

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Cerqui led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHANGES, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

City Manager Subir added to the Consent Agenda Item 5c Appointment of an Alternate Association of Washington Cities Voting Delegate.

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:
#51461 - 51486 in the amount of \$477,627.00
- b. Approval of Claims Vouchers as reviewed by the Voucher Committee:
#97272 - 97418 in the amount of \$779,561.40
- c. Appointment of an Alternate Association of Washington Cities Voting Delegate

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

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

Presentation – Excellence in Public Service Award

City Manager Mukerjee and Parks Maintenance & Operations Manager Cantlin introduced and congratulated Jeff Haney, Parks Maintenance employee, who received the Excellence in Public Service Award.

Presentation – Fife Police Officer Swearing-In

Assistant Police Chief Woods introduced and welcomed Police Officer Mark Dorn and Police Officer Melissa Calder, who are the most recent members of the Fife Police Department. Judge Ringus performed the swearing-in ceremony.

Presentation – Recognition of Judge Ringus for Receiving the William O. Douglas Judicial Service Award

City Manager Mukerjee recognized Judge Ringus as the recipient of the William O. Douglas Judicial Service Award, which was presented to him by the Washington State Association for Justice. The award is in recognition of Judge Ringus' 20 years of diligent service on the bench and commitment to the justice system in the State of Washington.

Presentation – Public Works Day Recap

Public Works Superintendent Hospenthal presented an overview of the 2015 National Public Works Week "Community Begins Here" event held at Hedden Elementary School.

Presentation – Farmers Market Kickoff

Recreation Coordinator Bonnie Moeller reviewed the highlights of the 2015 Farmer's Market, which started on Friday, June 17th. The market is very farm focused this year, working towards a balance between farm vendors and crafting vendors. The Market is now a member of the Washington State Farmers Market Association and complies with their guidelines. Council expressed their appreciation to City Staff and volunteer Kim Roscoe for her help in kicking off the Farmers Market this year.

Proclamation – Parks and Recreation Month

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Reuter introduced Dee Dee Dukes-Gethers, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission, who accepted the proclamation declaring the month of July 2015 as Park and Recreation month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL DELEGATE

The Mayor and Council reported on: activity with Rainier Communication; the AWC Education Committee; the Wellness Committee; the Youth Commission; Town Hall Meeting; the Voucher Review Committee; Law Enforcement and Fire Fighters Disability Board; opening of the Fife Farmer's Market; a ride along with Sergeant Malave; Relay for Life; the Fife School Board Meeting; South Sound 9-1-1 meeting; and the US Open parade in Sumner.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 1912 – 1st Reading

Permit Processing Code Amendment

Community Development Director Friddle provided a background on the recommended Code Amendments to improve the land use review process for the City. A grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce was received to review and clarify the Municipal Code. The recommendations were reviewed by the Washington State Department of Commerce and comply with the State Environmental Policy Act.

The City Attorney reviewed the finalized draft ordinance, which includes the following nine amendments:

1. FMC 14.02.030 - Project Permit Comment Period and need for consistency;
2. FMC 14.06.020 - Lack of requirement for publishing notice in newspaper;
3. FMC 14.06.030(C.3) - Map for hear notice is important, but vaguely referenced;

4. FMC 14.10.030 - Consolidation of SEPA appeal with appeal of underlying permit application;
5. FMC 14.10.050 - Delete reference to Planning Commission;
6. FMC 17.04.110(F) – SEPA Comment Period;
7. FMC 19.02.020.B - Lack of citation to GMA as authority for zoning code;
8. FMC 19.50.050 – Incorrect citation in the standards section of the Public Use/Open Space District to the Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission as reviewing bodies; and
9. FMC 19.60.090 Remove the Planning Commission from permit review, including ADR.

Councilmembers Johnson, Wolfrom and Cerqui expressed a concern with reducing the comment period from 30 days to 14 days. Council asked for data on “public comment” time periods. Friddle advised he would provide this data to the Council prior to the July 14th Council meeting.

Councilmember Wolfrom moved and Councilmember Yambe seconded the motion to pass Ordinance No. 1912 for first reading amending several section of the municipal code relating to permit processing and place the item on the next meeting’s consent agenda.

Mayor Curtis moved and Councilmember Cerqui seconded a motion to amend the motion to place approval of Ordinance No. 1912 on the regular agenda for Council action. Motion passed unanimously.

Upon vote, the original motion as amended carried unanimously.

**Ordinance No. 1913 – 1st Reading
Truck Restriction on Alexander Road**

City Engineer Gill reported on the proposed ordinance which would prohibit trucks northbound on Alexander Avenue east and north of Pacific Highway East between the hours of 5:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

Yvette Mason, representing Port of Tacoma, presented pictures detailing the issue and expressed her appreciation to the businesses and communities she has worked with on this issue. Various efforts have been made to reduce the problems up to this point.

City Attorney Combs clarified this proposed Ordinance is a prohibition of northbound truck traffic on Alexander Avenue east and north of Pacific Highway E. within city limits between the hours of 5:00 AM and 5:00 PM. A sign is posted on Highway 99 advising of this restriction.

Councilmember Marsh moved and Councilmember Yambe seconded a motion to pass Ordinance No. 1913 for first reading, establishing a weight restriction on Alexander Avenue East between Pacific Highway East and the north city limits.

Assistant Chief Woods advised the Police Department has been working with the Port of Tacoma Police Chief and implemented the queuing of the truck traffic on 509 and with the additional signage on Highway 99 the problem seems to be mitigated.

Several Councilmembers requested a traffic study be performed in the area, and after considerable discussion the original motion as presented was withdrawn. City Manager Mukerjee stated the matter would be brought back to the Council in the future.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1668

Interlocal Agreement with Port of Tacoma and City of Fife for Hydraulic Analysis Review and Approval

City Engineer Gill reported on the Port of Tacoma's North Lead Rail Project which includes improvements to the rail corridor and increases the capacity and efficiency of the Port Of Tacoma's rail system. The project requires a portion of the Erdhal ditch to have a culvert installed. The Erdhal Ditch is maintained by the City of Fife, and the Interlocal Agreement allows the City of Fife to be reimbursed for the hydraulic analysis.

Carol Rhodes, Senior Project Manager with the Port of Tacoma, presented the details of the project.

Councilmember Wolfrom moved and Councilmember Yambe seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1668 approving the Interlocal Agreement with the Port of Tacoma and City of Fife for Hydraulic Analysis Review and Approval.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Fife Memorial Fountain Nomination

Parks and Recreation Director Reuter presented a brief history of the process for reestablishing the Fife Memorial Fountain Recognition Program. The nomination period for the 2015 program was conducted this year and ran for six weeks from April 15th through May 29th, with one nomination received. Ronald S. Hopkins nominated his father, Gordon L. Hopkins.

Ron Hopkins confirmed his request to nominate his father Ronald S. Hopkins as being one of the founding forefathers of the City of Fife, as he was the original Clerk-Treasurer for the City of Fife.

On motion by Councilmember Wolfrom, seconded Deputy Mayor Hulcey, Council moved to approve the recommendation of the Fife Parks and Recreation Community Services Advisory Board to place Gordon L. Hopkins on the Fife Memorial Fountain.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

2015 Tree Commission Work Plan

Parks and Recreation Director Reuter introduced Sarah Patt, member of the Tree Commission, presented the 2015 Tree Commission Work Plan as developed by the current Commission on June 3, 2015, as follows:

- Organize and provide support for the 2015 Arbor Day event;
- Assist with completion and submittal of the 2015 Tree City USA Application;
- Assist with the development of an annual Urban Forestry Work Program based on recommendations from the completed Urban Forestry Management Plan;
- Research and utilize available resources for completion of Tree Commission work projects;
- Work toward completion of the “Tree University Program” for at least 50% of Tree Commission members; and
- Work to recruit new members to achieve a full five (5) member Commission.

Councilmember Yambe moved and Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion to approve the 2015 City of Fife Tree Commission Work Plan as submitted.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Temporary Homeless Encampment Code Amendment

Associate Planner Burroughs provided a brief background on the proposed code amendment relating to temporary homeless encampment. It has been recommended by the Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA) to add this regulation to the Fife Municipal Code in order to remain insured by WCIA. The proposed ordinance would allow a homeless encampment on any property owned by a religious organization in any zoning district, subject to restrictions.

A Public Hearing is scheduled for July 14, 2015 with deliberations and possible action on July 28, 2015. No homeless encampment is being proposed or considered.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

- The Fountain Relocation project will start on July 6th and the ground breaking ceremony is scheduled for July 24th ;
- Annual Car show is scheduled for Saturday, June 28th at Dacca Park;
- The Summer Day Camp and Free Playground program started this week;
- Swim Lesson Programs have begun at the Swim Center;
- Copiers at City Hall will be changed out;
- The City’s Dial Tone provider will be changed, which will save the City approximately \$900/month and enlarge our local calling area;
- On June 24th the Fife Police Department and Tacoma Fire Department will have a controlled burn and live fire training event;
- AWC Annual Conference is scheduled Wednesday, June 24th – Friday, June 26th; and
- City Hall will be closed Friday, July 3rd for the Fourth of July.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmembers reported on and recognized:

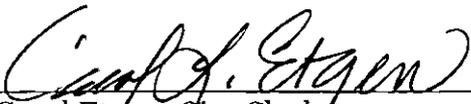
- Letters were sent to the District’s Senator and Representatives requesting the passage of a Transportation package;
- Cossack Entertaining Motorcycle Group will be performing at the Car Show on Saturday, June 28th at Dacca Park; and
- Encouraged everyone to go online at Sound Transit and fill out the survey for the Sound Transit 3 (ST3), which will be a ballot measure that will consider the expansion of the mass transit system, that could potentially run through Fife.

ADJOURNMENT

With no objection from Council, Mayor Curtis adjourned the meeting at 9:32 PM.



Tim Curtis, Mayor



Carol Etgen, City Clerk