

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

Mayor Curtis called the Regular Meeting of the Fife City Council to order at 6:00 PM.

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

**Staff Present:** City Manager Zabell; Deputy City Manager Mukerjee; Finance Director DeGroot; Public Works Director Blount; Community Development Director Osaki; Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Reuter; Interim Police Chief Mears; City Attorney Combs; and Administrative Assistant Merlino.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Cerqui led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CHANGES, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS**

No Changes

**Interviews of Executive Search Firms**

Three search firms were selected and interviewed to provide recruitment services for the City's next City Manager as follows:

- Paul Wenbert on behalf of Slavin Management
- John C. Darrington on behalf of Colin Baenziger & Associates
- Greg and Sonja Prothman on behalf of Prothman and Company

City Attorney Combs advised a potential motion may take place later on the agenda.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was held from 7:00 PM to 7:50 PM in the Council conference room for the purpose of discussing Collective Bargaining, Potential Litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), and Personnel per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g). At 7:50 P.M. Council extended the executive session for an additional five minutes. All Councilmembers were present along with City Manager Zabell and City Attorney Combs. Assistant Police Chief Mears and Public Works Director Blount attended a portion of the Executive Session.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Mike Seeger, Fife business; Jeff Jensen, Fife resident; and Carole Sue Braaten, questioned the resignation of Police Chief Brad Blackburn.

Gary Elder, representing the 2014 Relay for Life of Fife, Milton and Edgewood presented the City with the Event Sponsorship Certificate. As of this date, the tally from this year's event is \$100,810.00, with money still being collected until August 31, 2014. Mayor and Council thanked the representatives for their participation.

City Attorney Combs responded to the inquiries regarding Chief Blackburn's resignation. Combs advised there is a separation agreement between the City and Chief Blackburn regarding his resignation, which is a public record. Combs further commented that Chief Blackburn has made it very clear that he is going to explore new opportunities. The Council expressed their sincere appreciation for all that Chief Blackburn has done for the City and citizens of Fife.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Approval of Payroll Vouchers as reviewed by the Voucher Committee:  
#50653 - 50704 in the amount of \$748,620.98
- b. Approval of Claims Vouchers as reviewed by the Voucher Committee:  
#93899 - 94075 in the amount of \$1,164,971.81
- c. Approval of Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2014, June 24, 2014 and July 8, 2014

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

### **Presentation – New Employee Introduction**

#### **Presentation – National Night Out Against Crime**

Police Specialist Van Zanten, stated this year's National Night Out celebration will be held on Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at Five Acre Park in Radiance. This marks the ninth year that the City has participated in this event.

Several Councilmembers suggested moving or rotating this event to other parks within the City. Police Specialist Van Zanten acknowledged the comment and advised he will bring the suggestion back to the committee for consideration.

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

Councilmembers reported on their attendance at the Freight Mobility Meeting, Port of Tacoma meeting, National Freight Advisory Committee, Voucher Committee, and Pierce County Regional Council.

### **ORDINANCES**

#### **Ordinance No. 1863 – Passage**

#### **Creating a Detention Services Department**

Deputy City Manager Mukerjee reported that on April 22, 2014 the City Council approved the first reading of Ordinance No. 1863, which proposed to create a new Detention Services Department. The second reading was initially considered by Council on June 10<sup>th</sup>, but failed to pass. Later at the same meeting, Council passed a motion to reconsider. After passage of the motion to reconsider, Council moved to postpone passage of the ordinance to the June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. At the June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Council voted to move consideration of the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading to the July 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

The Non-Commissioned Guild expressed concerns regarding resources, training and Civil Services. Mukerjee responded the City has addressed these issues with the Guild.

Carole Sue Braaten, Fife resident, expressed a concern with removing these positions from the Civil Service Commission.

*Councilmember Marsh moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded a motion to pass Ordinance No. 1863. Upon vote, motion passed with Councilmembers Yambe, Curtis, Johnson, Hulcey, Marsh and Wolfrom voted yes and Councilmember Cerqui voted no.*

**Ordinance No. 1876 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
Amending business License Code**

City Attorney Combs presented this item advising that at the July 15<sup>th</sup> Council study session the Fife Business Code currently required a business license applicant to be in compliance with state and local laws, but then, as a condition of renewal, their business is required to be in compliance with federal law, as well. Following discussion at the July 15<sup>th</sup> Study Session the Council directed staff to bring back for Council consideration an ordinance removing the reference to federal law requirements from the Fife Business Licensing section of the Municipal Code.

*Councilmember Yambe moved and Deputy Mayor Hulcey seconded a motion to pass Ordinance No. 1876 as presented and waive first reading. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.*

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution No. 1607**

**Award of Contract for Port of Tacoma Road Wetland Mitigation**

Public Works Director Blount presented an illustration of the recommended configuration of the area. Blount commented the award of this project will accomplish three goals for the City:

- Park #1 Goal is the development of Brookville Gardens
- Transportation #1 Goal relates to the Port of Tacoma Road
- Environmental #1 goal is the enhancement of Wapato Creek

Blount reported bids were opened on July 18<sup>th</sup> and the apparent low bidder is BPCI Earthworks LLC., in the amount of \$3,017,751.12.

Carole Sue Braaten, Fife resident, reminded the City to review the checklist for the two types of noxious weeds in the area and allow for a sufficient amount of mitigation area near the pipeline.

*Councilmember Wolfrom moved and Councilmember Johnson seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1607 awarding the construction contract for Port of Tacoma Road Wetland Mitigation to BPCI Earthworks, LLC in the amount of \$3,017,751.12. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.*

**Resolution No. 1608**

**Appointment of Sarah Patt to the Parks, Recreation and Community Services  
Citizen Advisory Board**

City Manager Zabell reported the Council Sub-Committee unanimously recommended Sarah Patt to the Parks, Recreation, & Community Services Citizen Advisory Board.

*Councilmember Wolfrom moved and Councilmember Yambe seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1608 appointing Sarah Patt to Position No. 7 on the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Citizen Advisory Board. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.*

### **Resolution No. 1609**

#### **Ratifying an Agreement to Purchase Parcel No. 0420171064 from Randy and Barbara Holt for a PRCS Maintenance Yard**

Public Works Director presented an illustration of the proposed new site for the Parks Maintenance Operations at 3820 Freeman Road East. The City has been in negotiations with the property owners for several years and in lieu of condemnation, the City Attorney's Office negotiated a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Randy and Barbara Holt.

Carole Sue Braaten, Fife Resident, spoke in support of the purchase, however expressed a concern about well permits on the property.

*Councilmember Wolfrom moved and Councilmember Marsh seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1609 ratifying an agreement to purchase Parcel No. 0420171064 from Randy and Barbara Holt for a PRCS Maintenance Yard. Upon vote, motion passed with Councilmembers Yambe, Curtis, Johnson, Hulcey, Marsh and Wolfrom voted yes and Councilmember Cerqui voted no.*

### **Resolution No. 1610**

#### **Appointment of Interim City Manager**

City Attorney Combs reported City Manager Zabell has resigned from his position, effective August 12, 2014. The City Council has agreed to appoint Deputy City Manager Mukerjee as Interim City Manager until a permanent City Manager is appointed.

*Deputy Mayor Hulcey moved and Councilmember Yambe seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1610 appointing Subir Mukerjee as Interim City Manager and authorizing the Mayor to execute a letter temporarily amending Subir Mukerjee's employment agreement. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.*

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Selection of Executive Search Firm for City Manager Recruitment**

City Attorney Combs introduced the topic relating to the selection of Executive Search Firm for City Manager recruitment. Combs advised as part of the contract with the recruitment firm, a two year guarantee clause will be inserted as well as performing on-site interviews of at least three candidates.

*Councilmember Yambe moved and Councilmember Johnson seconded a motion to authorize the City to negotiate, and the Mayor to sign a professional services agreement with Prothman. Upon vote, motion passed with Councilmembers Yambe, Curtis, Johnson, Hulcey, Marsh and Wolfrom voted yes and Councilmember Cerqui voted no.*

#### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Zabell reported on:

- Call for bids on the Sanitary Sewer Pump Station 10 rebuild and Pump Station 5 and 6 relining
- Installation of remote activated controls for the 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue gates at the UPRR, with Call for Bids on August 5<sup>th</sup>
- Right-of-way acquisition for Port of Tacoma Road, once the City receives the go-ahead from WSDOT
- The City was awarded \$115,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds to help finance the construction of a new sidewalk along a portion of 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue E.
- The Movie in the Park program was cancelled last Saturday night due to high winds, a new date is being determined
- The Fife Arts Commission is sponsoring an event called Valley Ballyhoo on September 13, at 6:00 p.m. and will feature four performing arts acts and a silent raffle auction

#### **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

The Mayor and Council reported on: the Arts Committee performance; congratulated Sarah Patt on filling the position of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Citizen Advisory Board Member, and looking forward to attending the National Night Out. Councilmember Wolfrom expressed a concern with Interim City Manager Mukerjee living in Olympia and the necessary travel time it would take to return to Fife, if there was an emergency. Councilmember Cerqui asked about the Seasonal Banners in Fife. Council expressed their appreciation for Chief Blackburn.

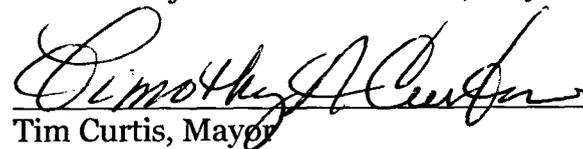
#### **Citizen Comments**

Kory Edward, Fife resident, expressed his sadness on the resignation of Police Chief Blackburn.

Carole Sue Braaten, Fife resident, suggested having a temporary back-up plan in case there is an emergency in the City, due to Interim City Manager Mukerjee living in Olympia.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no objection from Council, Mayor Curtis adjourned the meeting at 9:46 PM.

  
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Tim Curtis, Mayor

  
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Michelle Merlino, Administrative Assistant