

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:00 PM an Executive Session was held for the purpose of discussing Real Estate per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (b), and Potential Litigation per RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i). All Councilmembers were present, along with City Attorney Loren Combs, City Manager Zabell and Deputy City Manager Mukerjee.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Deputy Mayor Curtis called the Regular Meeting of the Fife City Council to order at 7:00 PM.

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

Staff Present: Deputy City Manager Mukerjee, 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, Administrative Assistant Merlino and City Clerk Etgen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Hull led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SELECTION OF MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM

Councilmember Wolfrom nominated Deputy Mayor Curtis as Mayor. Councilmember Cerqui nominated Councilmember Wolfrom. Councilmember Wolfrom declined the nomination.

Deputy Mayor Curtis received seven nominating votes. Deputy Mayor Curtis was elected to serve as Mayor.

Mayor Curtis nominated Councilmember Hulcey as Deputy Mayor. Councilmember Hulcey received seven nominating votes. Councilmember Hulcey was elected to serve as Deputy Mayor.

Changes, Additions & Deletions

With Council concurrence, Deputy City Manager requested the removal of consideration of Ordinance No. 1857 Relating to Zoning Code Amendment – Gambling Premises.

Audience Comments

Jonathan Ashley, Fife resident, congratulated Mayor Curtis on his recent nomination as Mayor. Mr. Ashley thanked the Public Works Department for their quick action on several responses in their neighborhood and for the Fife Police Department neighborhood patrols and presence in the Fife Community. Mr. Ashley asked for Council's support on opening up the 54th Avenue railroad crossing.

CONSENT AGENDA

Administrative Assistant Merlino presented the following items for consideration on the Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Minutes of February 18, 2014, February 22-23, 2014 and February 25, 2014
- b. Approval of Payroll Vouchers as reviewed by the Voucher Committee:
#50295 - 50328 in the amount of \$422,740.44
- c. Approval of Claims Vouchers as reviewed by the Voucher Committee:
#92598 - 92725 in the amount of \$400,664.56

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

Presentation – Fourth Quarter 2013 Financial Status Report

Finance Director DeGroot provided a detailed outline of the City's financial performance through December 31, 2013. DeGroot referenced the Washington State Economic and Revenue Forecast Council report of February 2014, which includes economic indicators at the National and State levels. DeGroot included discussion on the City's General Fund and Detention Services.

Councilmember Marsh asked for comparisons relating to the auto industries national trends and how the City of Fife measures up.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL DELEGATE

Councilmembers reported on their recent activities including attendance at the City of Fife Wellness Committee, Website Advisory Committee, Voucher Committee Review, Joint meeting with City of Fife Council and City of Fife Planning Commission, Pierce Transit Commission, RAMP meeting, Puget Sound Regional Council, Washington Freight Advisory, Economic Development Board, and Pierce County Cities and Towns Association.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 1858 – Zoning code Amendment – Mobile Food Units

Community Development Director Osaki reviewed the Planning Commission's recommendations for approval, as follows:

- Defines Mobile Food Unit
- Identifies five zoning districts
- Standards for the operation

Osaki also identified the proposed zoning districts:

- Community Commercial
- Community Mixed Use
- Regional Commercial
- Business Park
- Industrial

Osaki further reported the first reading of Ordinance No. 1858 was on February 25, 2014 and both the Planning Commission and staff recommend approval of this ordinance.

Councilmember Hull moved and Deputy Mayor Hulcey seconded a motion to pass Ordinance No. 1858. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 1859 – 1st Reading

A housekeeping Ordinance regarding the division of authority and duties among the Community Development Director, Public Works Director, and City Engineer

Public Works Director Blount advised this is a housekeeping ordinance regarding the division of authority and duties amongst the Community Development Director, Public Works Director and City Engineer. Blount reported this topic was discussed at the February 18, 2014 Study Session.

Councilmember Wolfrom moved and Deputy Mayor Hulcey seconded a motion to pass Ordinance No. 1859 for first reading. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 1860 – 1st Reading

Ordinance prohibiting motor vehicles with a combined overall trailer length greater than 30 feet from traveling westbound on Levee Road East from 70th Avenue East to the western city limits.

Public Works Director presented an overview of the ordinance, as well as a visual effect of the difficulties vehicles with trailers greater than 30 feet are having maneuvering turns onto or off the Milroy Bridge. Blount advised that Pierce County is recommending allowing only vehicles with trailers onto the bridge no longer than 28 feet.

Carol Sue Braaten, resident, concurred with Pierce County recommendation by shortening the length allowed from 30 feet to 28 feet.

Deputy Mayor Curtis moved and Councilmember Yambe seconded a motion to pass Ordinance No. 1860 for first reading, with the amendment to the ordinance reflecting overall trailer length greater than 28 feet. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Salary Ordinance

City Attorney Combs presented a history of the Fife salary commission which consists of seven members, to be appointed by the Mayor subject to approval by the City Council. Combs advised four members shall be residents of the city and the balance shall be local business persons. Combs further advised the Council has the authority to amend or repeal FMC 2.46 as it relates to the Salary Commission.

Council came to a consensus to move forward with the Mayor selecting the Salary Commission subject to Council approval.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager reported:

- The City did not experience any flooding incidents, due to all the rain this past week;
- The Arts Commission will be creating small clay tokens to hide in the City parks for Parks Appreciation Day – April 26th; and
- A farewell party in honor of Councilmember Hull is scheduled for Wednesday, March 26th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Kelley Barn in Fife.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

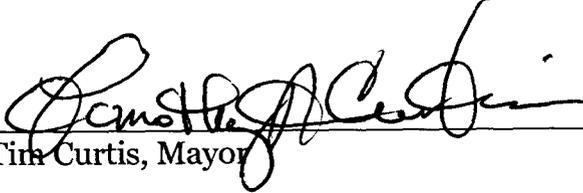
Councilmembers reported on their attendance at the Rainier Communication Meeting and Economic Development Meeting.

Citizen comments

Carole Sue Braaten, Fife resident, expressed a concern with the increase of coyotes in the area.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.



Tim Curtis, Mayor



Michelle Merlino, Administrative Assistant