

Fife City Hall

**FIFE CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION MEETING
MINUTES**

Council Chambers

**September 16, 2014
6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Deputy Mayor Hulcey called the Fife City Council Study Session to order at 6:00 pm.

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

Staff Present: Interim City Manager Mukerjee; City Attorney Combs; Finance Director DeGroot; 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 City Clerk Etgen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Wolfrom led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Interim City Manager Mukerjee requested an executive session be added to the end of the meeting to discuss current litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

DISCUSSION TOPICS

City of Fife Youth Commission

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Reuter noted the City Council first formally reviewed the concept of creating a Youth Commission at the May 20th, 2014 Study Session. Councilmember Yambe and staff have developed a proposal outlining the framework within which the Commission will form and operate. The proposal consists of the following:

- The Fife Youth Commission will be comprised of nine members;
- Those being considered for membership must reside in the City of Fife or Fife School District boundaries;
- A minimum of one member must be a member of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians;
- No more than 3 members may reside outside of Fife;
- No more than 3 members may be of Junior High School age (grades 8 & 9);
- Following initial formation term of appointment will be June 1st to May 31st;
- Application deadline (after initial appointments) will be May 1st annually;
- Mission Statement and Goals will be completed once the Youth Commission has formed to allow members to participate in this process;
- First reading of Ordinance creating the Youth Commission read at the September 23rd meeting with passage at the meeting of October 14th;
- Proposal presented to the Fife School Board at the September 29th School Board meeting;
- Recruitment process to begin with applicant interviews scheduled for the week of November 3rd and appointment by Council at the November 20th Council meeting;
- First meeting of the Youth Commission to be held on November 20, 2014; and
- Staff support of the Commission is forecast at \$2,000.

Councilmembers concurred that the Puyallup School District should also be involved.

Zoning Code Amendment – Restaurants, Bars/Taverns/Nightclubs

Community Development Director Osaki reported that in July 2014, the City of Fife received a request to amend the zoning code related to restaurants. On September 8, 2014, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on a draft ordinance responding to the request. The draft ordinance presented to the Planning Commission included additional amendments that were not part of the original request, but which addressed a code inconsistency related to bars/taverns/nightclubs discovered earlier. The Planning Commission recommended the City Council approve the attached draft ordinance. A Public Hearing is scheduled for September 23, 2014.

The draft ordinance addresses two topics: Restaurants in the Regional Commercial zoning district; and Bars/Taverns/Nightclubs in the Regional Commercial and Business Park zoning districts. In the Regional Commercial zoning district, the existing Fife Municipal Code makes a distinction between restaurants as a permitted use and restaurants as a conditional use by whether or not it (restaurant) has dancing, live stage or similar entertainment activities. Restaurants without dancing, live stage or similar entertainment activities are a permitted use in the Regional Commercial zone, while restaurants with dancing, live stage or similar entertainment activities require conditional use permit approval by the Hearing Examiner.

The result of the text amendment, if passed, would be that all restaurants, regardless of whether or not the restaurant has dancing, a live stage or similar forms of entertainment, would be a permitted use in the Regional Commercial zoning district.

When evaluating the issue of restaurants in the Regional Commercial zone, other zoning districts (besides the Regional Commercial zone) and other land uses were reviewed to ensure code consistency. One of the other uses reviewed was "bars, taverns and nightclubs", as these uses often include live stages and dancing. The draft ordinance amends the Regional Commercial zoning district to generally reflect the permitted use and conditional use code language for bars, taverns and nightclubs in the Business Park zone.

2015-16 Preliminary Revenue Forecast

Interim City Manager Mukerjee and Finance Director DeGroot provided a preliminary revenue forecast for the 2015-2016 Biennium. There has been an increase in the retail sales tax base due to increases in automobile sales, however not in all sectors of retail. A conservative approach is being taken with forecasting a \$6,000,000 increase in 2015 and \$6,200,000 for 2016. Projections for property tax show \$3,000,000 for 2015 and 2,900,000 in 2016.

Safety Camera revenues began at \$2,600,000 and as projected are now down to \$1,700,000.

Transportation Benefit District

Public Works Director Blount discussed the benefits of forming a Transportation Benefit District (TBD), explaining the first step would consist of forming the district, and then implementing rates. Blount proposed that the fees collected from a TBD could fund ongoing maintenance to residential streets in Fife.

Council concurred that a public outreach process should be made in order to determine how citizens felt about the proposal.

Discussion – Resolution No. 1619 – Declaring its Intent to Reimburse Expenditures for Various City Capital Projects with the Proceeds of Tax-Exempt Bonds

Interim City Manager Mukerjee asked for more time to provide additional information to Council; Council concurred with continuing the discussion to the meeting of October 14, 2014.

REVIEW OF UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING AGENDAS

Interim City Manager Mukerjee reviewed upcoming agenda items with Council.

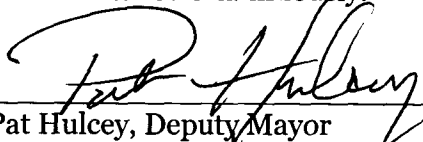
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council went into executive session at 7:21 PM for the purpose of discussing current litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 20 minutes. At 7:40 the executive session was extended for an additional 25 minutes. All Councilmembers were present, along with Interim City Manager Mukerjee and City Attorney Combs.

Council came out of executive session at 8:05.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Curtis moved and Councilmember Yambe seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:05 PM. Motion carried unanimously.



Pat Hulcey, Deputy Mayor



Carol Etgen, City Clerk