

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was held from 6:00 PM to 6:55 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 Curtis called the Regular Meeting of the Fife City Council to order at 7:01 PM.

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

**Staff Present:** City Manager Zabell; Finance Director DeGroot; Deputy City Manager Mukerjee; 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 Wolfrom led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Carol Sue Braaten asked questions about a sexual predator who was released in the area and about surveyors at the Yamamoto property.

Lisa Duszynski expressed her appreciation as a citizen to Councilmember Hull for his service to the community.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

City Clerk Etgen presented the following items for consideration on the Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Payroll Vouchers as reviewed by the Voucher Committee:
- b. #50329 - 50381 in the amount of \$731,156.76
- c. Approval of Claims Vouchers as reviewed by the Voucher Committee:
- d. #92726 - 92892 in the amount of \$559,869.27
- e. Ordinance No. 1859 - Regarding the Division of Authority and Duties among the Community Development Director, Public Works Director, and City Engineer - Passage

*Councilmember Hull moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Deputy Mayor Hulcey seconded and motion carried unanimously.*

**PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS**

**Proclamation in Honor of Councilmember Glenn Hull**

Mayor Curtis presented a proclamation to Councilmember Hull, thanking him for his service. Councilmembers expressed their appreciation for Councilmember Hull.

### **Fife High School Winter Sports Recognition**

Judge Ringus introduced Coach Mark Jones, the girls basketball coach; Coach Rachel Elder, the girls wrestling coach; Coach Brandon Howard, the boys wrestling coach, and Mark Schelbert, the boys basketball coach, along with several students from each team, who spoke briefly about their year in their sport. Councilmembers thanked the coaches and students.

### **Employee Recognition Carol Etgen Municipal Clerk of the Year**

City Clerk Etgen was recognized by City Manager Zabell and Council as the Washington Municipal Clerks Association "Clerk of the Year." Council expressed appreciation to City Clerk Etgen for her service and dedication.

### **2014 Special Olympics Polar Plunge Recap**

Assistant Chief Mears and Officer Gilbert presented a recap of the 2014 Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge.

### **2014 Legislative Session Wrap Up**

Doug Levee, Washington State Lobbyist for the City, reported the legislature finished this year with many issues unaddressed. Financial aid for veterans was expedited, college tuition was held constant, and the Dream Act was passed. For the first time in 40 years no capital budget was passed by the Legislature and no marijuana legislation was passed. There was a technical cleanup for the liquor excise tax, and no transportation package was passed.

A bill to restore liquor profits to cities did not move forward, and an attempt to end the Public Works Assistance Account funding diversion did not pass the Senate. A bill regarding the new Indigent Defense Panel Standards did not pass the House. A number of incentive programs did not get extended.

Levee stated there were important foundations laid for the extension of SR167 and Brookville Gardens. Cities can do a better job of talking to legislators using the news media and citizen, labor and business groups. There is a lot of work to do in the areas of revenue sharing from marijuana sales and processing, Streamlined Sales Tax and the Marketplace Fairness Act.

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

Councilmembers reported on attendance at the Rainier Communications Committee meeting, the Voucher Review Committee meeting, the Pierce County Regional Council, the Lodging Tax Committee, a meeting with American Fast Freight, and the Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board.

### **ORDINANCES**

#### **Ordinance No. 1860 – Passage**

#### **Prohibiting Motor Vehicles with Overall Trailer Length Greater than 28 feet from Traveling Westbound on North Levee Road West of 70th Avenue East**

City Manager Zabell noted that with Council approval the ordinance publication would be delayed in order to delay the effective date to allow for the installment of signage for initial warnings and then enforcement by the Police Department.

Carol Sue Braaten encouraged Council to pass the ordinance.

*Councilmember Yambe moved and Deputy Mayor Hulcey seconded a motion to pass Ordinance No. 1860. Upon voting, motion passed unanimously.*

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Ordinance No. 1861 - Business License Fee Exemption for Instructors at the Fife Community Center**

Parks, Recreation and Community Development Director Reuter presented a proposal to exempt instructors who only work for the Community Center teaching recreational classes, who normally make less than \$2,000 a year, from paying for a business license. They would still undergo the business licensing application process. The current business licensing revenue for these instructors is approximately \$500.

*Councilmember Wolfrom moved and Councilmember Cerqui seconded a motion to pass Ordinance No. 1861 for first reading.*

After some discussion, councilmembers agreed that the small income instructors collected for teaching recreational classes along with the great benefit the community receives from the classes justified exempting business license fees for these instructors.

*Upon voting, motion carried unanimously.*

#### **2014 Tree Commission Work Plan**

Pat Coddington, Chair of the Tree Commission, presented the Tree Commission's 2014 Work Plan as adopted by the Tree Commission at their meeting of March 12<sup>th</sup>, for Council's consideration.

The Work Plan includes: 1) Provide support and organization for the 2014 Arbor Day event; 2) Assist with completion and submittal of the 2014 Tree City USA Application; 3) Assist with the development of an annual Urban Forestry work program based on recommendations from the completed Urban Forestry Management Plan; 4) Research and utilize available resources that can assist in the completion of Tree Commission work projects; and 5) Work toward completion of the "Tree University" program for at least 50% of Tree Commission members.

*Councilmember Yambe moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded a motion to approve the Plan as presented. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.*

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Zabell reported on:

- Detention Services Department reorganization work being performed under the direction of Deputy City Manager Murkerjee;
- High marks from the Office of Homeland Security for the City's Passport Services through the City Clerk's Office;
- Approval of the National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA) review has been received for the Port of Tacoma Interchange, which means right-of-way acquisition work can begin, and frees up funding for mitigation for Brookville Park and the Oxbow Property;
- The Planning Commission is holding another public meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup> – the public is encouraged to review the draft ordinance and provide input;

- Standard and Poor's have increased the City's bond rating from A to AA which is in large part due to Council's policies over the past couple of years;
- A draft Master Plan is being circulated along with an Open House for the Levy Road Park property; and
- A farewell party will be held tomorrow evening for Councilmember Hull.

Zabell expressed his appreciation and respect for the work Councilmember Hull has done for the City of Fife, regionally and throughout the State.

#### **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Councilmember Yambe reported on an upcoming tour with the Port of Tacoma and invited everyone to a work party for the Arts Commission on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Councilmembers thanked Councilmember Hull for his service; congratulated City Clerk Etgen on her Clerk of the Year award; and congratulated Finance Director DeGroot for his part in the Standard and Poor's bond rating change to AA.

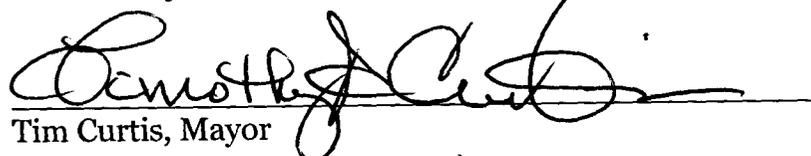
Councilmember Hull encouraged the Lodging Tax Committee to reevaluate their denial of funding for Team USA.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Carol Sue Braaten noted that it appeared the Port of Tacoma interchange off-ramp is sinking.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no objection from Council, Mayor Curtis adjourned the meeting at 9:19 PM.

  
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Tim Curtis, Mayor

  
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Carol Etgen, City Clerk