of his Eagle Scout project at Levee Road Park where he built concrete pads (three) for garbage cans and one large pad for a picnic table. The Mayor and Councilmembers thanked him for his work.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL DELEGATE

Mayor Pro Tem Hull reported Pierce Transit approved the 2014 budget which includes the commuter route for Fife. He congratulated Chris Pasinetti for being elected to the Growth Management Coordinating Chair for the Pierce County Regional Council for a second year, and spoke briefly about leading a delegation to Washington D.C. A productive meeting with the Department of National Drug Control Policy resulted in a good discussion which will be helpful with the work the Planning Commission and Council will do over the next year to address the legalization of marijuana.

Councilmember Curtis reported on the delegations trip to FEMA to discuss flood control mapping and the levy certification in Fife. It is unknown when the new flood map will be developed; once it has been released the City will have 90 days to object or provide additional data.

Councilmember Yambe reported having very productive meetings with Senators Murray and Cantwell and Representatives Smith, Reichert, Heck and Kilmer, who are all very familiar with the projects important to Fife, including SR167, the Port of Tacoma Road, the City Center Project and the flood control issues.

Councilmember Hulcey reported on attendance at meetings with the Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board and the Washington State Freight Advisory Committee.

Mayor Cerqui reported attendance at a meeting with the Puyallup Tribe and thanked the Tribe for the two percent contribution. Cerqui also attended a fundraiser for Toys for Tots and the Pierce County Cities and Towns meeting.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 1853 – Passage 2013 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded a motion to pass Ordinance No. 1853.

Associate Planner Pasinetti briefly reviewed Council action to date regarding this ordinance.

- On November 12, 2013 the City Council held a Public Hearing on the 2013 Comprehensive Plan amendment docket. The 2013 Comprehensive Plan amendment docket includes amendments annually processed by the City on a routine basis, as well as one privately initiated amendment from the public.
- At its November 26, 2013 meeting, the City Council deliberated on Ordinance No. 1853 as presented, which would have approved all of the 2013 Comprehensive Plan Amendments. At that meeting, Ordinance No. 1853 was amended to remove the Panattoni Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment. Ordinance No. 1853 was then passed for first reading. By separate motion, the City Council denied the Panattoni Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment.

Pasinetti stated an e-mail received from the Kelso's, Gross's and Minors was received and distributed to Council.

Kory Edwards, Vice Chair and Acting Chair of the Planning Commission, stated the Planning Commission voted six to one to pass the Panattoni rezone and forward it to Council. He stated speaking from the viewpoint of being on Council when the decision was made to zone the area as it was made sense because of the plans for the 50 acres which has since been sold. Once the property was sold and the Department of Transportation purchased property for the SR167 project, it isolated the two five-acre parcels. Edwards said it is difficult to balance the needs of the City with doing what is right for the owner, and that the Council's original vision for the area will not occur.

Bart Brynestad, a partner with the Panattoni development, stated the Comp Plan is a document which can be changed. Now that the possibility of a soccer center and the Gathering Place has been eliminated with SR167 coming through the City, he urged Council to consider allowing for the rezone of the property.

Dave Minor said he and his brother's family have owned the Panattoni property for over 100 years, and that his family would be proud of the plans for the property.

Mike Brossen stated Council has his letter and that he wanted to reemphasize that 70th Street is a natural barrier and said access to the property will be an issue if the property is not rezoned. Two property owners are willing to sell the property for less than retail value.

Councilmember Curtis moved and Councilmember Hulcey seconded a motion to amend the main motion to place the Panattoni rezone back into the Comprehensive Plan amendments.

City Attorney Combs explained that if this amendment were to be passed with the main motion, that the ordinance would have to be passed as first reading this evening and come back in the future for passage.

Mayor Pro Tem Hull stated he felt a fuller conversation about the matter needs to take place in 2014 in order to look at all of the pieces, and that there has not been an encouragement of mixed use activities in the CMU zones. He noted that 48 percent of Fife is zoned industrial. Councilmember Curtis said the site is isolated and questioned what other purposes the property could be used for with some of the zoning requirements that currently exist. He stated this is a good opportunity to have the property developed and that it would be good for the City. Curtis noted that there has been no development in the Commercial Mixed Use (CMU) zones, that the street is too busy for a strip mall, and that the area would best be served by an Industrial zoning designation.

Councilmember Yambe expressed a desire to also review the matter in more detail in 2014 in order to take a comprehensive look at the matter. Councilmember Wolfrom stated his constituents do not want any more warehouses. Councilmember Hulcey said 70th is designated as a freight corridor which is conducive to warehouses and that CMU zoning would not work in the area. Mayor Cerqui stated he believed the rezone would fit in and not impact a lot of residents.

Upon vote, the amendment failed with Mayor Pro Tem Hull and Councilmembers Yambe, Marsh and Wolfrom voting no, and Mayor Cerqui and Councilmembers Curtis and Hulcey voting yes.

Upon vote, the main motion carried unanimously.

2014 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Councilmember Yambe moved and Mayor Pro Tem Hull seconded a motion to direct staff to work with the Planning Commission during the 2014 comprehensive plan amendment process to come back with a recommendation to the City Council on comprehensive plan amendments for the area east of 54th and along 20th currently designated "Mixed Commercial/High Density Residential, taking into account items that the City is working on including: the strategic plan visioning, the transportation plan update, the parks plan update, the city center plan, community mixed use zoning code changes, and other economic and planning data and information that will be developed as part of the GMA plan update process. Including in this is for staff to specifically revisit comprehensive plan policy 13.1 that states "policy 13.1 – In areas adjacent to 20th Street East, encourage commercial uses and a comprehensive plan designation of Mixed Commercial/High Density Residential."

Mayor Cerqui and Mayor Pro Tem Hull thanked Councilmember Yambe for making the motion, stating it gives clear direction to staff and the Planning Commission.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 1854 - Passage

Adoption of Stormwater Utility Rates for 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019

Councilmember Wolfrom moved and Mayor Pro Tem Hull seconded a motion to pass Ordinance No. 1854.

Public Works Director Blount reported this ordinance had been previously reviewed in a public hearing and at first reading.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1573

Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Pierce County Fire District No. 10 for Fire and Emergency Medical Protection Services

Councilmember Yambe moved and Councilmember Hulcey seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1573.

City Manager Zabell reported after several years without a contract for fire and emergency medical protection services for city-owned properties, a contract has been drafted with a five-year term and four additional five-year terms to ensure an agreement is in place for the future. The negotiated terms include \$30,000 for the first year with a one percent escalator. If facilities are added or eliminated from the City's inventory, terms will be reevaluated.

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 1574

Interlocal Agreement with Pierce County for Flood Control Zone District

Councilmember Curtis moved and Mayor Pro Tem Hull seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1574.

Public Works Director Blount explained the Flood Control Zone District will distribute 10 percent of its revenues to local jurisdictions, with the City's share amounting to \$17,725 per year. In order to receive the funding, an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) must be signed. In order to meet the ILA requirements, the City will spend approximately \$2,000 per year, or a little more than 10 percent of the annual grant amount.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 1575

Appointments to Boards, Committees, and Commissions

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved and Councilmember Hulcey seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1575.

Councilmember Curtis moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded a motion to amend the main motion to appoint Cody Geddes to serve Nancy de Booy's unexpired term.

Upon vote, the amendment passed.

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved to separate the Arts Commission appointment from the main motion. Councilmember Wolfrom seconded the motion.

Upon vote, the amendment passed.

Upon vote, the motion as amended twice, passed.

Councilmember Yambe stated he would be recusing himself from the Arts Commission vote due to a potential conflict of interest with a relative sitting on the Arts Commission.

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved and Councilmember Curtis seconded a motion to appoint Mizu Sugimura and Lily Huto the Arts Commission.

Councilmember Hulcey moved and Councilmember Curtis seconded a motion to add Dee Dee Dukes-Gethers to the Arts Commission.

Upon vote, the amendment passed.

Upon vote, the motion as amended passed.

Resolution No. 1576

Accept 70th Avenue Construction as Complete

Councilmember Wolfrom moved and Mayor Pro Tem Hull seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1576.

Public Works Director Blount noted this is the largest single Public Works project the City has ever undertaken, including Valley Avenue and the Wapato Creek crossings. There were significant change orders, with the bulk of them funded through the sewer utility or the State Department of Transportation. There was about a three percent change in cost, which included adding sidewalks and storm facilities.

Mayor Pro Tem Hull requested the intersection of 26th and 70th be observed as a future site for a traffic signal, when it was appropriate. Mayor Cerqui thanked the numerous organizations who assisted with moving the project forward. Councilmember Hulcey stated Highway 99 between 70th and Highway 18 has been downgraded by the Washington State Department of Transportation because of the completion of 70th Street in Fife.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 1577

Request that Pierce County Prohibit Tractor Trailer Trucks on Milroy Bridge

Councilmember Hulcey moved and Councilmember Yambe seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1577.

Public Works Director Blount stated the Milroy Bridge was designed in 1930 and built in 1931. The lanes are 10 feet wide and do not handle the big trucks that move through the area well. Pierce County is the lead agency for the bridge, and has indicated they are open to putting restrictions on the bridge.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 1578

Accept Sanitary Pump Station 1 Relining Construction Contract as Complete

Councilmember Hulcey moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1578.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

EXTENSION OF MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved and Councilmember Curtis seconded a motion to extend the meeting until the completion of all the business items.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Cancel December 17th and 24th Council Meetings – Establish Date for Voucher Approval (December 23, 2013)

Councilmember Hulcey moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded a motion to cancel the December 17th and 24th meetings and establish the date for voucher approval of December 23, 2013.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

**Collective Bargaining Agreements
Fife Police Guild Non-Commissioned**

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved and Councilmember Curtis seconded a motion to authorize the City Manager to unilaterally implement, on January 1, 2014, the City's last, best and final offer to the Fife Police Guild Non-Commissioned, as previously discussed in Executive Session.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Teamsters Union

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded a motion to authorize the City Manager to implement a negotiated settlement with the Teamsters Union on January 1, 2014, on the terms discussed previously in Executive Session, with ratification by the City council to occur at its January 14, 2014 Council meeting.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

IAM Union

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved and Councilmember Hulcey seconded a motion to authorize the City Manager to implement a negotiated settlement with the IAM Union on January 1, 2014 on the terms discussed in a previous Executive Session, with ratification by the City Council to occur at its January 14, 2014 meeting.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Councilmember Curtis moved and Councilmember Hulcey seconded a motion to adjourn.

Upon vote, motion failed with no yes votes.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Zabell reported:

- The de-icing program was used successfully today;
- Senior Holiday Lunch on December 20th;
- Holiday Movie – Arthur Christmas December 14th at Columbia Junior High;
- Swim Center closure December 23rd through January 11th;
- Judge Ringus was sworn in by the Washington State Supreme Court;
- Fife Police and Fire Department began annual Santa Run with Council help;
- Mayor Cerqui and Zabell attended the 2% grant award meeting with the Puyallup Tribe;
- Legislative Reception with 25th District Legislators scheduled for January 3rd at the Poodle Dog; and
- Next Council meeting is on January 14th.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

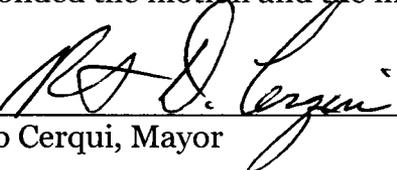
Councilmember Yambe thanked everyone for allowing him to represent them on the trip to Washington D.C. He received an award from the Northwest Asian Weekly and the Northwest Asian Weekly Foundation for being elected to the City of Fife Council, and volunteered with Councilmember Hulcey on the Santa Run. Yambe and Councilmember Marsh attended the Association of Washington Cities Newly Elected Officials training earlier this week.

Mayor Cerqui and Mayor Pro Tem Hull thanked Council for the opportunity to serve. Hull stated they took a tour of the White House when in Washington D.C. and he thanked councilmembers who participated in the Santa Run.

Councilmember Wolfrom thanked the Puyallup Tribe for their work with the City and Councilmember Hulcey and Mayor Cerqui mentioned their attendance at the Tree Lighting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Hull moved for an adjournment at 10:18 PM. Councilmember Hulcey seconded the motion and the motion carried.



Rob Cerqui, Mayor



Carol Etgen, City Clerk