

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 Johnson, Wolfrom, and Marsh.

Excused: Councilmembers Cerqui and Yambe.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Deputy Mayor Hulcey 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:
#51563-51609 in the amount of \$635,261.82
- b. **Approval of Claims Vouchers** as reviewed by the Voucher Committee:
#97764- 97889 in the amount of \$1,416,075.13
- c. **Approval of Minutes of July 14, 2015 Regular and Special Meeting and July 21, 2015 Study Session**
- d. **Passage of Ordinance No. 1914 – Temporary Homeless Encampment**

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

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

Appreciation for the 25th District Legislators

City Manager Mukerjee publicly thanked the 25th District Legislators, Senator Dammeier and Representatives Zeiger and Stambaugh, on behalf of the City of Fife, who were instrumental in achieving many milestones and securing additional funding for the following projects:

- \$1.9b funding for Gateway Projects in the Transportation Package, which includes full funding for the SR 167 and SR 509 to the Port of Tacoma projects;
- \$22.3m in funding all Port of Tacoma Road projects;
- \$1.2m in funding the Brookville Gardens Park;
- Amendments to the Public Records Act to protect identities of minors;

- Preserving streamlined sales tax mitigation payments of about \$536,000 a year for Fife; and
- \$75,000 Grant for bus shelter.

Mayor Curtis thanked Senator Bruce Dammeier, Representative Hans Zeiger and Representative Melanie Stambaugh and presented each of them with a plaque in appreciation for all their efforts in supporting the City of Fife.

Oath of Office – Captain Scott Eastman

Police Chief Mears introduced Police Captain Scott Eastman to the Mayor and Council and acknowledged his accomplishments during his Police career. Judge Ringus performed the Swearing-In Ceremony. Council congratulated Captain Eastman and welcomed him to the City.

Award Presentation to Officer Daniel Goff – Injured in the Line of Duty

Police Chief Mears presented Officer Daniel Goff a metal for his exceptional heroism while on Duty as a Fife Police Officer. The Council and Mayor thanked Officer Goff for his commitment and bravery.

National Night Out Recap

Police Specialist Van Zanten provided an update to the Council about the National Night Out Program. The program was held at Dacca Park on August 4, 2015 with approximately 500 in attendance.

Resolution No. 1674

Naming Fife City Hall after Former Mayor Marian Wetsch

City Manager Mukerjee provided a brief background on all the accomplishments that former Mayor Marian Wetsch provided the City of Fife and surrounding community.

Councilmember Wolfrom; Mariann Wolfrom, (*Marian's granddaughter*); Judge Ringus; Margaret Griffiths, (*Marian's niece*); Sarah Patt, (*Marian's granddaughter*); Pat Wolfrom, (*Marian's daughter*); Mary Wetsch Johnson, (*Marian's daughter*) all strongly supported naming City Hall after former Mayor Marian Wetsch.

Deputy Mayor Hulcey moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded the motion adopting Resolution No. 1674 naming Fife City Hall after former Mayor Marian Wetsch.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Second Quarter 2015 Financial Status Report

Finance Director DeGroot presented a financial report for the second quarter of 2015. The presentation referenced materials from the Washington State Economic and Revenue Forecast Council on economic indicators at the national and state levels issued on July 13, 2015. The second quarter highlights include:

- General Fund Revenues
- Building Related Permit Revenue Trends

- Non-Parking Traffic Funds
- Detention Services Revenues
- Property Tax Collection Trends
- Expenditures to Date
 - Executive Department budget
 - Public Works Department budget
 - Parks and Recreation budget
 - Police Department budget
- Public Safety Fund
- Stadium and Convention Tax Fund
- Growth Management Fund
- Utilities
- Cash and Investments

The next Council budget study session is scheduled for September 15, 2015, with the final budget approval scheduled for November 24, 2015.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL DELEGATE

The Mayor and Council reported on activity with the Voucher Review Committee; attendance at the Fife Alumni Event at Dacca Barn; Fife Farmer’s Market; National Night-Out for Crime; South Sound 911; Lions Club District meeting at Dacca Barn; Pierce County Cities and Towns Association; Port of Tacoma meeting.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 1915

Authorizing Condemnation of Real Property for the Freeman Road East Improvement Project

Assistant City Attorney Amann provided a brief background relating to the widening and reconstruction of Freeman Road East from 20th Street E to Valley Avenue East. The parcel in question is located at 3910 Freeman Road E., Fife, WA, the property is owned by Ivory and Billie Crittendon. The proposed Ordinance condemns the property and authorizes the City Attorney to commence condemnation proceedings in Pierce County Superior Court.

Eric Crittendon, representing Ivory and Billie Crittendon objected to the condemnation action, expressing a concern with the property appraisal, tree appraisal for an 80-year-old sequoia, and the traffic study performed in the area.

Amann reported the City is working with the Crittendons to work out an equitable value for the property. The proposed ordinance would authorize the City Attorney to start the condemnation process if an equitable value cannot be reached. The condemnation process, if necessary, could take up to a year to be heard in the Pierce County Superior Court.

Councilmember Johnson moved and Councilmember Marsh seconded the motion to approve Ordinance No. 1915, authorizing condemnation of Real Property for the Freeman Road East Improvement Project.

Mayor Curtis moved to amend the motion which was seconded by Councilmember Johnson to waive 2nd reading and passing Ordinance No. 1915 as presented. Motion passed with four yes votes and one no vote. Councilmember Wolfrom voted no.

Upon vote original motion as amended, passed unanimously.

Ordinance No. 1916

Adopt Light-Emitting Diodes as the Standard for Street Illumination

Public Works Director Blount reported on the proposed ordinance which would amend the Fife Municipal Code relating to street illumination. The City Council at their July 21, 2015 Study Session concurred with the City retrofitting the City's existing street illumination system with Light-Emitting Diodes (LED) fixtures.

Councilmember Johnson moved and Mayor Curtis seconded the motion to waive 2nd reading and pass Ordinance No. 1916 adopting light emitting diodes as the Standard for Street illumination.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1675

Authorize Payment of Incremental Costs to Install LED Streetlights on Freeman Road East and 26th Street East

Public Works Director reported the proposed resolution would authorize the City Manager to negotiate an agreement with Benaroya Capital Company, LLC to install LED streetlights on Freeman Road East and 26th Street East. The agreement further authorizes the City to reimburse Benaroya for the payment of incremental material costs for upgrading streetlight fixtures in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

Councilmember Wolfrom moved and Deputy Mayor Hulcey seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 1675 authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement with Benaroya Capital Company LLC for Light-Emitting Diodes (LED) streetlights on Freeman Road and 26th Street in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 1676

Interagency Agreement with Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department regarding Local Source Control

Public Works Director Blount updated Council on the prior agreement with the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department (TPCHD). The proposed Resolution authorizes an interagency agreement with TPCHD for local source control inspections, outreach and an education component.

Councilmember Marsh moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1676 authorizing an Interagency Agreement with Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department for local source control inspections, outreach and education.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Mukerjee reported on the following:

- The fountain was successfully relocated in approximately nine hours to its permanent home last Friday, with project completion around the beginning of October, 2015;
- The City received approval for the Port of Tacoma Interchange right-of-way plans;
- The Tacoma Public Utilities has moved to a “Stage 2” water shortage notification to encourage Tacoma water customers to further reduce water usage;
- Movie in the Park is scheduled for Saturday, August 22nd at Dacca Park field;
- Community volunteers are collecting school supplies for families in need in the Fife School District and Fife City Hall is one of the drop-off locations; and
- The Employee Appreciation BBQ lunch is scheduled for Friday August 14th at the Community Center from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Rebecca Adney, Fife resident, expressed a concern with the increased traffic at the intersection of 54th Avenue East and Taylor Avenue, stating the intersection is continually blocked by vehicles. Council agreed to have staff speak with the Port of Tacoma as well as looking at the possibility of installing a stop light at the intersection to help control the traffic congestion.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmembers expressed their condolences for the passing of Jim McCall, a former Councilmember.

ADJOURNMENT

With no objection from Council, Mayor Curtis adjourned the meeting at 9:31 PM.



Tm Curtis, Mayor

for 

Carol Etgen, City Clerk