

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

Mayor Marsh called the Regular Meeting of the Fife City Council to order at 7:02 PM.

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

**Absent:** Deputy Mayor Hulcey, excused.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Yambe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CHANGES, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS**

- Resolution No. 1711 was moved to the beginning of the resolutions.
- After New Business, Council will recess back into Executive Session on pending litigation matters.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Carole Sue Braaten – Fife – updated Council on matters relating to the hearings on the methanol plant.

**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: #51974-51988 in the amount of \$464,063.12
- b. Approval of Claims Vouchers as reviewed by the Voucher Committee: #100077-100214 in the amount of \$335,587.55
- c. Approval of minutes of January 19, 2016 Study Session; January 26, 2016 Regular and Special Meeting; and February 9, 2016 Regular and Special Meeting

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

**PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS**

Mayor Marsh noted that Deputy Mayor Hulcey was missing the presentations tonight and he enjoys these types of celebrations.

### **Fife High School Winter Sports Recognition**

Judge Ringus presented on the Fife High School Winter Sports athletes and started by introducing Assistant Athletic Director Nixon who complimented the athletes and indicated they represented Fife High School well. Several coaches and athletes spoke about their winter season and thanked Council for their support. The winter sports recognition included boys swimming, girls basketball, boys basketball, girls wrestling, and boys wrestling.

Councilmembers thanked and acknowledged the athletes, coaches, parents, and Judge Ringus.

### **Fourth Quarter 2015 Financial Status Report**

Finance Director DeGroot introduced City Council to Socrata Open Budget which is an interactive website application that is designed to publish operating and capital budgets. The cloud-based application allows agencies to put their data online, which ties-in with the Council Goal relating to a style of government that is proactive, transparent, easily accessed and proactively engages the public.

City Manager Mukerjee responded to Councilmember concerns with the ease of the application and added that staff will work with the vendor.

Mr. DeGroot presented on the City's financial performance for the fourth quarter ending December 31, 2015 and explained that the City's financial policies and biennial budget ordinance require that a financial status report be prepared quarterly and presented to the City Council. Some of the highlights of his discussion included the following:

- General Fund revenues for the fourth quarter were tracking well with the amended budget;
- Detention Services Fund revenues for the fourth quarter had decreased;
- The Public Safety/School Speed Zone Traffic Safety Detail fund has incurred a loss during the first four months of this program due to the lag in collection of speed zone violation revenue;
- Other funds are performing generally as expected;
- Significant revenues and overall financial performance of the General Fund and Detention Services Fund;
- Capital Projects have been tracked by fund as well as by individual projects for both expenditures and funding sources;
- National and State Level economic results were published by the Washington State Economic and Revenue Forecast Council.

Mayor Marsh with the consent of Councilmembers moved the readings and presentations of Ordinance No. 1934 and Resolution No. 1711 to follow Presentations & Proclamations. The Committee Reports/Council Delegate will take place after Resolution No. 1711.

### **ORDINANCES**

#### **Ordinance No. 1934 – First Reading**

City Attorney Combs presented on Ordinance granting Astound Broadband, LLC a franchise for noncable telecommunications facilities and informed Council that the franchise agreement was a routine matter, but required Council action.

*Councilmember Curtis moved to approve Ordinance No. 1934 for first reading, granting Astound Broadband, LLC a franchise for noncable telecommunications facilities and to place on consent agenda. Councilmember Roscoe seconded and motion carried unanimously.*

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution No. 1711**

#### **Resolution Casting Vote for Position Two on the Zoo and Trek Authority Board**

City Clerk Etgen presented on the Resolution casting vote for Position Two on the Zoo and Trek Authority Board. The Pierce County Council has requested the Fife City Council cast one vote for an open position on the Zoo and Trek Authority Board. The vacancy was created when Steve Vermillion, formerly of the City of Puyallup, left office at the end of 2015.

The Board is composed of seven elected officials appointed by city and county councils.

City of Fife officials on the ballot included Councilmembers Gethers, Roscoe, and Wolfrom. Councilmember Gethers asked to be taken off the ballot and Councilmember Roscoe commented that she had previously served and enjoyed her time on the Board.

*Councilmember Curtis nominated Councilmember Wolfrom for the position, and Mayor Marsh seconded. Motion carried with five yes votes and one no vote. Councilmember Yambe cast the no vote.*

*Councilmember Gethers moved to adopt Resolution 1711, naming Lew Wolfrom of the City of Fife to fill Position Two of the Zoo and Trek Authority Board. Councilmember Roscoe seconded and motion carried unanimously.*

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL DELEGATE**

The Mayor and Councilmembers reported on attendance at the: Fife History Museum Monthly Meeting; Parks Board; Fife High School encouraging students to get involved in local government; Pierce County Regional Council; WSDOT SR 167 Open House; Association of Washington Cities; South Sound 911 Policy Board; WSDOT Executive Committee for SR 167; Cities and Towns Meeting; Voucher Review Committee; School Board Meeting; and Tree Commission.

## **RESOLUTIONS (con't)**

### **Resolution No. 1708**

#### **Acceptance of 70th Avenue East Pavement Preservation, UPRR to 43rd Street East, as Complete**

City Engineer Gill reported on and presented pictures of the completion of 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue East Preservation that included design and construction of the replacement of the asphalt pavement on 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue East from the Union Pacific Railroad to 43<sup>rd</sup> Street East.

Councilmembers thanked staff for the presentation and pictures.

*Councilmember Wolfrom moved to approve Resolution 1708, accepting 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue East Preservation, from the Union Pacific Railroad to 43<sup>rd</sup> Street East, as complete. Councilmember Gethers seconded and motion carried unanimously.*

### **Resolution No. 1709**

#### **Authorize Contract with RH2 Engineering, Inc. for Water System Comprehensive Plan Update**

Public Works Director Blount reported that staff negotiated a professional services agreement with RH2 Engineering, Inc. to update the City's Comprehensive Water System Plan as required by Washington State Department of Health. City staff reviewed qualifications and determined that RH2 Engineering, Inc. was most qualified to provide engineering services for the update.

Mr. Blount answered questions from Council about water quality and noted that city water is routinely tested.

*Councilmember Gethers moved to approve Resolution No. 1709 authorizing a contract with RH2 Engineering, Inc. for the preparation of an updated Water System Comprehensive Plan for a fee not to exceed \$144,000. Councilmember Curtis seconded and motion carried unanimously.*

### **Resolution No. 1710**

#### **Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Permit from the Army Corps of Engineers to Fill Wetlands Required for the Port of Tacoma Interchange Project and to Execute a Deed Restriction on Project's Wetland Mitigation Sites**

Public Work Director Blount reported on filling the wetlands and the Port of Tacoma I-5 Interchange Project requirements. A permit is required from the Army Corps of Engineers before the infield wetlands can be filled.

*Councilmember Roscoe moved to adopt Resolution No. 1710 authorizing the City Manager to execute a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers and to execute a deed restriction on the Brookville and Oxbow wetland mitigation sites. Councilmember Curtis seconded and motion carried unanimously.*

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Review of Retreat Minutes and Action Items**

City Manager Mukerjee reported on several action items from the Council Retreat and confirmed the direction of each item.

Mayor Marsh and Councilmember Roscoe expressed gratitude for the progress that was made during the retreat.

Council decided to place action on the retreat minutes from February 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

*Councilmember Roscoe moved to approve the minutes as presented from the 2016 City Council Retreat. Councilmember Wolfrom seconded and motion carried unanimously.*

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Mukerjee reported on several topics:

- Puyallup River General Investigation passed a major milestone resulting in approval for the "Tentatively Selected Plan" to be released for public comment.
- City of Tacoma asked for a letter of support for a Taylor Way grant.

- FME Chamber State of the Cities meeting is March 9th.
- Meeting with Justin LeBlanc scheduled for Monday, March 21st.
- New Police Chief Pete Fisher starts on March 28th.
- New electronic door locks will be installed at City facilities.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Carole Sue Braaten – City of Fife – voiced concerns with the online budget application and citizen’s accessibility to the internet. She also commented on wastewater treatment facilities and the risks of contamination if the methanol plant is built.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Councilmembers recognized the day as National Women’s Day; and sent condolences out to former Mayor and Councilmember Cerqui.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

AT 9:34 PM Council went into **Executive Session** for the purpose of discussing potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 15 minutes. No action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council reconvened and Mayor Marsh adjourned the meeting at 9:49 PM.

  
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Winston Marsh, Mayor

  
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Carol Etgen, City Clerk