

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Curtis called the Regular Meeting of the Fife City Council to order at 7:27 PM.

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

Excused: Councilmember Johnson.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Wolfrom 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:
#51714-51751 in the amount of \$616,643.97
- b. **Approval of Claims Vouchers** as reviewed by the Voucher Committee:
#98320 - 98596 in the amount of \$1,036,799.99
- c. **Approval of Meeting Minutes of** September 15, 2015 Study Session and
September 22, 2015 Special and Regular Meeting Minutes

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

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

Congressional Update

City Manager Mukerjee introduced City of Fife's Congressional Liaison Justin LeBlanc who presented an update on issues before the U.S. Congress which would be of interest to the City. Also discussed was Federal Government Funding, the status of the Surface Transportation Reauthorization and an update on the FEMA Flood mapping.

2015 Harvest Festival Recap

Recreation Services Supervisor Ryan and Recreation Coordinator Moeller provided a brief update on the 10th anniversary of the Harvest Festival. New events and sponsors helped make this a successful City event.

Wedge Park Volunteer Project Recognition

Parks Maintenance & Operations Manager Cantlin reported that on Saturday, September 12, 2015 approximately 50 volunteers from the Surprise Lake Ward of the Latter Day Saints Church volunteered with City staff to improve the appearance of Wedge Park. The project was

in conjunction with the “National Day of Service” program. Bishop Baker thanked the City and staff for providing safe parks for families to enjoy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL DELEGATE

The Mayor and Councilmembers reported on activity with and attendance at Association of Washington Cities Advisory Board; Wellness Committee; Website Advisory Committee; Historical Society Board; Voucher Review Committee; Radiance Home Owners Association; meeting with the U.S. Rangers Battalion at Joint Base Lewis McCord; Tacoma Historical Society’s Annual Fundraiser; Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting; Youth Committee; South Sound 9-1-1; Pierce County Mayor’s Breakfast Meeting; and Pierce County Cities and Towns meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

2015-2016 Biennium Modified Revenues and 2016 Property Tax Levy

Finance Director DeGroot reported the City is required to hold an annual revenue hearing in the off year (2015) of a biennial budget year in order to consider possible increases in the levy of annual property taxes for the year 2016.

The modified revenue estimates for 2015-16 from all sources excluding beginning fund balance is \$55.2 million for 2015 and \$57.9 million for 2016. This compares to the adopted revenue budget of \$56.6 million for 2015 and \$75.3 million for 2016. The General Fund portion of the modified revenue estimates are \$19.5 million for 2015 and \$19.7 million for 2016. This compares to the adopted budget of \$18.9 million for 2015 and \$19.1 million for 2016 biennial, for a combined total of \$38.0 million.

The preliminary property tax levy limit for 2016 included the statutory 1% increase, new construction and levy for refunds is \$3,068,282. The proposed Resolution relating to the 2016 property tax will be presented to the Council on October 27, 2015.

At 8:49 PM Mayor Curtis opened the Public Hearing up for audience comments. As no comments were received, the Public Hearing was closed.

Councilmember Cerqui left the Council meeting.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 1917

Amending Title 5 of the Fife Municipal Code Regarding Business Licensing and Regulation

City Clerk Etgen provided a brief update on the many housekeeping changes to Title 5 of the Fife Municipal Code, including the elimination of the requirement of a City business license for taxicab owners and drivers.

Councilmember Marsh moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded the motion to pass Ordinance No. 1917 amending Title 5 of the Fife Municipal Code regarding business licensing and regulation. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance No. 1918

Delegating Real Property Purchasing Authority to the City Manager on Public Works Projects

City Attorney Combs reported the proposed ordinance is recommending granting the City Manager real property purchasing authority, if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- The real property and/or property rights are needed for a public works project;
- The purchase price is less than \$300,000;
- Sufficient funds for such purchase have been appropriated in the City budget; and
- The public works project is listed in the City's capital improvement plan, the City's six-year transportation improvement plan, or otherwise approved by City Council motion or resolution.

Councilmember Marsh moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded a motion to pass Ordinance No. 1918 delegating authority to the City Manager to purchase real property under \$300,000 when needed for public works projects.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1685

Appointment to the Greater Tacoma Regional Convention Center Public Facilities District

City Manager Mukerjee requested Council consider appointment of a City of Fife representative to the Greater Tacoma Regional Convention Center Public Facilities District, as well as an alternate from the City Council. Phil Waldner is currently the representative for the City of Fife; his term will expire on December 31, 2015. The recommendation was for Phil Waldner to continue to represent the City of Fife. Due to travel obligations it is further recommended an alternate from the City Council be appointed to fill-in when Mr. Waldner cannot attend the Public Facilities District meetings.

Councilmember Wolfrom moved and Deputy Mayor Hulcey seconded the motion adopting Resolution No. 1685 appointing Phil Waldner as Fife's representative and Councilmember Marsh as an alternate representative to the Greater Tacoma Regional Public Facilities District for a four-year term ending December 31, 2019. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Yambe left the meeting.

Resolution No. 1686

Amending the Council Procedures and Repealing Resolution No. 1658

City Attorney Combs presented proposed Resolution amending Council policies and procedures which promote transparency in government. The proposed policy states that members of the Council will not use personal devices to conduct City business in order to ensure that all public records are documented and retained in accordance with the Public Records Act and Records Retention.

Councilmember Wolfrom moved and Mayor Curtis seconded the motion adopting Resolution No. 1686 amending the Council procedures and repealing Resolution No. 1658. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Comprehensive Plan Docketing and Rezones Requiring Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Community Development Director Friddle presented the proposed Comprehensive Plan Docketing process, which was approved by the Planning Commission. The docketing plan has four modifications to the current plan:

- Adding a definition in the zoning code for “Comprehensive Plan;”
- Insert clarifications to technical administrative procedures;
- Broaden the review criteria; and
- Reorganize the sections to improve clarity.

The Planning Commission further recommended streamlining the rezone process in cases where the rezone also requires a Compressive Plan Amendment. The recommended streamlining would allow the Planning Commission to provide the Council with recommendations on both the Comprehensive Plan amendment and rezone in one public process.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Mukerjee reported on the following:

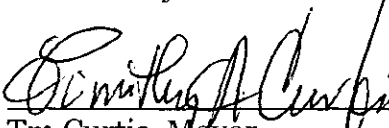
- The new northern culvert to carry Wapato Creek beneath Freeman Road was completed;
- The City of Fife’s Farmers Market was part of a group of famers markets who with the help of the Pierce Conservation District applied for a grant from the US Dept. Of Agriculture. The USDA awarded the District nearly \$100,000 to support our local markets and farms;
- City staff will be participating in “The Great Shake Out” earthquake drill scheduled for Thursday, October 15th at 10:15 AM;
- Governor Inslee is hosting the first “Connecting Washington Sign Dedication Ceremony” at the Fabulich Center at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, October 20th; and
- The Baby Jayden Memorial Garden Dedication and Blood Drive are scheduled for Thursday, October 29th from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Fife Criminal Justice Center.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS


Councilmembers thanked and congratulated Bonnie Moeller for the successful Farmer’s Market and for securing the grant and asked for monthly updates on the School zone safety camera citations.

ADJOURNMENT

With no objection from Council, Mayor Curtis adjourned the meeting at 9:39 PM.



Tim Curtis, Mayor

for 

Carol Etgen, City Clerk