

**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, Gethers, and Marsh.

**Excused:** Councilmember Wolfrom.

**Staff Present:** City Manager Mukerjee; Finance Director DeGroot; Community Development Director Friddle; Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Reuter; City Engineer Gill; Interim 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 Mukerjee requested moving the review and adoption of Resolutions prior to the reading of the Ordinances. Mayor Curtis also added Resolution No. 1698 authorizing the Mayor to execute a second amendment to the employment agreement with Subir Mukerjee regarding the City Manager position.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Karla Wayman thanked the Mayor and Council for their continual support and dedication of the Baby Jayden Memorial, which is located at the Fife Criminal Justice Center.

Mizu Sugimura, member of the Fife Arts Commission, presented to the Mayor and Council, City Manager Mukerjee, and City Attorney Combs a small thank you gift for their continual support and encouragement for the upcoming year.

**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:  
#51821 - 51847 in the amount of \$619,362.11
- b. **Approval of Claims Vouchers** as reviewed by the Voucher Committee:  
#99061 - 99155 in the amount of \$1,104,039.75
- c. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** of November 10, 2015 Regular and Special meeting; November 12, 2015 Legislative Update; November 17, 2015 Study Session; November 24, 2015 Special and Regular meeting

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

## **PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS**

### **Community Service Recognition – Thanksgiving Dinners**

Interim Police Chief Woods recognized those organizations who partnered together to provide families in need a thanksgiving meal. The Community Service Teams were “Two Busy to Cook”, who prepared the full traditional dinners; Costco of Fife donated 15 turkeys; and QFC donated seven turkeys. Members of the Fife Police Department, City Manager Mukerjee, and members of the Fife City Council assisted with the deliveries.

### **Recognition of Councilmember Cerqui**

Mayor Curtis and Deputy Mayor Hulcey recognized Councilmember Cerqui for his many years on the City Council as Mayor and Deputy Mayor, as well as his contribution to the Planning Commission and Lodging Tax and Advisory Committee.

At 7:25 PM the Council recessed for 15 minutes to honor Councilmember Cerqui and resumed the Council meeting at 7:40 PM.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL DELEGATE**

The Mayor and Councilmembers reported on attendance Wellness Committee; Fife Historical Society Board Meeting; Parks Board Meeting; Rainier Communications Commission; Port of Tacoma Government Affairs Board; Chamber of Commerce Holiday Party; Olympia Newly Elected Officials Training, sponsored by Association of Washington Cities; Fife Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony; Fife School Board Meeting; Voucher Review Committee; Thanksgiving Community Event; and the Parks and Recreation Services Board Holiday Party.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution No. 1697**

#### **Amendment to Prosecution Services Agreement**

City Manager Mukerjee reported on the amendment to City Prosecutor John Rodabaugh’s contract with the City of Fife. The same terms and conditions will remain with the exception that the monthly compensation will increase to \$12,000 per month for 2016.

*Councilmember Marsh moved and Councilmember Gethers seconded the motion authorizing the City Manager to execute on behalf of the City a Professional Services Agreement with John L. Rodabaugh II for Persecution Services for 2016. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.*

### **Resolution No. 1698**

#### **Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Second Amendment to the Employment Agreement with Subir Mukerjee Regarding the City Manager Position**

City Attorney Combs reported according to the employment agreement with City Manager Mukerjee the City Council is required to re-evaluate the current salary in November 2015 to determine whether an increase is appropriate. The City Council agreed with an adjustment to the current salary.

*Councilmember Yambe moved and Deputy Mayor Hulcey seconded the motion authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Second Amendment to the Employment Agreement with Subir Mukerjee regarding the City Manager position. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.*

## **ORDINANCES**

### **Ordinance No. 1923**

#### **Amending Senior Low Income Utility Discounts**

City Manager Mukerjee reported that on November 17, 2015 the City Council reviewed options of adding additional utility discounts above the current senior discounts. The Council directed staff to provide an additional tier of discounts of 50% for city utilities for seniors or people with disabilities whose household income is 50% or less of the median household income. Staff is recommending waiving second reading in order to get this program in place prior to the January billing cycle. It will provide discounts for water, sewer and storm drainage utilities.

*Mayor Curtis moved and Deputy Mayor Hulcey seconded a motion waiving second reading and approving Ordinance No. 1923 regarding discounts to utility charges for low-income seniors. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.*

### **Ordinance No. 1924**

#### **Amending the Critical Areas Regulations**

Senior Planner Larson informed the Council the City is required to update the Critical Areas Ordinance as part of the Growth Management Act's periodic update. The updates mostly relate to wetlands and their buffer widths, which have not been updated since 1992. The City Council reviewed this item at the October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, and held a public hearing at the November 24<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

*Councilmember Gethers moved and Deputy Mayor Hulcey seconded a motion waiving second reading and passing Ordinance No. 1924 regarding wetland regulations. Upon vote, motion passed with five yes votes and one no vote. Councilmember Cerqui voted no.*

## **RECONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1923**

*Mayor Curtis moved and Councilmember Marsh seconded the motion to reconsider Ordinance No. 1923 relating to Senior Low Income Utility Discounts. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.*

City Attorney Combs advised the Council they have several options relating to the reconsideration of Ordinance 1923:

- Make no changes to Ordinance No. 1923 and approve it as presented, which allows for a one-tier option and wait for empirical data, allowing for two full billing cycles and determine if an amendment is necessary to the Ordinance as presented;
- Continue the discussion and adoption of Ordinance No. 1923 as presented to a date certain; or
- Amend the Ordinance to remove the State Regulations and replace the language to reflect Federal Standards.

*Councilmember Marsh moved to amend the original motion and Councilmember Gethers seconded the motion to approve Ordinance No. 1923 and remove the State Regulations relating to licensing requirement for disability and replace the language to reflect Federal Standards. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.*

Council requested Staff to bring back options that are based on income of the residents and not on the age of the residents.

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

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Mukerjee reported on the following:

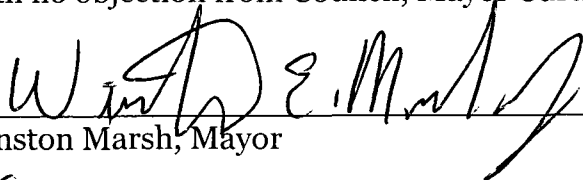
- This is the last Council meeting for 2015, the next regular scheduled meeting is January 12, 2016;
- Parks and Recreation Department hosted their annual breakfast with Santa Program and for the first time this event was sold out;
- Please update Councilmember's contact information with Brodie Rota;
- The Santa Run event is scheduled for December 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.
- The Police Chief Candidate Reception is scheduled for Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at Dacca Barn; and
- A Legislative Reception is scheduled for Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM at the Poodle Dog Restaurant.

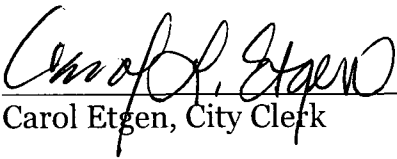
**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Councilmembers expressed their congratulations to Councilmember Cerqui for his tenure on the Council.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no objection from Council, Mayor Curtis adjourned the meeting at 8:55 PM.

  
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Winston Marsh, Mayor

  
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Carol Etgen, City Clerk