

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Marsh called the Regular Meeting of the Fife City Council to order at 7:07 p.m.

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

Excused: Councilmember Gethers.

Staff Present: City Manager Mukerjee; Finance Director DeGroot; Public Works Director Blount; Police Chief Fisher; Community Development Director Friddle; Aquatics Director Jendrick; City Attorney Combs; Executive Assistant Rota and City Clerk Etgen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Wolfrom led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHANGES, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Carol Sue Braaten asked about one of the parks being sold; stating she'd read about the sale. She spoke about the fault line and the potential for a tsunami and the proposed methanol plant, and submitted a map of the National Geological Survey for Council. Deputy Mayor Hulcey stated there is a "for sale" sign in front of the property next to the park and it is not on the park property.

Councilmember Roscoe invited Council to a fundraiser coordinated by the Columbia Jr. High School Boosters and Surprise Lake School.

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:
#52009-52029 in the amount of \$630,112.92
- b. **Approval of Claims Vouchers** as reviewed by the Voucher Committee:
#100363-100566 in the amount of \$774,505.67
- c. **Approval of Minutes** of February 16, 2016 Study Session and Special Meeting; February 23, 2016 Regular Meeting; March 8, 2016 Regular and Special Meeting; March 15, 2016 Study Session; March 21, 2016 Special Meeting; and March 22, 2016 Regular and Special Meeting
- d. City Council Meeting Cancellations
- e. Ordinance No. 1932 - Ordinance Eliminating the Detention Services Department and Adding Detention Services Positions to the Police Department

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

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

Police Chief – Oath of Office

Judge Ringus administered the Oath of Office to Chief Fisher and City Manager Mukerjee and the Council welcomed Chief Fisher to the City.

Legislative Recap

Doug Levee, Legislative Lobbyist, reported that the Governor has approximately 280 bills to sign into law by Monday, compared to 400 to 500 in a normal year. The Legislature passed a supplemental operating budget, putting funds into a “rainy day fund” for wildfires. The legislature passed a bill on the use of body cameras, and put some money into basic law enforcement training. There continues to be a disappointing trend of maintaining the same revenue stream with no attempt to increase the budget. Money that normally went into loans for public works projects is now going into the general fund. The streamlined sales tax revenue for municipalities was kept in the budget. The 2016 elections will have a big impact on the 2017 session.

Memorial Fountain Nominee Recommendations

Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Director Reuter reported on the nominee recommendations from the Parks Board for placement on the Memorial Fountain. There were five nominations submitted, including William Henry Wilton, Andy Novak, Robert C. Hall, Olaf Kvamme, and Judy Conway Wright, who all had someone represent them at the Parks Board meeting. The two names of Andy Novak and William Henry Wilton were forwarded to Council for approval.

Councilmember Wolfrom recommended the approval of the two nominees as the Council’s Parks Board liaison. The granddaughter of Mr. Wilton spoke to Council about the numerous roles her grandfather played in the community, and about the home they built, which still stands on Valley Avenue.

Councilmember Yambe moved to approve the recommendation of the PRCS Board to add the names of William Henry Wilton and Andy Novak on the Memorial in Fountain Memorial Park. Councilmember Wolfrom seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Parks Appreciation Day

PRCS Director Reuter reported Parks Appreciation Day is April 23rd at Colburn Park and Fountain Memorial Park, where they will replace all the playground chips at Colburn Park and weed, clean and plant at both of the sites.

Arbor Day

The Arbor Day celebration is also on April 23rd, with a tree planting alongside City Hall on 54th Avenue. Carol Sue Braaten reported the first Arbor Day held in Nebraska was quite dramatic because at one time they had no trees remaining in the State.

Easter Egg Hunt Events Recap

Bonnie Moeller reported on the Easter Egg Hunt which started on Friday, March 25th for teens, with participation at least doubled from last year. The following Saturday morning was the children's Easter Egg Hunt. 5200 eggs were hidden on Saturday, and just under 2,000 eggs were hidden on Friday night. Wally Felice from the Lions Club thanked all the volunteers who contributed chocolate and their time to making the event a success.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL DELEGATE

Councilmembers reported on attendance at and activity with Easter Egg and Teen Easter Egg Hunt; Fife History Museum annual meeting and dinner; the Daffodil Queen Coronation; Puget Sound Regional Council annual meeting in Seattle; the Daffodil Float flower-stuffing; South Sound 911 meeting; Federal Transportation Update; the Tacoma Visitor and Convention Bureau meeting; a meeting regarding Behavioral Health issues and a facility being built; the RAMP meeting; Pierce County Cities and Towns meeting; Parks Board meeting; an upcoming Youth Commission meeting; monthly Mayor's Breakfast; Chief Fisher's first day and swearing in; Flood Control presentation by Army Corps of Engineers; University of Washington - Tacoma annual awards ceremony for local business leaders; and the Voucher Review Committee.

ORDINANCES – First Reading

Ordinance No. 1936 – Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Port of Tacoma Road Right of Way Abutting Tax Parcel No. 7085000371

City Attorney Combs reported a portion of right of way owned by the County on the Port of Tacoma Road was inherited by the City of Fife and only a small portion of it will be used for the project. The property owners asked to buy the unused property from the City at the appraised value and funds will go into the Port of Tacoma interchange project.

Deputy Mayor Hulcey moved to approve Ordinance No. 1936 for first reading, vacating a portion of unused Port of Tacoma Road right of way abutting tax parcel no. 7085000371. Councilmember Wolfrom seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Curtis moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded a motion to amend the motion to put the item on the Consent Agenda at the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon vote, the motion, as amended, passed.

ORDINANCES – Second Reading

Ordinance No. 1931 – Temporary Mobile Food Truck Code Amendment

Associate Planner Burroughs reported this ordinance has had one change since the first reading based on Councilmember Roscoe's comments about the difference between private and public events. The language has been amended with a clear explanation about the difference between private and public with the allowances for food trucks and special events permits.

Councilmember Roscoe moved to pass Ordinance No. 1931, concerning Temporary Mobile Food Trucks on second and final reading. Councilmember Yambe seconded and motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1716

Resolution Fixing the Time and Place for Hearing on Petition to Vacate a Certain Portion of Port of Tacoma Road Abutting Tax Parcel No. 7085000400

City Attorney Combs stated the property is at the Shell Station on Port of Tacoma Road and is similar in nature to the property vacated under Ordinance No. 1936 this evening.

Councilmember Roscoe moved to adopt Resolution No. 1716 setting a public hearing on a petition to vacate a portion of Port of Tacoma Road. Deputy Mayor Hulcey seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 1717

Appointments to City Advisory Boards and Commissions

Executive Assistant Rota reported the Council Sub-Committee conducted interviews last month and recommended Thomas Kolokithas be appointed to the Parks Board. A couple of other individuals applied but were appointed to other boards after further discussion with the applicants. The additional Parks Board opening will be advertised again.

Mizu Sugimura asked about the qualifications of committee applicants and why applicants had been redirected to other committees. Councilmember Roscoe reported there were a couple of situations where people had applied for multiple openings or where people were not aware there were other positions open, and the decision had more to do with the particular individuals who applied in this applicant group.

Councilmember Roscoe moved to adopt Resolution No. 1717 appointing Thomas Kolokithas to the City of Fife Parks, Recreation and Community Services Citizen Advisory Board. Deputy Mayor Hulcey seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 1718

Casting Fife's Second Ballot for Position Two of the Zoo/Trek Authority Board

City Clerk Etgen reported there was the need for a second ballot to elect a member for Position Two of the Zoo/Trek Authority Board, due to no one nominee receiving 60 percent of the vote in the first election. Councilmember Curtis stated he was familiar with applicant Denise McCluskey and that she was very active in her community.

Councilmember Curtis moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded a motion to nominate Denise McCluskey from the City of University Place for Position Two on the Zoo/Trek Authority Board. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Curtis moved to adopt Resolution No. 1718 casting the City of Fife's vote for Denise McCluskey for Position Two on the Zoo/Trek Authority Board and authorizing the City Manager to fill out the ballot and submit it to the Pierce County Regional Council. Councilmember Yambe seconded and motion carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Mukerjee reported:

- April 19th there is an Open House regarding the Puyallup River Flood District; the Council asked to reschedule their Study Session to April 20th in order to allow those Councilmembers who wished to attend the Open House to do so;
- There will be a public meeting for the proposed ST3 project on April 21st and April 28th in Tacoma and Federal Way;
- Chief Fisher will make a presentation at the Chamber lunch tomorrow;
- The Daffodil Float secured the 2nd Place Prize; and
- The FAST Lane grant application is being submitted by the City this week.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Curtis discussed Study Sessions, stating Councilmembers should be able to put items on the Study Session agenda without full Council consensus. Councilmember Roscoe stated she felt it should take more than one individual to put items on a Study Session. Mayor Marsh stated they would be discussing the City Center project at the next meeting.

There was discussion and agreement that a “Council Comments” section would be added to the Study Session agendas.

ADJOURNMENT

With no objection from Council, Mayor Marsh adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.



Winston Marsh, Mayor



Carol Etgen, City Clerk