

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Marsh called the Regular Meeting of the Fife City Council to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

Excused: Councilmembers Curtis, Gethers and Wolfrom.

Staff Present: City Manager Mukerjee; Finance Director DeGroot; Public Works Director Blount; Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Reuter; Aquatics Director Jendrick; Police Chief Fisher; Community Development Director Friddle; City Attorney Combs and City Clerk Etgen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Yambe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Carole Sue Braaten discussed two incidents, one involving an overturned tanker on Port of Tacoma Road and a logging truck that turned over. She reported on a conversation she had with a geologist from the State regarding tsunami warning sirens. She reported a compound accumulative statement for development does not exist, and should. Braaten noted that ham radio operators need to be trained for the City.

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:
August 25, 2016 Payroll and Benefits in the amount of \$673,390.92
- b. **Approval of Claims Vouchers** as reviewed by the Voucher Committee:
Check numbers 102117 – 102261 in the amount of \$421,822.60
- c. **Approval of Minutes** of the September 20, 2016 Study Session
- d. **Passage of Ordinance No. 1946**
Annexation WSDOT SR 167

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

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS**2016/2017 Youth Commission Proposed Work Plan**

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Reuter introduced members of the Youth Commission who presented the proposed work plan to Council. The Plan includes: conducting an annual youth recognition event; developing and implementing a Youth Commission Marketing and Recruitment Plan; conducting a joint meeting with the Parks Board; conducting an annual Study Session with the City Council; conducting a meeting with Puyallup Tribal Youth;

developing and implementing an orientation program for new commissioners; providing support at city sponsored events throughout the year; participating in regional youth council events; and creating awareness of homeless youth to the Fife community.

Councilmembers expressed appreciation for the Plan and stated they look forward to working with the Commission this year.

Deputy Mayor Hulcey moved to approve the 2016/2017 proposed Youth Commission Work Plan as presented. Councilmember Roscoe seconded and motion carried unanimously.

2016 Harvest Festival Preview

Recreation Coordinator II Moeller presented on the upcoming Fife Harvest Festival, which is this Saturday at Dacca Park.

Utility Funds – 2016 Status & 2017-18 Projections

Public Works Director Blount introduced the consulting firm FCS Group and the firm presented the results and recommendations of the Water and Sewer Utilities budget and rate analysis. Chris Gonzales from FCS Group reported the last sewer rate study was performed in 2014. A decision was made to increase the sewer rate at that time, with future regular adjustments. The water rates were also reviewed and adjusted at that time.

It is recommended, after reviewing projections for future years, that the following increases be implemented for 2017 (based on a single family dwelling):

- Water – 6.04% - increase of \$2.44 per month
- Sewer – 4.54% - increase of \$2.88 per month
- Storm – 13.0% - increase of \$1.50 per month

In response to questions from Council, Blount reported on the progress of the Holt property well and the sewer pipe going into Tacoma; the City is dependent upon other entities to move forward with both projects.

Staff was directed to move forward with the proposal as presented and to begin a strong public outreach process for the public hearing which will be held at the next Council meeting.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 1935 – Adopting New Code Provisions Relating to Work in City Right of Way, and Repealing the Existing Right of Way Use Code Provisions

City Engineer Gill summarized the proposed changes to the Fife Municipal Code relating to work within public rights of way. He explained drafts of the proposed ordinance were distributed to affected utility providers and their suggestions and comments have been incorporated into the proposed ordinance. Correspondence received today was also distributed to Council.

Jerimiah LaFranco, representing a contractor, requested Council consider allowing geotechnical engineers to make the recommendation on whether crushed rock be used underneath projects. Current regulations require the use of crushed rock and this would not change with the passage of the ordinance.

Council requested staff contact Pierce County to determine what their processes are.

Carol Sue Braaten stated the soils in Fife were not suitable to be built directly on without support from a product such as crushed gravel.

Councilmember Roscoe moved to approve Ordinance No. 1935 for first reading. Deputy Mayor Hulcey seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Preliminary Biennial Budget 2017-2018

City Manager Mukerjee and Finance Director DeGroot presented Council with the proposed preliminary budget. This presentation provided an overview of estimates and trends of revenues, expenditures and fund balances for all funds of the City.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1735 – Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Interlocal Agreement with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission for Overtime Funding for Traffic Enforcement

Chief Fisher presented the agreement which involves grant funding for traffic safety concerns, including Statewide Impaired Driving Patrols, Statewide Distracted Driving Patrols, Statewide Seatbelt Patrols, Flex funding for DUI enforcement, Motorcycle Safety Patrols and a Target Zero Team’s overtime.

Deputy Mayor Hulcey moved to approve Resolution No. 1735, authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission for overtime funded traffic patrols. Councilmember Yambe seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 1736 – Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Interlocal Agreement with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission for Funding of the Target Zero Law Enforcement Liaison Position

Chief Fisher reported the Washington State Traffic Safety Commission has created “Target Zero Task Forces” throughout the State. Each task force is required to appoint a Law Enforcement Liaison (LEL), a position that has been held by Fife Police Sergeant Kevin Farris for the last year and a half. The LEL is responsible for planning emphasis patrols and addressing traffic safety issues within their respective task force regions. The Washington Traffic Safety Commission uses overtime funds to cover time spent by the LEL to accomplish the responsibilities of the position.

Deputy Mayor Hulcey moved to approve Resolution No. 1736, authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission for funding of the Target Zero Law Enforcement Liaison position. Councilmember Roscoe seconded and motion carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Mukerjee reported on:

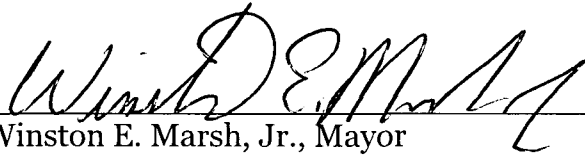
- City Hall exterior repairs;
- Ribbon cutting event for the new Retail Swim Shop on October 11th at 4:30 PM at the pool;
- Harvest Festival this weekend;
- On October 4th the Pierce County Council will be holding their meeting at Fife City Hall;
- There is an opening on the Civil Service Commission; and
- Council indicated support to bring forward a Resolution in support of the ST3 Transportation Initiative.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS


The Mayor and Councilmembers reported on attendance at: the Farmers Market; a Fife football game; the Association of Washington Cities Educational Advisory Board in Olympia; the Rainier Communications meeting; a Port strategic planning meeting; and a conference call with the Washington State Freight Advisory Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

With no objection, Mayor Marsh adjourned the meeting at 9:57 p.m.



Winston E. Marsh, Jr., Mayor

for 

Carol Etgen, City Clerk