

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

Mayor Marsh called the Special Meeting of the Fife City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

**Staff Present:** City Manager Mukerjee; Finance Director DeGroot; Recreation and Community Services Director Reuter; Aquatics Director Jendrick; Police Chief Fisher; Community Development Director Friddle; City Engineer Gill; Assistant City Attorney Amann; and City Clerk Etgen.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Curtis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CHANGES, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS**

City Manager Mukerjee asked that Item 8b, Resolution 1742, be moved to after 5a, Congressional Update.

**PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS**

**Congressional Update**

The City's Congressional liaison, Justin LeBlanc, provided an update on Federal issues and possibilities for funding of projects important to Fife.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution No. 1742 – Expressing Support or Opposing Support for Passage of Proposition No. 1 Relating to the Expansion of Mass Transit**

Community Development Senior Planner Chris Larson introduced Eric Chipps from Transit, who spoke about the Proposition, stating the measure assumes the receipt of 40 percent of operating costs from fees for light rail, and there is a hope for 30 percent of Federal funding. The project will include improvements on the freeways for buses to move through traffic.

Deputy Mayor Hulcey stated he could not support the measure because of the cost and timeline.

Josie Mueller, Fife resident, spoke against the Proposition, stating cars and buses will be self-driving in the near future and taxes are already too high.

Mizu Sugimura, Fife resident, expressed her support of the Proposition, stating at one point Fife was a stop on the Puget Sound electric railway, and this project would allow Fife to be a stopping point again.

Doug Mueller, Fife resident, stated taxes are already higher than most places in the State, and that a rail stop would bring in more transients and more problems.

*Councilmember Curtis moved to approve Resolution No. 1742 supporting the November 8, 2016 ballot measure, Sound Transit's Proposition 1 – Mass Transit Expansion, and encourage Fife citizens to get out and vote. Councilmember Wolfrom seconded and motion carried with Deputy Mayor Hulcey voting no.*

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **2017-18 Biennial Budget – First Public Hearing**

City Manager Mukerjee provided a brief overview of the proposed 2017-2018 biennial budget, reviewing the Council's budget meetings held up to this point; with the budget to be adopted at the November 22, 2016 meeting. Revenue and expenditure funds and forecasts were addressed. Methods to balance the budget were addressed.

Council Curtis questioned the inclusion of the engineer position in the budget for 2017, and asked whether the new financial software could be rented or leased on a monthly basis rather than purchased. He suggested Lodging Tax Funds be used for advertising. Deputy Mayor Hulcey expressed concern about cutting one officer from the Police Department; he is not in favor of the Assistant Public Works Director position for that reason.

Mayor Marsh opened the Public Hearing at 8:37 p.m. for public testimony and closed it with no one coming forward to testify.

## **ORDINANCES**

### **Ordinance No. 1947 – Water, Sewer, and Storm Drainage Utility Rates**

City Engineer Gill presented on the utility rates update. He explained that a public hearing was conducted at the last Council meeting and staff was directed to bring forward an ordinance for consideration.

*Councilmember Roscoe moved to approve Ordinance No. 1947 for first reading. Councilmember Wolfrom seconded and motion carried unanimously.*

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution No. 1741 – 2017 Property Tax Levy**

City Manager Mukerjee reported on the property tax levy. He reminded Council that a public hearing was held at the previous Council meeting on the proposed 2017 property tax levy, and described the Levy Calculation Formula.

*City Council Wolfrom moved to adopt Resolution No. 1741 levying property taxes for the year 2017, as presented. Councilmember Yambe seconded and motion carried unanimously.*

*Councilmember Roscoe moved and Councilmember Wolfrom seconded a motion to keep 2017 property tax levy rates the same as 2016.*

Councilmember Roscoe explained she has always supported increases, however feels with all the utility rates increasing this year that the imposition on taxpayers was too great. She hoped not imposing a property tax increase would encourage voters to vote yes for the ST-3

proposition. Deputy Mayor Hulcey and Councilmember Yambe expressed their support for the amendment.

Finance Director DeGroot clarified that the imposition of the sales tax is for new construction and mainly involves the building of warehouses. It would not impact most residents.

Councilmembers Curtis and Wolfrom expressed their opposition to the motion; noting they would have to find the revenues elsewhere in the budget.

*Motion failed, with Mayor Marsh and Councilmembers Curtis, Gethers and Wolfrom voting no and Deputy Mayor Hulcey and Councilmembers Yambe and Roscoe voting yes.*

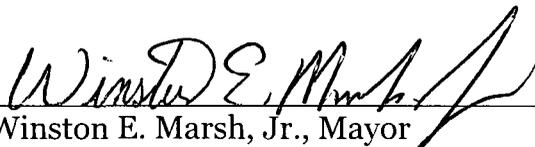
*Upon vote, the original motion passed unanimously.*

**UPCOMING AGENDAS**

City Manager Mukerjee reported on agenda items for upcoming meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no objection, Mayor Marsh adjourned the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

  
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Winston E. Marsh, Jr., Mayor

  
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Carol Etgen, City Clerk