

Fife City Hall

**FIFE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 25, 2014**

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Deputy Mayor Hulcey called the Regular Meeting of the Fife City Council to order at 7:10 PM.

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

Absent: Mayor Curtis was 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; Chief of Police Mears; City Attorney Combs; Executive Assistant Rota and City Clerk Etgen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHANGES, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

Council added Item 11b Approval of City of Fife Police Guild Commissioned Officers Agreement to this Council agenda.

Citizen Comments

Mizu Sugimura, Vice President, Public Arts Commission, spoke in appreciation of the parents from Columbia Jr. High School Booster Club, who recently put on a successful fundraiser comedy night.

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:
#50975 – 21013 in the amount of \$747,940.55
- b. Approval of Claims Vouchers as reviewed by the Voucher Committee:
#95175 - 95324 in the amount of \$1,854,476.93
- c. Approval of Minutes of October 28, 2014

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

PRESENTATIONS

Swearing In of Assistant Chief David Woods

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

New Employee Introduction

Community Development Director Osaki introduced Brianna Burroughs as the new Associate Planner. Deputy Mayor Hulcey and Council welcomed Brianna to the City of Fife.

Fife High School Fall Sport Recognition

Judge Ringus introduced the coaches and team members for 2014 Fall Sports Program. Council welcomed and congratulated the coaches and team members.

Holiday Tree Lighting Preview

Parks and Recreation Director Reuter provided an update on the annual Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony and the many activities that will take place this year on December 2nd.

Transition Plan Agreement with South Sound 911

Interim City Manager Mukerjee, Police Chief Mears and Andrew Neiditz, South Sound 911 Executive Director, presented an overview of the proposed transfer of Fife dispatch personnel to South Sound 911. The proposed agreement will be presented to the Council at the December 9th Council meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL DELEGATE

The Mayor and Councilmembers reported on attendance at the Website Advisory Board; Youth Commission; Rainier Communications; Tacoma Pierce County DUI Victims Panel Award Dinner; Fife School Board Meeting; Voucher Review Committee and the Freight Mobility Board Meeting.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 1891 – Passage and waive 2nd reading

Adoption of 2015-16 Biennial Budget

Interim City Manager Mukerjee reported on the proposed 2015-2016 Biennial Budget. First reading of the proposed budget was held on November 12, 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.

Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Cerqui expressed a concern with a biennial budget and recommended revisiting the annual budget process early next year.

Councilmember Marsh moved and Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion to waive second reading and pass Ordinance No. 1891 adopting the 2015-2016 Biennial Budget. Upon vote motion passed with five yes votes and one no vote. Councilmember Cerqui cast the no vote.

**Ordinance No. 1896 – Waive 2nd Reading and Pass
Authorizing the Use of Automated School Zone Safety Cameras**

City Attorney Combs reported 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 20th Street East and Valley Avenue.

Glenn Post, Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc., responded to a question that there currently is no data or research on the success rate of the safety cameras. However where the cameras are currently located in the City of Tacoma, the issuance of citations have dropped significantly.

Councilmember Marsh moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded the motion to waive second reading and pass Ordinance No. 1896 authorizing the use of Automated School Zone Safety Cameras. Motion passed with five yes votes and one no vote. Councilmember Cerqui cast the no vote.

**Ordinance No. 1897 – 1st Reading
Zoning Code Amendment – Hobby Farms**

Chris Larson, Associate Planner, reported on the proposed zoning code amendment relating to Hobby Farms. A draft ordinance was prepared defining hobby farms, which identifies zoning districts where Hobby Farms may be allowed and includes standards for their operations. The Planning Commission reviewed this topic at their September 8, 2014 meeting and the City Council held a public hearing on October 24, 2014.

Several Councilmembers expressed a concern with Hobby Farms allowed in single family residential lots, as well as high, medium and small residential lots and questioned whether the use could potentially be in conflict with the Code. Larson agreed to provide the Council with further information. The Council agreed to move this topic to the December 9th meeting.

**Ordinance No. 1898– 1st Reading
Eliminating Commander Position from Civil Service**

Police Chief Mears reported due to significant organizational changes within the Police Department there is no longer a need for the rank of Police Commander. The Captain position now assumes many of the duties of the Police Commander. Staff is recommending removal of the position of Police Commander from the Fife Municipal Code and elimination from Civil Service.

Councilmember Yambe moved and Councilmember Cerqui seconded the motion to pass Ordinance No. 1898 for first reading eliminating the Commander Position from Civil Service. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

**Ordinance No. 1899 – 1st Reading
Amendment to City Salary Bands**

HR Manager McCauley presented a proposed range of salaries for non-represented employees. The new range will allow the City Manager the flexibility when setting salary ranges as new positions are created.

Councilmember Cerqui moved and Councilmember Yambe seconded the motion to pass Ordinance No. 1899 for first reading amending the City Salary Bands. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1632

Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc. for a School Zone Traffic Camera Safety Improvement Program

City Attorney Combs confirmed the proposed agreement with Redflex is similar in form and content to the current photo red light enforcement agreement. Combs also advised the proposed agreement allows the city to opt-out of the agreement any time three years after the start of the program, if the Council decides to repeal Ordinance No. 1896, which authorizes automated school zone enforcement.

Councilmember Marsh moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 1632 authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc. for a School Zone Traffic Camera Safety Improvement Program. Motion passed with five yes votes and one no vote. Councilmember Cerqui cast the no vote.

Resolution No. 1634

Authorize Memorandum of Understanding with City of Milton regarding Fife/Milton Municipal Boundary

Public Works Director Blount reminded Council this issue was discussed at the November 18th Council Study Session. Blount advised the Memorandum of Understanding states the City of Milton would receive and retain ownership and maintenance responsibility for the traffic signal at the intersection of 20th Street East and Freeman Road, including the traffic detection loops on northbound Freeman Road approaching the intersection. The City of Fife will receive and retain ownership responsibility for the street south of that new boundary.

Councilmember Yambe moved and Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion to authorize the City Manager to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Milton regarding Fife/Milton Municipal Boundary. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Adoption of 2015 City of Fife Legislative Agenda

Interim City Manager Mukerjee presented a summary of the City of Fife's four key 2015 Legislative Agenda items:

- Enact a Transportation Package/Complete the SR 167 Corridor;
- Capital Budget Request of \$1.2 Million to complete Brookville Gardens Park;
- Protect/restore key revenues critical to cities' Operating & Capital needs; provide local governments with tools and authority to address their fiscal issues;
- Amend the Public Records Act to pursue legislation unanimously recommended by the "Sunshine Committee" – protecting the identities of immediate family members and guardians of children who enroll in parks and recreation programs.

Deputy Mayor Hulcey moved and Councilmember Yambe seconded the motion adopting the 2015 City of Fife Legislative Agenda, as presented. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Approval of City of Fife Police Guild Commissioned Agreement

Interim City Manager Mukerjee advised the Council has previously approved the Police Guild Commissioned Officers' Agreement; however some minor changes were applied:

- Addition of another dental plan, which is identical to the other bargaining agreements;
- Clarification on the Health Savings Account and VEBA Accounts, which now comply with IRS regulations.

Deputy Mayor Hulcey moved and Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion approving the Police Guild Commissioned Officers' Agreement. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Interim City Manager Mukerjee reported:

- Two City of Fife Police Officers were recognized at the Tacoma/Pierce County DUI Victims Panel Awards Dinner; Officer Ryan Wyrwitzke & Officer Randy Fleming;
- PSRC has awarded Fife \$7,756,500 in funding for the 70th Ave. E. Preservation and Port of Tacoma Interchange Improvements;
- The 70th Ave East, Phase 2 project has been chosen by the Washington Asphalt Pavement Association and the American Public Works Association as the Winner of the 2013 Best City Asphalt Paving project for Western Washington;
- The Fife Swim Center will be closed for the month of December for the Energy Efficiency upgrades and main pool liner replacement;
- FedEx submitted a building permit application for its distribution center on Freeman Road East;
- Pierce Transit Board voted to discontinue the Fife-Milton-Edgewood community circulator demonstration project (Route 503 between Fife & the Puyallup Sounder Station) and Route 504 (between Fife-Milton & Edgewood) in February of 2015;
- The City is conducting a survey of Fife residents to help us discover what makes our city truly unique;
- City Hall is closed this Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving Day Holiday;
- Justin LeBlanc will be at the Special City Council meeting next Tuesday, December 2nd at 5:00 PM to update the Council on Federal issues;
- Pierce County opened up their Emergency Operations Center today for a flood warning forecast for the Puyallup River.

Councilmember Comments

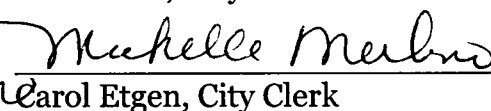
Councilmember Johnson expressed a concern with the flooding of the Wapato Creek. Public Works Director Blount advised the City will receive a permit soon to remove the fallen trees from the creek that are causing the damage.

ADJOURNMENT

With no objection from Council, Mayor Curtis adjourned the meeting at 9:55 PM.



Tim Curtis, Mayor



Carol Etgen, City Clerk