

**FIFE CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 27, 2015**

**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, Deputy Mayor Hulcey and Councilmembers Yambe, Cerqui, Marsh, Johnson, and Wolfrom.

**Staff Present:** 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**

Councilmember Marsh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**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:  
#51107 - 51137 in the amount of \$735,814.50
- b. Approval of Claims Vouchers as reviewed by the Voucher Committee:  
#95712 - 95928 in the amount of \$1,438,718.19
- c. 2015 Tree Commission Work Plan
- d. 2015 Planning Commission Work Program
- e. Appointment of Liaisons to Committees
- f. Approval of Minutes of January 13, 2015 Executive Session, and January 13, 2015 Regular Meeting

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Proclamation – Gun Safety**

Police Chief Mears gave a brief message relating to Gun Safety. City Clerk Etgen read into record the Proclamation declaring January 31, 2015 as Safe Gun Storage Day. Mayor Curtis presented the Proclamation to Lois Bernstein representing Mary Bridge Children's Hospital and Dr. Chin representing Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department.

**Proclamation – Recognition of Military Family Personnel**

City Clerk Etgen read into record Proclamation in recognition of Military Families. City Manager Subir spoke in appreciation of families who support the men and women who defend our freedom and security.

### **2014 Santa Run Recap**

Steven Van Zanten, Police Specialist, gave a brief update and thanked those who help make the 2014 Santa Run a great success.

### **Fife Swim Center Projects Recap**

Parks and Recreation Director Reuter and Parks Maintenance & Operations Manager Cantlin presented an update on the two major upgrade/renovation projects that were completed at the Fife Swim Center. The first project involved replacement of some existing equipment and installation of new equipment that are part of the natatorium and locker room HVAC system. The second project was the replacement of the large pool plaster liner.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL DELEGAE**

The Mayor and Councilmembers reported on attendance at the: Pierce Transit meeting relating to Fife/Milton Route Cancellation; Website Advisory Committee; Youth Commission; Martin Luther King Day Ceremony in Tacoma; Lion's Club Ham Dinner, Voucher Review Committee; meeting with legislative delegates relating to the SR167 solutions and Port of Tacoma projects; Pierce County TV; Pierce County Regional Council Meeting; Transportation Policy Board; Fife School Board Meeting; and Association of Washington Cities Mayor's Conference.

### **ORDINANCES**

#### **Ordinance No. 1895– Passage**

##### **Formation of a Transportation Benefit District**

Public Works Director Blount reported on the creation of a Transportation Benefit District (TBD) within the City where the City Council is designated as the governing body for the Transportation Benefit District. A sunset provision was included, to the proposed ordinance, advising that the (TBD) would terminate after three years, if no taxes or fees were assessed. A first reading of the ordinance was approved at the regular Council meeting on November 12, 2014.

*Councilmember Wolfrom moved and Councilmember Yambe seconded the motion to pass Ordinance No. 1895 establishing a Transportation Benefit District, specifying the boundaries for the Transportation Benefit, the authority of the District and the improvements to be funded by the District. Upon vote, motion passed with five yes votes and two no votes. Councilmembers Cerqui and Johnson voting no.*

#### **Ordinance No. 1897 – Passage**

##### **Zoning Code Amendment – Hobby Farms**

Associate Planner Larson gave a brief background of proposed Ordinance No. 1897 regarding the Zoning Code Amendments relating to Hobby Farms. Larson responded to questions that Council asked at the Public Hearing and first reading of the Ordinance. Larson also presented maps which illustrated the proposed zoning areas for Hobby Farms.

*Councilmember Wolfrom moved and Councilmember Marsh seconded a motion to pass Ordinance No. 1897 amending the Fife Zoning Code related to Hobby Farms.*

Council requested staff to prepare a revision to proposed Ordinance No. 1897 allowing Hobby Farms in the Industrial Zones.

*In order to allow staff time to review Council's request, Councilmember Johnson moved and Councilmember Cerqui seconded a motion to postpone further discussion to the meeting of February 10, 2015. Upon vote motion carried unanimously.*

**Ordinance No. 1900 - Passage**

**Authorizing Inter-Fund Loans from the Miscellaneous Capital Projects Fund to Miscellaneous Grant Summary Fund & Street Construction Fund**

Finance Director DeGroot reported the proposed ordinance which the 2014-15 Biennial Budget to appropriate \$325,000 in the Miscellaneous Capital Projects Funds for an inter-fund loan to the Miscellaneous Grants Summary Fund, as well as appropriate \$2,650,000 in the Miscellaneous Capital Projects Fund for an inter-fund loan to the Street Construction Fund.

*Councilmember Marsh moved and Deputy Mayor Hulcey seconded the motion to pass Ordinance No. 1900 authorizing inter-fund loans from the Miscellaneous Capital Projects Fund to the Miscellaneous Grant Summary Fund and Street Construction Fund. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.*

**Ordinance No. 1902 - Passage**

**Amending Fife Municipal Code 2.77.020 regarding Arts Commission Membership**

Assistant City Attorney Amann reported the proposed ordinance has been modified per Council's request to require that two of the positions on the commission must be filled by Fife residents but a vacancy in either of the positions shall not affect whether or not the commission has a quorum for the transaction of business.

*Deputy Mayor Hulcey moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded the motion to pass Ordinance No. 1902 amending Section 2.77.020 of the Fife Municipal Code regarding Arts Commission membership. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.*

**Ordinance No. 1901**

**Adding Sections to the Fife Municipal Code Regarding Animal Control and Pet Licensing**

Police Chief Mears gave a brief background on the proposed Ordinance relating to Animal Control and Pet Licensing.

*Councilmember Wolfrom moved and Councilmember Marsh seconded the motion to waive first reading and pass Ordinance No. 1901 adding new chapters to the Fife Municipal Code regarding animal control and pet licensing.*

Councilmember Johnson spoke in opposition to the proposed ordinance, expressing concern about the lack of the ability to modify any of Pierce County's animal control provisions, including the amount of time an animal is kept if it is picked up before it is adopted out, and the timeframe for euthanasia if an animal is not picked up or adopted out in a certain timeframe.

*Upon vote, motion failed with four no vote and three yes votes. Councilmembers Yambe, Johnson, Deputy Mayor Hulcey and Cerqui voting no.*

## CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Mukerjee reported:

- Councilmember Yambe has been appointed to the AWC Education Committee
- Fife/Milton/Edgewood Chamber of Commerce submitted a letter of support regarding SR 167
- Reminder of the FEMA Community Coordination meeting scheduled for January 28<sup>th</sup> from 1p to 4p at Tacoma Mall Office Building
- Reminder of Retirement Party for Police K9 Bandit
- Reminder of the Fife-Port of Tacoma Joint Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Reminder of the City Council Retreat scheduled Friday and Saturday, February 6-7

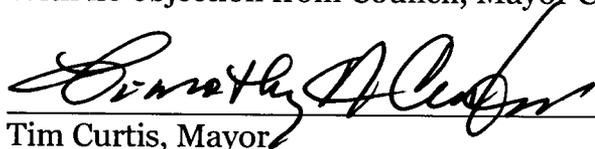
## COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmembers reported on and recognized:

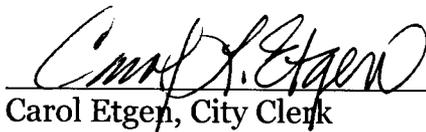
- The importance of the Proclamation for the Military Families
- Appreciation of the Santa Run
- Support from staff and Council regarding the appointment to the AWC Education Committee
- Condolences to the Jane Longley family
- Reminder of Bandit's retirement ceremony
- Questions relating to construction onto Parcel 14
- Appreciation for Regal Logistics and their support of the Santa Run
- Letter from Tristan McLaughlin regarding the opening of 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- Recommendation for a Study Session to discuss the cancelation of Pierce Transit runs within Fife and Milton

## ADJOURNMENT

With no objection from Council, Mayor Curtis adjourned the meeting at 9:10 PM.



Tim Curtis, Mayor



Carol Etgen, City Clerk