

**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, Cerqui, Johnson, Wolfrom, and Marsh.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Marsh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Carol Sue Braaten, Fife resident, thanked the City of Fife for participating in the “2015 Great Shake Out” earthquake drill. Braaten presented to the City Clerk a copy of the Pierce County Rivers Flood Hazard Management Plan, dated August 2012, which illustrates the 100-year flood plan for the City of Fife.

**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:  
#51752 - 51771 in the amount of \$486,212.42
- b. **Approval of Claims Vouchers** as reviewed by the Voucher Committee:  
#98597 - 98735 in the amount of \$357,470.77
- c. **2015-2016 Youth Commission Work Plan Agenda**
- d. **Resolution No. 1690** - Acceptance of 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue E. Sidewalk Improvements

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

**PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS**

**Recognition of Police Chief Mears**

City Manager Mukerjee thanked Police Chief Mears for his years of service for the City of Fife. Mukerjee also acknowledged his many accomplishments and professionalism. Mayor Curtis presented Police Chief Mears with a plaque in recognition of his years of service.

Police Chief Mears thanked the Mayor, Council and City staff for their support and recognition.

At 7:20 PM the Council took a 15 minutes recess and resumed the meeting at 7:34 PM.

## **2016 Legislative Agenda**

City Manager Mukerjee introduced Doug Levy the City's State Legislative Liaison, who presented an overview of the draft 2016 State Legislative Agenda.

Major topics in the coming year's legislative agenda are as follows:

- Any potential request for 2016 Capital Budget funding is not recommended, unless it is time-sensitive, or has compliance issues, or has some emergency/hazardous/at risk overtones;
- Continued help from the Legislature on cost-containment and restoring revenues, such as:
  - Review systematic way of reducing criminal penalties as a way to cut down on jail costs, and
  - The ongoing effort on restoring the growth in the liquor revolving account;
- Strengthening the Public Records Act.

The Council concurred with the draft 2016 Legislative Agenda. This agenda will be presented to the Council for action at a future meeting.

## **Halloween Carnival**

Police Specialist Van Zanten and Police Specialist Madore provided an update on the Halloween Carnival scheduled for Saturday, October 31, 2015 at Columbia Jr. High School.

## **Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the City of Fife 2015-16 Biennial Budget Document**

City Manager Mukerjee reported that the Finance Department has once again received the Distinguished Budget Award for the 2015-2016 Biennial Budget document. Along with the Finance Director DeGroot, the following staff members were recognized for their participation in creating the document: Lisa Taylor, Chris Anderson, Julie Dyer, Lisa Rowling and Brodie Rota.

The Mayor and Council thanked staff for their work on this document.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL DELEGATE**

The Mayor and Councilmembers reported on attendance at the Voucher Review Committee; a Transportation Briefing; the Pierce County Annual Meeting; the Pierce County Regional Council meeting; the Fife School Board Meeting; the King County/Pierce County Farm Bureau Banquet; the Chamber luncheon; the Valley Cities meeting; the South Sound 9-1-1 Advisory Board meeting; and the Pierce County Mayor's meeting.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **Comprehensive Plan Docketing and Rezones Requiring Comprehensive Plan Amendments**

Community Development Director Friddle presented a brief overview of the purpose of the Public Hearing. Two items are the focal point of this hearing, as are required by the Growth Management Act:

1. Creating a process for the City Council to consider comprehensive plan amendments annually, and
2. Streamline the Rezone process.

At 8:29 PM Mayor Curtis opened the Public Hearing up for audience comments. As no comments were received, the Public Hearing was closed.

### **2015-16 Mid-Biennium Budget Review**

Finance Director DeGroot reported the Mid-Biennium Budget Review aligns and updates revenue and expenditure budget with updated financial information and trends, as well as provides for budgetary corrections and/or revisions.

The 2015 General Fund had an increase of approximately \$9,000 due to the expiration of the photocopier lease contract and the purchase of new copiers for the City. Both the Stadium/Convention Tax Fund 104 & Parks Acquisition/Dev Fund 111 has decreased by \$1.7 million due to the rescheduling of the Brookville Gardens project from 2015 to 2016. The Miscellaneous Capital Fund 305 decreased by \$1.5 million due to the delay of several projects.

The 2016 expenditures have increased due to shifts of expenditures from 2015 for the State Grant. The Park Acquisition/Development Fund 111 increased by \$1.4 million for to the Brookville Gardens Project. The Miscellaneous Capital Fund 305 increased by \$1.09 million, primarily related to the 54<sup>th</sup> Ave E. Grade Separation Design project and interfund loans for street construction. The Storm Drainage Fund 446 increased by \$1.08 due to Brookville Garden Park.

At 8:50 PM Mayor Curtis opened the Public Hearing up for audience comments. As no comments were received, the Public Hearing was closed.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **Resolution No. 1687**

#### **2016 Property Tax Levy**

Finance Director DeGroot reported the preliminary estimates of assessed valuation and the maximum levy amount provided by the Pierce County/Treasurers' Office relating to the property tax rate is expected to remain at the \$1.60 level for the year 2016.

*Councilmember Marsh moved and Deputy Mayor Hulcey seconded the motion adopting Resolution No. 1687 levying property taxes for the year 2016, as presented. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.*

#### **Resolution No. 1688**

#### **Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Amendment to the Commissioned Officer's Collective Bargaining Agreement Regarding Overtime**

The Commissioned Officers Collective Bargaining Agreement with the City defines the working period for overtime purposes as the "work week." Historically on occasion the Commissioned Officers are paid overtime based on time worked beyond their regularly scheduled shift, regardless of whether or not they have worked over 40 hours in the work period. The Police Chief recommends this language be officially recognized in the CBA.

*Councilmember Wolfrom moved and Councilmember Yambe seconded the motion adopting Resolution No. 1688 authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Amendment to the Commissioned Officer's Collective Bargaining Agreement regarding overtime based on the scheduled work shift. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.*

**Resolution No. 1689**

**Authorizing the City Manager to invest annually in the Economic Development Board of Tacoma-Pierce County approved Program for Work 2016-2020**

The Economic Development Board (EDB) recently surveyed community leaders and received feedback from the public regarding an updated work plan to define the 2016-2020 vision, mission, strategies, objectives and goals. The City has been supporting the efforts of the EDB by contributing \$12,000 per year. The EDB is requesting support for the next five years for \$15,000 per year for its 2016-2020 work program.

*Councilmember Yambe moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded the motion adopting Resolution No. 1689 authorizing the City Manager to invest annually in the Economic Development Board of Tacoma-Pierce County approved Program for Work 2016-2020. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.*

**Resolution No. 1691**

**Authorizing a Third Addendum to the Interlocal Agreement with City of Edgewood for IT Services**

Assistant City Attorney Amann reported the City of Edgewood and City of Fife have negotiated a Third Addendum to the Interlocal Agreement to extend the term of the ILA through December 31, 2016 and increase the hourly rate from \$51.00 per hour to \$52.00 per hour.

*Councilmember Wolfrom moved and Mayor Curtis seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 1691 authorizing the City Manager to execute a Third Addendum to the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Edgewood for IT services. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.*

**Resolution No. 1692**

**Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) Interlocal Agreement with Pierce County**

Community Development Director Friddle advised the proposed Resolution authorizes the City Manager to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Pierce County to administer the Commute Trip Reduction Program on behalf of the City. The agreement authorizes Pierce County to implement the CTR Plan and receive the associated funding allocated by the State of Washington.

In response to a question from Councilmember Johnson regarding benefits the City has realized by being a part of this program, Friddle advised he will research the matter.

*Councilmember Marsh moved and Councilmember Yambe seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 1692 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Pierce County to administer the Commute Trip Reduction Program on behalf of the City of Fife. Upon vote, motion passed with six yes votes and one no vote. Councilmember Johnson voted no.*

**Resolution No. 1693**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Approving Contract Supplement for Design of Pedestrian Bridge over Union Pacific Railroad**

Public Works Director Blount stated the proposed Resolution will authorize the City Manager to execute a contract supplement with Berger ABA to prepare a preliminary design for a pedestrian bridge over the Union Pacific railroad (UPRR) between 5-Acre Park and Columbia Junior High School and to conduct a neighborhood outreach meeting to discuss the alternatives. Blount asked if the Council wished to move forward with the design of a pedestrian bridge over the UPRR between 5-Acre Park and Columbia Jr. High School.

Mayor Curtis expressed a concern with moving forward with allocating funding for the proposed Resolution. Mayor Curtis recommended this item be discussed further at a Council study session, so other options can be discussed, such as:

- Review costs;
- Review financing options;
- Review capital funding options; and
- Discuss the impacts of the action with the Fife School District.

Mayor Curtis urged the City Manager to remove this item from this Council agenda until after the election and place the item on the Council retreat agenda which is scheduled in early January 2016.

**EXTENSION OF MEETING**

*At 9:00 PM Councilmember Wolfrom moved and Councilmember Yambe seconded a motion to continue the meeting to 10:15 PM. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously*

Deputy Mayor Hulcey also requested this item tabled and discussed at the Council retreat in January 2016.

**EXTENSION OF MEETING**

*At 10:15 PM Councilmember Wolfrom moved and Councilmember Johnson seconded a motion to continue the meeting to 10:30 PM. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously*

Councilmember Wolfrom also requested this item tabled and discussed at the Council retreat in January 2016.

*Councilmember Cerqui moved and Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 1693 authorizing the City Manager to execute a supplement to the professional services agreement with Berger ABAM for Design of a Pedestrian Bridge over Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks, between 5-Acre Park and Columbia Junior High School and to also conduct a neighborhood outreach meeting to discuss the alternative.*

*Councilmember Johnson amended the motion and Councilmember Yambe seconded the motion to include researching the cost to build a pedestrian underpass under Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks, near 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue East, with the total contract amount for the two studies not to exceed \$198,000. Upon vote motion passed unanimously.*

*Upon vote, original motion as amended passed unanimously.*

**EXTENSION OF MEETING**

*At 10:30 PM Mayor Curtis moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded a motion to continue the meeting to 10:45 PM. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously*

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Mukerjee reported on the following:

- The City of Fife and Port of Tacoma are hosting a second information neighborhood Open House on Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM at the Fabulich Center for the purpose of hearing the response from Prologis concerning the four new warehouse buildings located north of 12<sup>th</sup> Street on Port of Tacoma property within the City of Tacoma;
- The Baby Jayden Memorial Garden Dedication and Blood Drive is Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Fife Criminal Justice Center.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Councilmembers reported on and recognized:

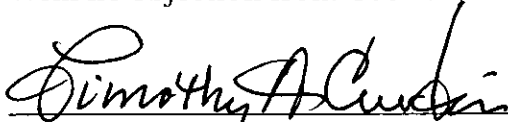
- Deputy Mayor Hulcey asked why the Fife High School or Junior High School bands did not participate in the Puyallup Daffodil Parade;
- Deputy Mayor asked about the Godwin Scholarship at the High School and why it has not been awarded;
- Mayor Curtis reminded everyone to not place any political signs in City right of way.

**POLICE CHIEF MEARS**

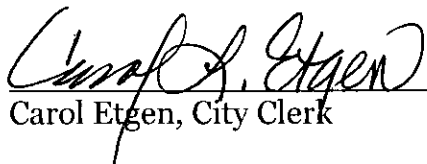
Police Chief Mears thanked City Manager Mukerjee, Mayor Curtis and Council for putting together a great team and presented them each with a token of his appreciation.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no objection from Council, Mayor Curtis adjourned the meeting at 10:40 PM.



Tim Curtis, Mayor



Carol Etgen, City Clerk