

Fife City Hall

**FIFE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2014**

Council Chambers

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held from 6:00 PM to 7:10 PM in the Council conference room for the purpose of discussing Potential Litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The Executive Session was extended an additional 10 minutes at 6:00 PM. 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 7:10 PM.

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

Absent: Councilmember Johnson

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Wolfrom led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY – CHIEF OF POLICE MARK MEARS

Judge Ringus performed the Swearing-In Ceremony of Chief of Police Mark Mears. The Council congratulated Chief Mears on his newly appointed position.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mike Seeger, Fife business owner; Rich Lott, Fife resident; Steven Pringle, Fife resident; and Ron Arndt, Fife resident addressed the Council regarding the resignation of former Police Chief Blackburn. A letter from Katie Flannigan was submitted into record and distributed to Council regarding the resignation of former Police Chief Blackburn.

Paul Hannah, Fife resident, expressed concerns with the City's most recent decisions regarding Initiative 502.

Carole Sue Braaten, Fife resident, requested that all records relating to the resignation of Chief Blackburn be made available to all residents of the City.

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:
#50705 – 50750 in the amount of \$961,720.27
- b. Approval of Claims Vouchers as reviewed by the Voucher Committee:
#94076 - 94243 in the amount of \$1,083,185.78
- c. Approval of Minutes dated July 15, 2014, July 22, 2014, and July 29, 2014

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

Presentation – Herman Dillon Proclamation

Mayor Curtis presented a Proclamation honoring Chairman Herman Dillon for his many years of service to the citizens and community of Fife.

Presentation – City Manager Proclamation

Mayor Curtis presented a Proclamation to City Manager Dave Zabell in recognition of his dedicated service as City Manager since 2011. The Mayor and Council thanked Zabell and wished him well on his new future endeavors.

Presentation – Second Quarter 2014 Financial Status Report

Finance Director DeGroot reported on the financial status of the second quarter 2014. The presentation referenced materials from the Washington State Economic and Revenue Forecast Council of economic indicators at the national and state levels issued on July 11, 2014. The first quarter highlights include:

- General fund revenues
 - Property Taxes
 - Sales Taxes
 - Utility Taxes
 - Building Related Permits
 - Other General Fund revenues
 - Expenditures
- Detention Services Fund
- Public Safety Fund
- Stadium and Convention Tax Fund
- Growth Management Fund
- Utilities
- Cash and Investments

The Mayor and Council thanked DeGroot for a well done presentation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL DELEGATE

The Mayor and Councilmembers reported on attendance at the Wellness Benefit Fair; Website Advisory Committee; Pierce Transit Community Investment Team; Voucher Committee; Annual School Board Meeting; National Night Out; Regional Mobility Partnership; Farmers Market; South Sound 9-1-1; Mayor’s Breakfast; Valley Cities Luncheon; meeting with Governor Inslee; City employees BBQ, meeting with US Secretary of Transportation and the Farewell Reception for the City Manager Dave Zabell.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 1878 – 1st Reading

Ord. No. 1 FIFEL Regarding Business Licensing

Laurel McQuade presented a power point demonstration illustrating the chronic nuisances and other activities that affect the perception and success of lodging establishments in the City of Fife.

Several Councilmembers asked that the enforcement time line be shortened, stating that eighteen months is too long to start enforcement action.

Carole Sue Braaten, Fife resident, concurred with shortening the enforcement time line. Ron Ardt, Fife resident, did not realize this was an issue in Fife and spoke in support of the proposed ordinance. Mike Dillon, Fife resident, requested more police presence at the hotels. Kim Roscoe, Fife resident, also spoke in support of the proposed ordinance.

Councilmember Yambe moved to pass Ordinance No. 1878 for first reading and place on the next meeting's consent agenda for passage, seconded by Councilmember Wolfrom.

Mayor Curtis amended the motion by placing Ordinance No. 1878 on the September 9, 2014 regular meeting agenda for second reading, seconded by Councilmember Hulcey. Motion to amend passed unanimously.

Original motion as amended passed unanimously.

Ordinance No. 1879 – 1st Reading

Ord. No. 2 FIFEL Regarding Chronic Nuisance

Councilmember Wolfrom moved to pass Ordinance No. 1879 for first reading and place second reading on the September 9, 2014 regular meeting agenda, seconded by Councilmember Cerqui. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1615

Authorizing Execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Fife police Guild for Commissioned Officers for the years 2013 through 2017

City Manager Zabell reported on the Commissioned Officers bargaining agreement. One of the major items of discussion was the modified dates of the annual CPI index from October to October to June to June of each year. Zabell advised the Guild ratified the Agreement on July 31, 2014 and the City's negotiating team has recommended that the Council also ratify the Agreement.

Councilmember Yambe moved to adopt Resolution No. 1615 ratifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Commissioned Police Guild and authorizing the City Manager to execute said agreement, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hulcey. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 1611**South Sound 9-1-1 Interlocal Agreement Amendment**

City Manager Zabell reported the City of Puyallup has asked to become a member of South Sound 9-1-1. The South Sound 9-1-1 Policy Board determined that it would be in the best interest of the organization to include the City of Puyallup. The Interlocal Agreement requires modification and the cities of Fife, Lakewood and Tacoma, as well as Pierce County and West Pierce Fire and Rescue need to consider this very same amendment. Other modifications to the Interlocal include the creation of the 63-20 financing mechanism.

Councilmember Wolfrom moved adopt Resolution No. 1611 amending the Interlocal Agreement with South Sound 9-1-1, seconded by Councilmember Cerqui. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 1612**Animal Control Services Contract**

Interim City Manager Mukerjee presented two options to provide animal control services for the City of Fife. After the presentation, the Council was asked to select either Metro Animal Services or Pierce County to provide the services for the City.

Staff recommends contracting with Pierce County for animal control services for the following reasons:

- This would be an extension of the City's current sheltering agreement with the Humane Society;
- The City already has a contracted Hearing Examiner in place;
- There would be less of an impact to the City financially as well as logistically.

Councilmember Yambe moved to adopt Resolution No. 1612 authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with Pierce County for animal control services, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hulcey. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 1613**Appointments to Salary Commission**

City Manager Zabell provided background information on the formation of the Salary Commission. Subsequent to the passage of Ordinance No. 1862 which sets the criteria of the Salary Commission, Mayor Curtis recruited the required number of candidates to serve on the commission. The Salary Commission will consist of four City of Fife residents and three local business owners.

Councilmember Yambe moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 1613 appointing the following members to the Salary Commission:

- *Residents: John Zadneprovskiy, Keith Wood, Kim Nakamura, Kim Roscoe.*
- *Businesses: Scott Dumas (AlphaGraphics), Mike Porter (Tacoma Diesel), Philip Waldner (Fife Towing).*

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 1614**Amendment to Interlocal with Department of Revenue for Business Licensing Services**

Administrative Assistant Merlino outlined the proposed amendments to the contract with the Department of Revenue for Business Licensing Services. The proposed amendments to the contract will allow the State to hire a 3rd party provider who will bill the City directly and also tighten security access by the City employees of the data collected during the business license application and renewal process.

Councilmember Wolfrom moved and Councilmember Marsh seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 1614 authorizing the City Manager to sign Amendment No. 1 to Interlocal No. K1069 with the Department of Revenue for business license processing. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 1616**Award of Construction Contract for Sewer Pump Stations #10, 5 and 6**

City Engineer Gill reported that bids for this project were opened on August 6, 2014. The apparent low bidder was Nordic Construction, however due to some arithmetic errors in their bid calculations, it was determined their bid was disqualified per the Washington State Department of Transportation Standard Specifications, which was adopted by the City of Fife. Award Construction, Inc. was the next low bidder in accordance with the specifications, in the bid amount of \$2,106,890.55.

Carole Sue Braaten, Fife resident, spoke in favor of this project.

Deputy Mayor Hulcey moved and Councilmember Marsh seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 1616 awarding the construction contract for Pump Station 10 Rehabilitation/Pump Station 5 and 6 Wetwell Coating project to Award Construction, Inc. was the low bidder in accordance with the specifications, in the amount of \$2,106,890.55. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

MOTION TO EXTEND THE ADJOURNMENT TIME

Councilmember Wolfrom moved and Mayor Curtis seconded the motion to extend the City Council meeting until 10:15 p.m. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS**2014 Fife Memorial Fountain Nominations**

Parks and Recreation Director Reuter advised that a joint subcommittee comprised of the Fife Historical Society Board of Directors and the City of Fife PRCS Citizens Advisory Board was formed to conduct this process. Twelve nominations were submitted which included two pending nominations from the 2013 program.

Mayor Curtis moved and Deputy Mayor Hulcey seconded the motion to approve the following nominees for placement on the Fife Memorial Fountain as recommended by the Joint PRCS Board/ Fife Historical Society Sub Committee:

- *Richard Godwin*
- *David Hall*
- *Ben Andre*
- *Henry Hubbert*
- *Roy Andre*
- *Willard Andre*
- *James Paulson*
- *Brenda Puaokalani*
- *E.L. Kelley*
- *Henry Sicade*
- *John McAleer*
- *Toru Sakahara*

MOTION TO EXTEND THE ADJOURNMENT TIME

Councilmember Yambe moved and Mayor Curtis seconded the motion to extend the Council meeting for an addition 15 minutes. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously

Kim Roscoe, Fife resident, voiced her disappointment that the nomination criteria were not revised. She requested that some names be memorized in a different way, and not placed on the fountain. She specifically referred to City employee Brenda Pauokalani. Roscoe stated Brenda was an outstanding employee, but should be memorized in a different location. The Fountain should represent historians that contributed on a higher level to the City.

Carole Sue Braaten, Fife resident, concurred with Kim Roscoe that the fountain should represent a higher level of contribution to the City.

Councilmember Cerqui concurred with the recommendation made by Kim Roscoe and withdrew his nomination of Brenda Puaokalani.

MOTION TO EXTEND THE ADJOURNMENT TIME

Mayor Curtis moved and Deputy Mayor Hulcey seconded the motion to extend the Council meeting until 10:59 pm. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Curtis asked for and received from the Council a consensus to remove City employee Brenda Puaokalani from the nomination list.

Upon vote, motion as amended by consensus, approved the following nominees for placement on the Fife Memorial Fountain:

- *Richard Godwin*
- *David Hall*
- *Ben Andre*
- *Henry Hubbert*
- *Roy Andre*
- *Willard Andre*
- *James Paulson*
- *E.L. Kelley*

- *Henry Sicade*
- *John McAleer*
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Amended motion passed with Mayor Curtis, Deputy Mayor Hulcey and Councilmembers Cerqui and Marsh voting yes and Councilmembers Wolfrom and Yambe voting no.

Swearing-In Ceremony – Interim City Manager

Judge Ringus performed the Swearing-In Ceremony of Interim City Manager Subir Mukerjee. The Council congratulated Subir on his newly appointed position.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Zabell reported on:

- BPCI finished the Non-Signalized pedestrian improvement project and commenced with the Port of Tacoma Wetland Mitigation Project;
- The City of Edgewood will conduct a Public Hearing on the Westridge preliminary plat and the City of Fife is providing sanitary sewer service to this area;
- The Fife Area Swim Team (FAST) has officially begun. The team will be coached by contracted employee, Wendy Neely;
- Three weeks left in the Fife Farmers Market season;
- Interim City Manager Mukerjee and Chief Mears attended the graduation ceremony of Interim City Correction Officer Derek Lind;
- Reminder of the Fife Arts Commission is sponsoring the Valley Ballyhoo on September 13th at 6:00 p.m. ;
- Condolences to the Sara Seeger Family – Fife Flowers, in her passing away today.

City Manager Zabell expressed his appreciation and support from all the citizens and employee in the City of Fife for his years of service in Fife. Council expressed their sincere appreciation and dedicated service to the City of Fife

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

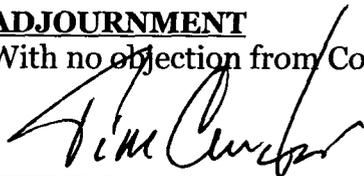
Council expressed their sincere condolences for the passing away of Sarah Seeger.

Citizen Comments

Carole Sue Braaten, Fife resident, thanked Dave Zabell for years of service.

ADJOURNMENT

With no objection from Council, Mayor Curtis adjourned the meeting at 10:50 PM.



Tim Curtis, Mayor



Michelle Merlino, Administrative Assistant