

**FIFE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**July 8, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

Mayor Curtis called the Regular Meeting of the Fife City Council to order at 6:58 PM.

**Present:** Mayor Curtis, Deputy Mayor Hulcey, Councilmembers Yambe, Johnson, Cerqui, Marsh 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; Assistant Chief of Police Mears; City Attorney Combs; Assistant City Attorney Jennifer Combs; Executive Assistant Rota and City Clerk Etgen.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Deputy Mayor Hulcey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CHANGES, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS**

An executive session was added to the agenda, to occur immediately after the last presentation (Water Safety Day Event Recap). The executive session will be for the purpose of discussing Personnel per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g), Real Estate Acquisition per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (b), Potential Litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and Collective Bargaining and will last for at least 30 minutes.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Mike Seeger, Fife Flowers, expressed his concern about rumors about Chief Blackburn; Mayor Curtis noted the Chief is on vacation.

Laura Butterfield introduced herself as the new Executive Director of the Fife Milton Edgewood Chamber of Commerce.

Kevin Ringus thanked Council for support of the Fife High School track with the lodging tax funding dedicated to complete the project. The ribbon cutting is expected to be in September.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Approval of Payroll Vouchers: #50620 - #50652 in the amount of \$441,847.17
- b. Approval of Claims Vouchers: #93775 - #93898 in the amount of \$981,349.87
- c. Minutes of the June 17, 2014 City Council Meeting

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

## **PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS**

### **Pierce County Library Update**

Neel Parikh, Executive Director of Pierce County Library System, gave a presentation regarding the Pierce County Library in Fife, stating the library system had 2.4 million visits last year, with 5,387 card holders in Fife. The Mayor and Councilmembers thanked and congratulated Ms. Parikh on the library's success and her impending retirement.

### **Fife Family Affair Car Show Recap**

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Reuter updated Council on the Fife Family Affair Car Show held at Dacca Park on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Over 300 people attended the event with 100 vehicles participating.

### **Water Safety Day Event Recap**

Parks and Recreation Director Reuter and Pool Manager David Kienlen presented a recap of the Fife Swim Center's first annual Water Safety Day event. An estimated 500 people attended the event, with 250 present for the Water Safety portion and 250 for the free Family Swim session.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council convened into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g), Real Estate Acquisition per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (b), Potential Litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and Collective Bargaining for approximately 20 minutes at 7:55 PM. Council extended the executive session twice, each for an additional five minutes.

Council reconvened into regular session at 8:25 PM.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL DELEGATE**

The Mayor and Councilmembers reported on attendance at the Rainier Communications meeting, Website Advisory Committee meeting, Wellness Committee meeting, Voucher Review Committee meeting, School Board meeting, the Farmers Market, the Junior National Fast Pitch Exhibition Game, a meeting with Congressman Hecht regarding SR167, the Parks, Recreation and Community Development Board meeting, the Mayor's Breakfast, and a welcome reception for the new Chamber Director. Mayor Curtis reported Puyallup has taken a position on the South Sound 9-1-1 Board of Directors.

## **ORDINANCES**

### **Ordinance No. 1869 – Passage**

#### **Amending Fife Municipal Code regarding the Captain Position in the Police Department**

City Manager Zabell presented a request to modify the City's organizational structure, creating the position of Captain and eliminating the position of Lieutenant. He stated the request was developed by Police command in consultation with Human Resources staff due to the mounting pressure on the limited Police command staff.

*Councilmember Wolfrom moved and Johnson seconded a motion to pass Ordinance No. 1869. Upon vote, motion carried with Mayor Curtis, Deputy Mayor Hulcey and Councilmembers Yambe, Johnson, Marsh and Wolfrom casting a yes vote and Councilmember Cerqui casting a no vote.*

**Ordinance No. 1872 – Passage**

**Zoning Code Amendment - Marijuana Land Uses**

Community Development Director Osaki and City Attorney Combs presented Ordinance No. 1872 which would prohibit marijuana production, processing and retail sale within all zoning districts in the City of Fife.

Jim Eddy, Washington State Marijuana League, spoke against the ordinance. Carol Sue Braaten spoke in favor of the ordinance, and Joe Gomez of Puyallup expressed his opposition to the ordinance. Mike Henry spoke against the ordinance, and Jennifer Burris spoke in favor of the ordinance.

*Councilmember Wolfrom moved and Councilmember Johnson seconded a motion to pass Ordinance No. 1872. Upon vote, motion carried with Mayor Curtis, Deputy Mayor Hulcey and Councilmembers Johnson, Cerqui and Wolfrom voting yes, and Councilmembers Yambe and Marsh voting no.*

**Ordinance No. 1873 – Passage**

**Code Amendment - Vesting of Impact Fee Amounts**

Community Development Director Osaki stated the proposed ordinance, which was passed for first reading on July 24, 2014 by Council, would apply the impact fee amount in effect at the time a complete building permit application is made. This would apply to all impact fees (i.e. traffic, parks and schools). Puyallup School District and the Master Builders Association of Pierce County prefer that impact fee amounts be assessed at the time of building permit. Fife School District has no preference.

*Councilmember Johnson moved and Deputy Mayor Hulcey seconded a motion to pass Ordinance No. 1873. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.*

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution No. 1605**

**Intent to form a Local Improvement District for Construction of 66th Avenue E.**

Public Works Director Blount presented Resolution No. 1605 which formally states the City's intent to create a Local Improvement District (LID) to fund the construction of 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue East; allow the City of Fife to be reimbursed by LID assessments for costs incurred for professional appraisal of the benefit provided by the LID improvements; and sets a hearing date at which the property owners will be able to respond to their preliminary notice of LID assessment.

*Councilmember Johnson moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1605. Upon vote, motion carried with Mayor Curtis, Deputy Mayor Hulcey and Councilmembers Yambe, Johnson, Marsh and Wolfrom voting yes and Councilmember Cerqui voting no.*

**Resolution No. 1606**

**Accept Sheffield Trail Repair Project**

Assistant City Engineer Ken Gill presented Resolution No. 1606, a resolution which accepts the Sheffield Trail Repair project as complete. The project included the installation of a root

barrier and re-pavement of the south half of Sheffield Trail. The total cost for the project was \$91,506.28, well below the budgeted \$120,000.

*Councilmember Yambe moved and Councilmember Marsh seconded to adopt Resolution No. 1606. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.*

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Zabell reported:

- Puyallup River Bridge closure this weekend with Freeman Road will be temporarily open to heavy trucks during this time;
- The Port of Tacoma Road Interchange Wetlands Mitigation, adjacent to Brookville Park, is open for bid;
- Open House for the Pacific Highway / SR 99 Pedestrian Improvements project was held on June 25th
- Sound Transit is conducting an Open House associated with their comprehensive plan update on July 10<sup>th</sup>;
- WSDOT is close to re-issuing a call for bids for the new I-5 Puyallup River crossings and a coordination meeting has been scheduled with Fife for July 31<sup>st</sup>;
- Construction is underway adjacent to the Hylebos Nature Area parking lot, and access is somewhat restricted;
- Grading permits were issued for two smaller warehouse buildings across the street from one another on 45th Street Court East (just east of 70th Avenue);
- A grading permit was issued last week for the Fife High School Football field renovation.
- Fife Farmers Market; the first two Sundays have been well received!
- The Junior National Men's U19 Fast-pitch Softball Team played two exhibition games at Dacca Park this past Sunday;
- The Fife Summer Day Camp program is going very well with all but one week of the camp full with waiting lists; and
- The Costco Open House was a huge success with over 25 people signing up for new accounts.

### **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

The Mayor and Councilmembers reported on: attendance at the Farmers Market, Costco's Open House and the Radiance 4<sup>th</sup> of July Party. Councilmembers expressed thanks to new Chamber Director Laura Butterfield, and thanked staff, the City Attorney and the Planning Commission for their work on the marijuana ordinance.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

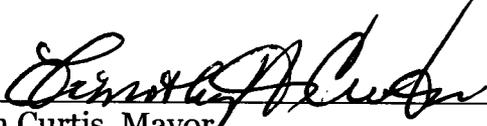
Carol Sue Braaten thanked Council for passing the marijuana ordinance and expressed her appreciation for Chief Blackburn.

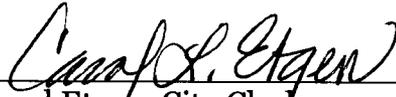
### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilmember Cerqui requested an executive session at 9:26 PM for five minutes to discuss a personnel matter per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g). Council continued the executive session for an additional 10 minutes at 9:36 PM and reconvened into regular session at 9:46 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no objection from Council, Mayor Curtis adjourned the meeting at 9:47 PM.

  
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Tim Curtis, Mayor

  
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Carol Etgen, City Clerk