

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, Councilmembers Yambe, Johnson, Cerqui, Marsh and Wolfrom.

Excused: Deputy Mayor Hulcey.

Staff Present: Interim City Manager Mukerjee; Finance Director DeGroot; Public Works Director Blount; Community Development Director Osaki; Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Reuter; Chief of Police Mears; Assistant City Attorney Amann; Executive Assistant Rota and City Clerk Etgen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Carol Sue Braaten reported on attendance at a Pierce County Emergency Management training session and provided some documents to the Clerk for Council if they wished to review the information.

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. #50897-50949 in the amount of \$649,670.54
- c. Approval of Claims Vouchers as reviewed by the Voucher Committee:
- d. #94866 - 95060 in the amount of \$1,113,576.53

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

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

City Staff Veterans' Acknowledgement

Human Resource Manager Stefanie McCauley introduced the members of the local VFW and acknowledged the City of Fife's workforce and Councilmember veterans.

New Employee Introductions

Interim City Manager Mukerjee introduced the new Corrections staff employees, Captain Debra Gee, Chris Johnson, Navjot Singh, Melissa Calder, Darold Grant and Sean Corrigan. Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Reuter introduced new employees Debbie Goff, Meghan Bondor, and Marta Gailushas.

Wedge Park Volunteer Project

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Reuter thanked the approximately 50 volunteers from the Surprise Lake Ward of the LDS Church who, on September 6, 2014, volunteered with the City of Fife to improve the appearance of Wedge Park with landscaping and removal of invasive species. This is the second year that this group has completed a volunteer work event at Wedge Park.

2014 Harvest Festival Recap

Recreation Services Supervisor Ryan provided a review of the Festival and thanked the many sponsors, Councilmembers and volunteers who worked to make this year's Harvest Festival successful.

Halloween Carnival 2014 Preview

Police Specialist Van Zanten stated this year's Carnival will be held at Columbia Junior High and is open to all ages. Admission is one can of nonperishable food for the Food Bank.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL DELEGATE

Councilmembers reported on: Youth Council update; the High School football game; and the Valley Cities Mayor's luncheon.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Transportation Benefit District

Public Works Director Blount explained the two-step process for implementing a Transportation Benefit District (TBD), which involves establishing the District and then deciding on and implementing a tax. The proposed boundaries are the Fife City limits, and Council would act as the Board. If funds are collected they would be for street and transportation improvements. If a city has established a TBD it is often looked upon favorably by entities when awarding transportation grants. If a license tab fee were established, it would be on lighter weight vehicles registered in the City of Fife.

Mayor Curtis opened the public hearing at 8:02 PM.

Carol Sue Braaten expressed concern about the truck vehicle traffic in Fife.

Mizu Sugimura asked if a citizen's board would be established to help make the decisions.

With no one else coming forward to testify, the public hearing was closed at 8:06 PM

2015-16 Biennial Budget – 2nd Hearing

Interim City Manager Mukerjee presented an overview of the proposed 2015-2016 Biennial Budget; specifically the operating budget. The budget is \$38,000,000 for two years, with the revenue and expenditures increasing by 7% over the two year period. The budget includes impacts of the labor contracts, limits maintenance and operations to a 1% increase and a revenue stabilization fund in the amount of \$10,000 a month.

Washington's new public defense standard increased costs have been included in the budget along with two new positions; a public records officer and an engineering position to assist with project management and design. Also incorporated into the budget is an on-line

registration program for the Parks Department. A reduction in revenue is expected if Milton discontinues the contract for Planning Department services, and jail revenues are dependent upon the City of Tacoma's decisions about prisoner housing. It is unknown if the State will preserve sales tax mitigation funds.

Finance Director DeGroot reviewed the proposed budget. Changes include an increase to the Executive Department from the creation of three positions including the HR Generalist, Deputy City Manager, and an IT Technician in 2014, and the addition of a public records officer in 2015. An increase in public defense, legal fees and lobbying fees results in an overall 28% increase over two years to the budget.

Other changes include an increase in the City's water bill, the addition of a Captain's position in the Police Department, and the replacement hiring of two employees in Community Development. Collective bargaining agreement changes in the Parks Department resulted in elimination of some temporary positions and the creation of part-time positions. There is a decrease in photo enforcement revenues, as expected. There is an overall fund decrease in special revenues of 31%. The 54th Avenue underpass and Port of Tacoma Road projects are included in the 2015/2016 capital project funding. There is an overall decrease in internal service funds of 16%.

At 8:36 PM Mayor Curtis opened the public hearing.

Carol Sue Braaten expressed concern about the 54th Street underpass project, stating it could create flooding if the Puyallup River overflows.

Mizu Sugimura expressed appreciation for the on-line registration program.

Councilmember Marsh expressed concern about the self-funding needs of the employee insurance program; Interim City Manager stated the City has a bridge policy in place.

Councilmember Johnson asked that in the future budget materials be provided to the public ahead of the meeting in order to allow citizens to comment on the budget.

The public hearing was closed at 8:57 PM.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 1890 – Passage

Granting tw telecom of Washington llc a Franchise for Noncable Telecommunications Facilities

Councilmember Wolfrom moved and Mayor Curtis seconded a motion to pass Ordinance No 1890. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1628

Ratifying a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Montclair Park, LLC for Right of Way
Public Works Director Blount reported the agreement will provide a clear title to the existing roadway allowing adequate space for a sidewalk on the south side of the road. Funding for the purchase comes from a grant and the Public Safety Fund.

Councilmember Yambe moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1628. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Assistant City Manager Mukerjee reported on:

- The City Clerk has proposed legislation to the Sunshine Committee to further protect the identity of participants in Parks & Recreation Programs from being exposed in public disclosure requests;
- The Fife Historical Museum currently has a World War II exhibit which has won a 1st place Award in the Ethnic Experience Category;
- The Parks Department is winterizing fields and restrooms.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

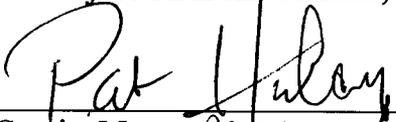
Councilmembers thanked volunteers for the work they have done for the City; thanked veterans for their service and veteran family members for the support they provide to veterans; welcomed new employees; congratulated City Clerk Etgen for her work to create legislation to protect participants in Parks and Recreation Programs; thanks to the Port of Tacoma for the invitation to the World Trade Center Global Awards Ceremony; and thanked Parks Department Staff Member Julie Ryan for the wonderful work on the Harvests Festival.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

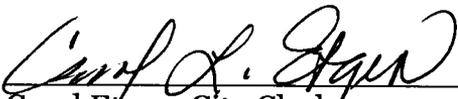
Mizu Sugimura encouraged people to view the exhibit at the Fife History Museum which has been extended through December.

ADJOURNMENT

With no objection from Council, Mayor Curtis adjourned the meeting at 9:14 PM.



Tim Curtis, Mayor PAT HULCEY, DEPUTY MAYOR



Carol Etgen, City Clerk