

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

Mayor Curtis called the Regular Meeting of the Fife City Council to order at 7:00 PM.

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

**Absent:** Councilmember Wolfrom excused.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CHANGES, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS**

*Councilmember Johnson moved and Councilmember Hulcey seconded the motion to move Item 9e Formation of a Transportation Benefit District to the December 9, 2014 Council meeting. Upon vote motion passed unanimously.*

**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:  
#50950 - 50974 in the amount of \$445,133.21
- b. **Approval of Claims Vouchers** as reviewed by the Voucher Committee:  
#95061 - 95174 in the amount of \$820,976.02
- c. **Approval of Minutes** of October 14, 2014 Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes; and October 21, 2014 Special Meeting
- d. **Resolution No. 1631**  
Intent to Form 66th Street LID – Rescheduling Public Hearing Date

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

**Presentation – 2014 Halloween Carnival Recap**

Assistant Police Chief Woods and Police Reserve Officer Brandon Li reported on a very successful Halloween event. Reserve Officer Li provided a power point presentation illustrating the overview of the activities and thanked the various sponsors for their contributions.

**Presentation – City of Fife 20155 Washington State Legislative Agenda**

Doug Levy, State Legislative Liaison, presented an overview of the draft 2015 State Legislative Agenda.

Major topics in the coming year's legislative agenda are as follows:

- Enact a transportation package which includes completing the SR-17 corridor
- A capital budget request for Brookville Gardens Parks for \$1.2m
- Protect/restore key revenues critical to cities' Operating & Capital needs
- Amend the Public Records Act

The Council made several changes to the draft 2015 State Legislative Agenda. The amendments will be presented to the Council for their approval at the November 25<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

### **Presentation – Third Quarter 201 Financial Status Report**

Finance Director DeGroot reported on the financial status of the third 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 September 11, 2014.

The third quarter highlights include:

- General fund revenues
- Detention Services Fund
- Public Safety Fund
- Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund

In summary DeGroot reported the other funds are performing generally as expected.

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

The Mayor and Councilmembers reported on attendance at the Rainier Communications Meeting; Youth Commission meeting; State of Washington 125<sup>th</sup> birthday; Fife Police Halloween Carnival; Voucher Review Committee; Port of Tacoma Commissioners meeting; Pierce County Library Executive Meeting; Chamber luncheon; Pierce County Cities and Towns meeting; Veterans Memorial in Milton; Pierce County Regional Council Meeting; South Sound 911 meeting; State Route 167 Coalition meeting.

### **ORDINANCES**

#### **Ordinance No. 1892 – Passage and waive 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Authorize the Issuance of Water/Sewer Revenue Bonds**

Finance Director DeGroot, reported this proposed ordinance authorizes the sale of the water/sewer revenue bonds and directs City staff to contract with the bond underwriter to issue the bonds administratively and to have City staff report back to Council after the bond sale is complete. These bonds will finance utility capital projects identified and discussed with Council at their Council Retreats and public hearings earlier this year. The projects include the Public Works/Parks Maintenance Facility Acquisition-utility portion including water well, Sewer Utility Pump Station improvements and Storm Drainage Utility real estate acquisitions. The water utility portion of the maintenance facility and water well is \$1.4 million of which \$660K is being financed with a Washington State Public Works Trust Fund loan. Dave Tregesar representing D.A. Davidson, answered questions from the Council.

*Councilmember Hulcey moved and Councilmember Yambe seconded the motion to waive second reading and pass Ordinance No. 1892 authorizing the issuance of Water/Sewer Revenue Bonds. Upon vote motion passes with five yes votes and one no vote. Councilmember Cerqui cast the no vote.*

**Ordinance No. 1893 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and Waive 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
Extending Sunset Dates for Utility Tax Increases, as previously adopted.**

Finance Director DeGroot advised this proposed ordinance will extend sunset dates to December 31, 2035, allowing for a 20-year debt repayment of any new or refinanced General Obligation Bonds.

Dave Tregesar representing, D.A. Davidson, answered questions from the Council.

Councilmembers Cerqui and Johnson expressed a concern with extending the moratorium that was set to expire in 2019 and now extending it out to 2035.

Carol Sue Braaen, Fife resident, questioned the 20 year extension on the debt repayment.

*Councilmember Marsh moved and Mayor Curtis seconded the motion to waive second reading and pass Ordinance No. 1893 extending the sunset dates for utility tax increases, as previously adopted. Motion passed with four yes votes and two no votes. Councilmembers Cerqui and Johnson voted no.*

**Ordinance No. 1894 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and Waive 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
Authorizing the Issuance of Limited Tax General Obligation & Refunding Bonds**

Finance Director DeGroot reported Ordinance No. 1894 provides the City an opportunity to refinance a portion of its Limited Tax General Obligation (G.O.) Bonds 2007 at the same time that it issues \$1.0 million in new G.O debt to reimburse itself for the general government cost share of the Public Works/Parks Maintenance facility acquisition (Holt property).

Carole Sue Braaen, Fife resident, asked several questions relating to penalties and bond status.

*Councilmember Marsh moved and Mayor Curtis seconded the motion to waive second reading and pass Ordinance No. 1894 authorizing the issuance of Limited Tax General Obligations & Refunding Bonds. Motion passed with five yes votes and one no vote. Councilmember Cerqui voted no.*

**Ordinance No. 1891– 1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
Adopting the Budget for the 2015-2016 Biennium**

Interim City Manager Mukerjee reported the City has held all the required public hears relating to the adoption of this proposed Ordinance. This is the first reading and the second reading is scheduled for November 25, 2014. Mukerjee further stated the budget as presented, is a balanced budget where expenditures are kept within expected available resources. The proposed budget ordinance will authorize total expenditures of \$136,959,691 for all funds, with an additional \$22,480,509 to be retained in ending fund balance, for a budget ordinance total of \$159,440,201. These amounts reflect funding of the Revenue Stabilization Fund at

\$120,000 per year. For the General Fund, total expenditures for all departments are authorized at \$37,930,284 with \$3,197,644 projected as ending fund balance.

Carole Sue Braaten, Fife Resident, questioned the repairs to the storm drainage in the David Court area.

The Mayor and several Councilmembers requested the prior year's biennium budget be included in the agenda packet for easy reference.

Councilmember Cerqui recommended the City prepare an annual budget in the future.

*Councilmember Marsh moved and Mayor Curtis seconded the motion pass Ordinance No. 1891 for first reading adopting the budget for the 2015-2016 Biennium. Motion passed with five yes votes and one no vote. Councilmember Cerqui voted no.*

### **Ordinance No. 1896 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

#### **Authorizing the Use of Automated School Zone Safety Cameras**

Assistant City Attorney Amman advised the proposed ordinance authorizes the use of automated school speed zone safety cameras in accordance with RCW 46.63.170 and restricts usage of the surplus moneys to pedestrian safety improvements along school zone corridors. The proposed school zone automated speed enforcement program would be implemented on 20<sup>th</sup> Street East and Valley Avenue.

Carole Sue Braaten, Fife resident, spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.

*Councilmember Hulcey moved and Councilmember Yambe seconded the motion and pass Ordinance No. 1896 for first reading authorizing the use of automated school zone safety cameras, designating the use of moneys generated therefrom, and amending sections 10.60.020 and 3.85.020 of the Fife Municipal Code. Motion passed with five yes votes and one no vote. Councilmember Cerqui voted no.*

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **Resolution No. 1629**

#### **Adopting Public Defense Standards**

Assistant City Attorney Amann reported RCW 10.101.00 requires cities operating a court to adopt standards for delivery of public defense services. The Municipal Court, Prosecutor, and Public Defender have developed proposed Public Defense standards and a case weighting system in conformance with the Supreme Court's guidelines. These standards are required to be adopted by the City Council.

*Councilmember Yambe moved and Councilmember Cerqui seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 1629 adopting Public Defense Standards. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.*

### **MOTION TO EXTEND THE ADJOURNMENT TIME**

*Mayor Curtis asked for Council's concurrence to extend the meeting to 10:20 p.m. No objection was received.*

**Resolution No. 1630**

**Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with the Law Office of Thomas Guilfoil, PLLC for Public Defense Services.**

Interim city Manager Mukerjee reported the City of Fife is required by law to provide legal representation to indigent persons charged with offenses under the City's municipal code. The proposed contract with the Law Office of Thomas Guilfoil, PLLC provides for an increase from \$10,000 per month to \$14,000 per month for public defense services, which amounts to a total annual flat fee of \$168,000. The term of the agreement is two years, with a potential two year renewal term. The monthly rate would remain fixed for the duration of the contract.

*Councilmember Cerqui moved and Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 1630 authorizing the City Manager to execute on behalf of the City a Professional Services Agreement with the Law Office of Thomas Guilfoil, PLLC, for Public Defense Services. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.*

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Interim City Manager Mukerjee reported:

- The Council meeting tonight was broadcast for the first time with a split screen where the presenter was visible, as well as the power point presentation.
- Thanksgiving Holiday Lunch at the Community Center is scheduled for Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Variable message signs are in place at the south end of 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue East with construction underway next week
- Officer Darold Grant and Officer Navjot Singh, Corrections Officers, graduated from the Academy Friday, Nov. 7th.

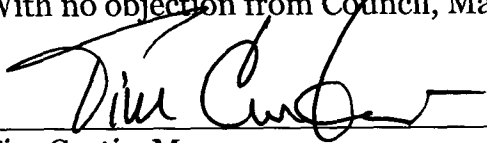
Interim City Manager asked for Council's concurrence for a Special Meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. to discuss Federal issues relating to the City of Fife.

**Audience Comments**

Carol Sue Braaten, Fife resident, asked for a sign placed on 54<sup>th</sup> to help eliminate large trucks in this area.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no objection from Council, Mayor Curtis adjourned the meeting at 10:13 PM.

  
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Tim Curtis, Mayor

  
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for Carol Etgen, City Clerk