

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

Councilmember Curtis called the Regular Meeting of the Fife City Council to order at 7:00 PM.

**Present:** Councilmembers Yambe, Curtis, Gethers, Hulcey, Roscoe, Marsh and Wolfrom.

**Staff Present:** City Manager Mukerjee; Finance Director DeGroot; Public Works Director Blount; Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Reuter; Interim Police Chief Woods; City Attorney Combs; IT Division Manager Ray; Executive Assistant Rota and Deputy Clerk Merlino.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Roscoe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILMEMBERS**

Judge Ringus administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Councilmembers as follows:

- Bryan Yambe Councilmember Position 1
- Tim Curtis Councilmember Position 2
- Pat Hulcey Councilmember Position 4
- Kim Roscoe Councilmember Position 5

**SELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR**

Mayor Curtis asked for any nominations for the Mayor position. Councilmember Wolfrom nominated Councilmember Winston Marsh for the Mayor position. Councilmember Gethers nominated Councilmember Tim Curtis for the Mayor position.

Mayor Curtis asked each of the nominees to address the Council and state their reasons for seeking the position as Mayor for the City.

Deputy Clerk Merlino distributed ballots to each of the Councilmembers with the instructions that there are two nominations for the position of Mayor; Councilmember Marsh and Councilmember Curtis.

Deputy Clerk Merlino publicly read each of the ballots, with the results being five votes (Yambe, Hulcey, Roscoe, Marsh and Wolfrom) for Councilmember Marsh and two votes (Curtis and Gethers) for Councilmember Curtis. The council congratulated Councilmember Mash as the new Mayor for the City of Fife.

At this time Mayor Marsh asked for nominations for the Deputy Mayor position. Councilmember Roscoe nominated Councilmember Curtis as Deputy Mayor. Councilmember Curtis declined the nomination. Councilmember Yambe nominated Councilmember Hulcey. Councilmember Hulcey accepted the nomination.

*Councilmember Wolfrom moved and Councilmember Gethers seconded the motion to appoint Councilmember Hulcey as Deputy Mayor for the City of Fife. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.*

### **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Joyce Moss, Graham resident, requested the City to install a sidewalk on 54th Avenue allowing citizens a safe crossing from the Community Center to Dairy Queen. Mayor Marsh advised this item will be taken into consideration.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Deputy Clerk Merlino presented the following items for consideration on the Consent Agenda:

- a. **Approval of Payroll Vouchers** as reviewed by the Voucher Committee:  
#51863-51873 in the amount of \$397,079.51
- b. **Approval of Claims Vouchers** as reviewed by the Voucher Committee:  
#99362-99621 in the amount of \$1,364,524.66
- c. **Approval of meeting minutes of December 8, 2015 Regular and Special meeting; December 21, 2015 Voucher Review Committee**

*Councilmember Wolfrom moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilmember Gethers seconded the motion. Motion passed with six affirmative votes and one abstention ( Councilmember Roscoe).*

### **PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS**

#### **Santa Run 2015 Recap – Community Service Recognition Regal Distribution**

Interim Police Chief Woods provided a brief background on the history of the Santa Run. Police Specialist Van Zanten and Madore provided a power point highlighting the successful 2015 Santa Run.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL DELEGATE**

The Mayor and Council reported on activity or upcoming meetings with the Fife History Museum; Association of Washington Cities Community Scholarship Fund; Wellness Committee; Pierce County Regional Council; South Sound 911; County Executive Mayor's meeting; Voucher Review Committee; Candidate forum for new Police Chief; Meeting with District Legislators; Pierce County Cities and Towns; Project Manager Meeting for SR167; Freight Mobility Meeting; Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting; Youth Committee Meeting; Tree Lighting Ceremony; John Wymer's Christmas Party; South Sound Chambers Legislator; and the Association of Washington Elected Official Essentials class.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **Petition to Vacate Certain Portions of Freeman Road East Abutting Tax Parcel Nos. 0420084083 and 0420171084**

City Attorney Combs provided the background on petition to vacate a portion of Freeman Road East abutting tax parcel Nos. 0420084083, (owned by Benaroya Capital Company) and 0420171084, (owned by Suncap Tacoma). The petition was signed by all property owners abutting the portion of the street right of way. On November 24, 2015 the Council adopted Resolution No. 1695 setting the public hearing on the petition for January 12, 2016. Notice of the hearing was duly given by publication, mail, and posting, as required by law. A proposed

vacation ordinance will be presented to the Council for consideration at a subsequent council meeting.

At 7:51 PM Mayor Marsh opened the public hearing. No comments received and the Public Hearing was closed.

### **Resolution No. 1699**

#### **Extension of Pilot Water Conservation Program, 2016**

City Manager Mukerjee provided a brief update to the Pilot Water Conservation Program. In September of 2015 the council approved Resolution No. 1684, which authorized redeemable coupons to Fife water and sewer customers for up to \$100 per low-flow toilets for use in Fife. The rebate program was offered as a pilot program ending December 31, 2015. Staff is recommending extending the program through the end of 2016, to allow motel owners who have shown an interest in the program to purchase the low-flow toilets.

*Councilmember Gethers moved and Deputy Mayor Hulcey seconded the motion adopting Resolution No. 1699 authorizing the extension of Pilot Water Conservation Program, 2016. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.*

### **Resolution No. 1700**

#### **Establishing a City Council Sub-Committee for Board, Committee, and Commission Appointments**

City Manager Mukerjee presented proposed Resolution No. 1700 which specifies that a City Council subcommittee of at least two but not more than three councilmembers will be selected by the council to review applications and conduct interview of the applicants and report their findings and recommendations to the full Council.

*Councilmember Wolfrom moved and Deputy Mayor Hulcey seconded the motion adopting Resolution No. 1700 selecting Councilmembers Gethers, Roscoe and Yambe and Councilmember Curtis as an alternate to the Council Sub-Committee with a term expiration date of December 31, 2016. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.*

### **ADDITION OF AGENDA ITEM**

*Councilmember Roscoe moved and Mayor Marsh seconded the motion amending the Council agenda to include Agenda Item 13C Resolution No. 1701 authorizing the City Manager to execute a Right of Way Acquisition Agreement with Washington State Department of Transportation for the Port of Tacoma Road Interchange Project. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.*

### **Resolution No. 1701**

#### **Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Right of Way Acquisition Agreement with WSDOT for the Port of Tacoma Road Interchange Project**

City Attorney Combs advised the Port of Tacoma Road Interchange Project will require the acquisition of a new right of way, including access, light, view and air easement rights, hereinafter referred to as "Limited Access Rights," portions of which will become state-owned limited access highway right of way. The City received the proposed agreement in a form

acceptable to City staff on January 11, 2016. It is important to approve the agreement as soon as possible because the City cannot complete purchases of any limited access rights until the agreement is entered and WSDOT has reviewed the deeds and legal descriptions.

*Councilmember Roscoe moved and Deputy Mayor Hulcey seconded the motion adopting Resolution No. 1701 authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Right of Way Acquisition Agreement with WSDOT for the Port of Tacoma Road Interchange Project. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Appointments to Council Committees Liaisons**

City Manager Mukerjee reported there are several opportunities for Councilmembers and staff to serve on City and regional boards, committees, or commissions as a representative of the City of Fife and City Council. A current list of liaison positions was reviewed with the request to update the list and adopt as the 2016 assignments.

*Councilmember Curtis moved and Councilmember Roscoe seconded the motion to adopt the 2016 committee assignments as discussed and agreed upon. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.*

### **PRA/OPMA/Records Retention Training and Technology Uses Policy**

Assistant City Attorney Combs advised the Open Government Trainings Act enacted requires training for government officials in the fundamentals of the Open Public Meetings Act, Public Records Act, and records retention requirements. Those in attendance of the training were: all City Councilmembers. Other City Staff included: City Manager Mukerjee, Interim Police Chief Woods, Parks and Recreation Director Reuter, Public Works Director Blount, Community Development Director Friddle, IT Division Manager Ray, Deputy Clerk Merlino, and Executive Assistant Rota.

IT Division Manager Ray presented an overview and discussion regarding the City's Technology Uses Policy, including network security.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Mukerjee reported on the following:

- The Swim Center flooring replacement project is complete and the pool has reopened;
- The Corp. of Engineers Permit was issued for the Port of Tacoma project;
- Public Works Director Blount participated in a "Practical Design" review of Tacoma's replacement of the Puyallup River bridge connecting Tacoma to Fife;

Calendar reminders:

- AWC City Action Days in Olympia, January 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>
- Council Retreat scheduled for February 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at Cedarbrook Lodge in SeaTac
- City Hall will be closed Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

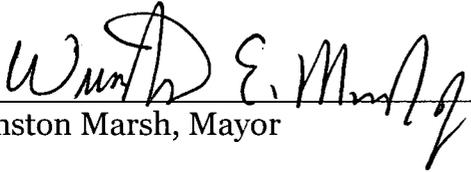
## **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Councilmember Yambe thanked the citizens of Fife for allowing him to fill a four year term on the City Council, and Councilmember Gethers congratulated Mayor Marsh and Deputy Mayor Hulcey for their newly appointed positions on the Council. Councilmember Roscoe asked

about the possibility of developing a method to inform citizens of the answers from questions citizens have asked at City Council meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no objection from Council, Mayor Marsh adjourned the meeting at 8:12 PM.

  
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Winston Marsh, Mayor

  
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Carol Etgen for Michelle Merlino, Deputy Clerk