

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Deputy Mayor Hulcey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHANGES, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

City Manager Mukerjee requested the following change to the agenda:

- Pull Agenda Item 9a – Ordinance No. 1904 relating to the Ordering construction of a new street from the South Boundary to 26th Street E. and establishing Local Improvement District No. 14-1

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Bruce Brends, Fife resident, expressed a concern about the recent increase to the City's water and sewer rates.

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:
#51272-51291 in the amount of \$480,959.93
- b. **Approval of Claims Vouchers** as reviewed by the Voucher Committee:
#96360 - 96552 in the amount of \$1,020,453.99
- c. **Resolution No. 1655** Council Acceptance of 27th Street E. Water Service Replacements
- d. **Resolution No. 1658** - Amending Council Procedures
- e. **2015 Fife Public Arts Commission Work Plan Approval**

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

PRESENTATIONS

Oath of Office – Police Captain Gardner

Police Chief Mears introduced Police Captain Gardner to the Mayor and Council and acknowledged his accomplishments during his Police career. Judge Ringus performed the Swearing-In Ceremony.

New Employee Introduction

City Manager introduced Rhonda Perozzo, who works within the Community Development Department implementing the Geographic Information System (GIS). Rhonda is a graduate from the University of Washington receiving her BS in Environmental Science and a credential in GIS.

City Clerk Etgen introduced Kyle Welty who comes to Fife from the WA State Department of Transportation where he held the position of Fiscal Analyst 2. He has extensive knowledge of the WA State Public Records Act and the WA State records retention schedules.

2015 Daffodil Festival Preview

Judge Ringus introduced Princess Katlyn Ringus, representing the Fife Community and Fife High school. Princess Katlyn and Judge Ringus presented a power point illustrating the history of the Daffodil Float and parade.

Branding Update

Economic Development and Marketing Manager McQuade introduced Bridget Baeth and Sherry Campbell from Jayray Advertising, who presented concepts of the a new and refreshed logo and taglines. Councilmembers gave their feedback on the proposed new logo and taglines.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL DELEGAE

The Mayor and Councilmembers reported on attendance at the: Website Site Advisory Committee; Wellness Committee; Youth Commission; Voucher Review Committee; Pierce County Regional Council meeting; Pierce County Golf Championship kick-off meeting; travel to Olympia to meet with delegates regarding Port of Tacoma Road; Camp Harmony Committee Meeting; LEOFF Board Meeting; and the Washington State Freight Mobility Investment Board Meeting.

Public Hearing

School District (Fife and Puyallup Impact Fees)

Associate Planner Burroughs reported on March 10, 2015 the City Council approved the 2014 Comprehensive Plan Amendment docket, which included the 2014-2019 Puyallup School District and the 2014-2020 Fife School District Six Year Capital Facilities Plan. Burroughs noted a letter of support from the Master Builders was received and entered into the record. Burroughs presented a power point presentation which illustrated the school impact fee amounts that have been historically implemented by the City.

At this time Mayor Curtis opened the Public Hearing at 8:52 p.m.

Brian Devereux, Puyallup School District Facilities Planner, spoke in support of the City's decision to move the collection of the impact fees from the preliminary plan approval process, to the time the issuance of a building permit. Devereux also supported the proposed impact fees.

Mayor Curtis closed the Public Hearing at 9:01 p.m.

Proposed Improvements and Formation of 66th Avenue LID

Public Works Director Blount reported on the City's intent to form a Local Improvement District (LID) to fund the construction of 66th Avenue East. Notices were sent to all property owners within the proposed LID. The project is anticipated to be completed in 2017.

At 9:10 p.m., Mayor Curtis opened the Public Hearing

Darin Shedd, representing Valbridge Appraisal Service, advised all properties within the proposed LID have unique variables due to either right of way acquisitions or special benefits. All properties will benefit specifically to new corner influences brought in by road and increased access and circulations within the project.

Sarah Johnson, representing Teachers Insurance & Annuity Association, and property owners within the proposed LID, expressed a concern with the formation of the LID and assessment of the properties. Ms. Johnson further advised they were under the impression this hearing would be open and continued to April 28th to allow them time to gather further information. Ms. Johnson further stated the property owners do not feel this is a special benefit rather the properties will be damaged by this project. Ms. Johnson urged the Council to continue this public hearing to April 28th.

Jeff Davis, representing Davis Property and Investment, and the developer for project, advised they prepared a thorough analysis and found it very adequate. This project adds a number of infrastructure improvements, specifically moving freight around the City of Fife and keeping the truck traffic off 20th Avenue E. and on to 26th Ave. E. and then ultimately onto 70th Ave. E.

Mayor Curtis moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded the motion to close the Public Hearing and accept written testimony until April 21st. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Curtis closed the Public Hearing at 9:26 PM.

RECESS

At 9:27 PM, Council took a 10 minute recess and reconvened the meeting at 9:37 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1656

Expressing Support for the 2015 Legislative Transportation Revenue and Reform Package

City Manager Mukerjee reported the Senate has passed the revenue and reform package and the House will begin hearings and deliberations on the Transportation Package. The City is taking the official position in support of a comprehensive and balanced transportation investment package; urging the legislature to front-load projects and add funding for Phase 2 and 3 of the Port of Tacoma Road interchange improvements and refrain from exempting sales tax from these projects.

On motion by Councilmember Wolfrom, seconded by Councilmember Marsh, Council adopted Resolution No. 1656 expressing support for the 2015 Legislative Transportation Revenue and Reform Package.

Deputy Mayor Hulcey expressed a concern with exempting sales tax from these projects.

Upon vote, motion passed with four yes votes and three no votes. Deputy Mayor Hulcey and Councilmembers Yambe and Cerqui cast no votes.

Resolution No. 1657

Adopting Limited Access Findings and Order for the I-5 Port of Tacoma Interchange Project

City Attorney Combs advised the I-5 Port of Tacoma Road interchange project will replace the existing configuration of the interchange with a diamond couplet design to improve access and safety. To achieve the improvements the project must modify access control. Access control means the control of an abutting property's right of access to the right of way within the boundaries of the interchange area. On January 14, 2015 at the Fife Municipal Courtroom, a State Administrative Law Judge was designated to preside as the examiner at the hearing. Notice of hearing was provided to all abutting property owners. City Staff prepared a proposed findings and order, adopting the limited access plan with modification as a result of the hearing process. The proposed Resolution No. 1657 adopts the findings and order as approved by WSDOT and authorizes the Public Works Director to sign the findings and order on behalf of the City.

Public Works Director Blount presented a power point which was used at the January 14, 2015 Public Hearing illustrating the I-5 Port of Tacoma Road Interchange project. Blount reminded Council the public testimony period has closed. The City will send out a copy of the Adopted Findings and Order document to those who turned in and filled out a Notice of Appearance. The appeal period ends 30 days from the postmark date on the finding and order mailing.

MEETING EXTENDED AT 10:00 PM

On motion by Councilmember Wolfrom, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, Council unanimously extended the meeting an additional 15 minutes.

On motion by Councilmember Cerqui, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hulcey, Council adopted Resolution No. 1657 adopting the Limited Access Findings and Order for the I-5 Port of Tacoma Road Interchange Project. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Mukerjee reported:

- The annual Teen Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt will be held April 3rd and the annual Easter Egg Hunt for kids will be held April 4th at Dacca Park.
- The City received a donation of a concrete park bench from the Fife Lions Club; it will be placed at Dacca Park with an inset plaque in tribute to Werner Amrein, a 30+ year Lions Club member.
- March 25th is the Port of Tacoma Annual Breakfast meeting.

- He is attending the ICMA West Coast Regional Summit Meeting in Oregon, March 26th and March 27th.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Yambe noted for the record he was voting no on Resolution No. 1656 in support of Deputy Mayor’s Hulcey’s comments, as well as expressing concerns with environmental issues that were not addressed. However, Councilmember Yambe is in full support of the transportation package.

Deputy Mayor Hulcey commented on citizen concerns regarding the recent water and sewer rate increases, stating rates remained low during the recession and required an increase to accommodate costs and infrastructure maintenance requirements.

ADJOURNMENT

With no objection from Council, Mayor Curtis adjourned the meeting at 10:08 PM.

Tim Curtis, Mayor

Carol Etgen, City Clerk

**FIFE CITY COUNCIL
Special Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2015**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was convened at 6:00 PM in the Council conference room for the purpose of discussing potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and performance of a public employee per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). At 7:00 p.m., the Executive Session was extended an additional 10 minutes and adjourned at 7:10 PM.

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

Staff Present: City Manager Mukerjee and City Attorney Combs.



Tim Curtis, Mayor



Carol Etgen, City Clerk