

OATH OF OFFICE FOR POSITION 3 COUNCILMEMBER

City Attorney Combs advised that on April 22, 2014 Councilmember Glen Hull resigned from Position 3. Councilmember Johnson assumed the remainder of the unexpired term. The November 3, 2015 election was the next election for Position No. 3, which was certified at noon today, with Councilmember Gethers being elected to the position. The term of Position No. 3 will expire on December 31, 2017.

Judge Ringus swore in newly-elected Councilmember Gethers for City Council Position No. 3.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Curtis called the Regular Meeting of the Fife City Council to order at 7:05 PM.

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Gethers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Carol Sue Braaten, Fife resident, reported that a number of street lights are currently off on the Port of Tacoma Road going towards Pacific Highway East.

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:
#51805 - 51820 in the amount of \$481,817.17
- b. **Approval of Claims Vouchers** as reviewed by the Voucher Committee:
#98898 - 99060 in the amount of \$527,074.52
- c. **Approval of meeting minutes for October 27, 2015 Special and Regular Meetings**

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

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS**Fife High School Fall Sports Recognition**

Judge Ringus introduced the coaches and team members for the 2015 Fall Sports Program. Council welcomed and congratulated the coaches and team members.

Preview of Holiday Events

Parks and Recreation Director Reuter provided an update on the annual Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony scheduled for Tuesday, December 1, 2015, as well as the other Holiday activities that will take place this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL DELEGATE

The Mayor and Councilmembers reported on attendance at the Youth Commission meeting; Association of Washington Cities Education Advisory Board; Global World Trade Center Awards in Tacoma; Voucher Review Committee; Fife Community Center Thanksgiving Holiday Lunch; Ride-along with Fife Police Officer Volkman; meeting with the 167 Project Management Team; Camp Harmony meeting; Fife High School Government Class; Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board; Pierce County Regional Council meeting; Monthly Farm Bureau meeting; City of Fife Exit Audit; Meeting with lobbyist from Washington DC.

PUBLIC HEARING

Critical Areas Ordinance

Senior Planner Larson advised the purpose of this public hearing is to allow citizens an opportunity to provide input to the Council on the proposed amendments to the Critical Areas Ordinance. The first reading of the proposed ordinance will be presented to the Council on December 8th.

At 7:46 PM Mayor Curtis opened the Public Hearing for audience comments.

Carol Sue Bratten, Fife resident, raised concerns with the adequacy of the SEPA Checklist and wetland rating forms concerning birds/fowl, nocturnal animals, agriculture sites water table. Ms. Bratten also raised concern with the time of year and methodology used to complete the wetland rating forms.

As no further comments were received, Mayor Curtis closed the Public Hearing at 7:50 PM.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 1919

Comprehensive Plan Docketing and Rezones Requiring Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Community Development Director Friddle presented a brief overview of the proposed Ordinance. Two items will be the focal point of this Ordinance, which 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.

Councilmember Wolfrom moved and Deputy Mayor Hulcey seconded a motion approving Ordinance No. 1919 relating to zoning code amendments, which create an annual Comprehensive Plan Docketing process and streamline the rezoning process. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance No. 1920

Amend the 2015-16 Biennial Budget as Adopted

Finance Director DeGroot reported City staff has conducted a series of public meetings and hearings over the past four months presenting budget information to the public. The purpose of the proposed amendments aligns and updates revenue and expenditure budgets with

updated financial information and trends; adjusts for resolutions previously approved by the Council and provides for budgetary corrections or revisions. The City Council has been briefed on operational and capital project changes necessitating amendments to the 2015-2016 Biennial Budget. Throughout this process staff has provided recommendations based on the City Council's policy direction.

Councilmember Marsh moved and Councilmember Yambe seconded a motion approving Ordinance No. 1920 amending the 2015-16 Biennial Budget. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance No. 1922

Delegating to the Voucher Review Committee Authority to Approve Vouchers when Regular Council Meetings have been Cancelled

City Attorney Combs noted that the proposed ordinance delegates voucher approval authority to the Voucher Review Committee only in instances where the City Council has cancelled the regular Council meetings. An example would be the last meeting of the year.

Councilmember Gethers moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded the motion approving Ordinance No. 1922 delegating to the Voucher Review Committee authority to approve vouchers when regular Council meetings have been cancelled. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1695

Freeman Road Street Vacation Fixing Date and Time

Acting Public Works Director Gill reported the City received a petition to vacate a portion of Freeman Road East abutting tax parcels owned by Benaroya Capital Company and SunCap Tacoma. The petition has been signed by all property owners abutting the portion of the street right of way. The proposed Resolution sets the public hearing on the petition, which is scheduled for January 12, 2016.

Councilmember Marsh moved and Deputy Mayor Hulcey seconded the motion adopting Resolution No. 1695 fixing the time and place for hearing on the petition to vacate certain portions of Freeman Road East abutting tax parcel nos. 0420084083 and 0420171084. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 1696

Historical Society Barn Use Agreement

City Manager Mukerjee reviewed the proposed changes to the Historical Society Barn Use Agreement. Staff is recommending approval of the proposed Resolution as presented.

Councilmember Yambe moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded the motion adopting Resolution No. 1696 authorizing the City Manager to execute a Barn Facility Use Agreement between the City of Fife and the Fife Historical Society regarding operation of the Dacca Barn. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2016 Legislative Agenda – Adoption

Doug Levy, the City's State Legislative Liaison discussed the draft legislative agenda, which incorporates the Council's discussion and directions as follows:

- Thank you to the Legislators for assisting with major transportation & capital needs;
- Provide Local Revenue & Cost-containment tools; protect State-Shared Revenues;
- Strengthen the Public Records Act and make it easier to administer.

Key issues were also discussed that the City will join other jurisdictions in supporting efforts to enact legislation and obtain funding, as follows:

- Unfunded mandates;
- Regulatory burdens and “cost-drivers”;
- Mitigating medical costs for jail offenders;
- Controlling personnel related costs;
- Local government liability.

Mayor Curtis requested adding to the Key Issues “Real ID” requirements for driver’s licenses.

Mayor Curtis moved and Councilmember Gethers seconded the motion adopting the 2016 Legislative Agenda including the “Real ID” requirements for driver’s licenses, and sending the endorsement to Association of Washington Cities (AWC). Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Mukerjee reported on the following:

- The new Parks and Recreational Community Center on-line registration system became operational this week and to date nearly 60% of total registrations were completed on-line;
- City staff is working closely with Department of Transpiration relating to the SR 167 project;
- Legislative Reception with Senator Dammeier, Representatives Zeigler and Stambaugh, is scheduled for January 5, 2016 at 5:30 PM;
- City Facilities will be closed this Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving Day holiday; and
- There are many openings on the City’s Board and Commissions.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmembers noted:

- Congratulations to Councilmember Gethers for her new position on the City Council;
- Recognition to all the Fife sports teams and individuals;
- At the Turkey Tournament the neighbors of David Court and Circle Drive were impacted due to not enough parking for the event; and
- Support a proposal for a Dacca Barn rental program on-line system for citizens and residents to utilize.

RECESS

At 8:40 PM Council took a 5 minute recess.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:45 PM Council went into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the performance of a public employee per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) for approximately 45 minutes. All Councilmembers along with City Attorney Combs and City Manager Mukerjee were present.

At 9:30 PM the Executive Session was extended an additional 30 minutes and ended at 9:57 PM with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

With no objection from Council, Mayor Curtis adjourned the meeting at 9:57 PM.



Tim Curtis, Mayor



Carol Etgen, City Clerk