

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Marsh called the Regular Meeting of the Fife City Council to order at 7:16 p.m.

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Roscoe led the pledge of allegiance.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Carole Sue Braaten, Fife resident, expressed concern over the liquid natural gas station which she stated was built with no public input and no environmental impact statement being prepared. Councilmember Roscoe requested a copy of a letter Ms. Braaten referred to and the address of the station.

Doug Mueller, Fife resident, stated his wife was approached by a man who he asked to leave; it appears transients are now entering the City residential areas. He asked that the Police Department step up enforcement for transients and speeding.

CONSENT AGENDA

City Clerk Etgen presented the following items for consideration on the Consent Agenda:

- a. **Approval of Payroll & Benefit Vouchers** as reviewed by the Voucher Committee: Payroll checks issued by third-party Payroll vendor – ADP for November 10, 2016 Payroll and Benefits in the amount of \$482,109.71
- b. **Approval of Claims Vouchers** as reviewed by the Voucher Committee: Check numbers 102696 – 102815 in the amount of \$376,028.57

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Amending the FMC for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Compliance

City Engineer Gill introduced SVR Civil Engineer and Planner Amalia Laden who reviewed the specific Code amendments required in order to be in compliance with the updated National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit issued by Washington Department of Ecology

requiring entities to provide for Low Impact Development into municipal codes. The State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA) appeal period ends on December 8th, and will be on the December 13th meeting agenda.

At 7:35 p.m. Mayor Marsh opened the public hearing for audience comments.

Katelyn Kim, a staff attorney for Puget Sound Keeper Alliance, spoke in support of staff's recommendation for the amendment to the Code, and expressed appreciation for staff's work on the Code changes and efforts to protect Puget Sound.

There was a brief discussion on what the definition of a "native plant" was. Carole Sue Braaten reported there are plants which are native and those which are not to ensure invasive species are not maintained. She stated she supported the low impact development requirements with less housing and more space for water.

Deputy Mayor Hulcey expressed his appreciation for the work staff has done on this project and presentation. In response to a question from Councilmember Curtis if the City has mapped "designated wetlands." Gill responded in the affirmative.

At 7:51 p.m. Mayor Marsh closed the public hearing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL DELEGATE

Councilmember Curtis stated the homeless issue was added to the Legislative Agenda for the Pierce County Regional Council. Councilmembers reported on the attendance at the voucher committee meeting; expressed appreciation to Puyallup Tribal members for informal meetings; and reported on the joint meeting last week with the Fife School Board.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance for First Reading

Ordinance No. 1951 – Amending the 2015-2016 Biennial Budget

Finance Director DeGroot presented on the proposed amendment to the 2015-16 Biennial Budget. The proposed amendment:

- Aligns and updates estimated revenues for 2016 with updated financial information and trends, namely the delayed issuance of bonds for capital projects;
- Updates appropriations for programs and projects, namely 2016 capital projects delayed in whole or in part to 2017-18;
- Authorizes an additional interfund loan from the Miscellaneous Capital Project Fund to the Street Construction Fund in an amount up to \$750,000 for interim financing of street improvement projects; and
- Authorizes an interfund loan from the Impact & Mitigation Fund to the Street Construction 66th Ave E LID Fund in the amount of \$500,000 for interim financing of the LID portion of the 66th Ave E street construction project.

Deputy Mayor Hulcey asked if any of the projects are eligible to be funded out of the Public Safety Fund. Public Works Director Blount replied in the affirmative, stating that there are some funds being spent out of the fund.

Councilmember Yambe moved to approve Ordinance No. 1951 for first reading, amending the 2015-2016 Biennial Budget, as amended. Councilmember Wolfrom seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 1952 – Amending Section 4.08.020 of the FMC Regarding Civil Service Commission Terms

City Clerk Etgen presented on the request to change the appointment term on the Civil Service Commission from six years to three years, stating it was hoped more residents would apply for a position on the Commission if the commitment were not so long.

Councilmember Yambe moved to pass Ordinance No. 1952 for first reading and place on consent agenda for passage at the next regular meeting. Councilmember Roscoe seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 1953 – Removing Certain Police Department Positions from the FMC and Allowing Civil Service Opt Out Provisions in a Collective Bargaining Agreement

City Attorney Combs presented on updating the Fife Municipal Code 2.52.040 by removing the position listing and allowing a Collective Bargaining Agreement to include opt out provisions for specified positions in regard to Civil Service.

Councilmember Gethers moved that first reading be waived and pass Ordinance No. 1953. Councilmember Wolfrom seconded and motion carried unanimously.

RECESS

Mayor Marsh called for a three minute recess at 8:12 p.m. and the meeting was reconvened at 8:17 p.m.

Ordinance for Passage

Ordinance No. 1949 – 2016 Comprehensive Plan Docket

Senior Planner Larson reviewed the action taken to date towards the development of the 2016 Comprehensive Plan Docket, stating that on March 15, 2016 Council approved the 2016 Comprehensive Plan Docket and referred the Docket to the Planning Commission for further deliberation. On October 11, 2016 Council received a briefing covering the Planning Commission recommendations, and on October 25, 2016, Council held a Public Hearing on the 2016 Comprehensive Plan amendments. Public testimony focused on the two property specific proposals, namely the 48th Street Reclassification and the Rao property rezone associated with the Parks Amendments. On November 8, 2016, following discussion of the Planning Commission and staff recommendation to approve the 48th Street reclassification and not to approve the Rao rezone, the City Council approved on first reading of Ordinance 1949.

Councilmember Roscoe moved to amend Ordinance 1949 on second reading by replacing Exhibits B and I with the revised exhibits found in Attachment 2 to the staff report, which

removed the City owned property from CPA16-0001 and pass the Ordinance and the 2016 Comprehensive Plan as amended. Councilmember Wolfrom seconded.

There was some discussion about the motion. Councilmember Curtis expressed his concern about changing the recommended motion as made by staff and the Planning Commission. He asked Council to consider what would best serve the long term interest of the City in terms of value and whether the City property would be best served by designating it as single family.

Councilmember Wolfrom noted he appreciated staff and the Planning Commission's recommendations, but that Council needed to make the final decision based on all the information provided.

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 1950 – Adoption of 2017-2018 Biennium Budget

Finance Director DeGroot presented on the second reading and passage of the Budget Ordinance.

City Manager Mukerjee responded to a question from Councilmember Curtis, clarifying there are two Inspector positions in the budget for 2017; in 2018 when one of the Inspectors retires the position will not be replaced, and a new position of Assistant Director of Public Works will be permanently created.

Councilmember Roscoe moved to pass Ordinance No. 1950 adopting the 2017-2018 Biennium Budget. Councilmember Wolfrom seconded and motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1745 – Acceptance of Firwood Condominiums Stormwater Collection System and Wapato Creek 2402 54th Ave E House Removal Project as Complete

City Engineer Gill reported on a project which was awarded to Active Construction Inc. for storm pipe installation, street paving, and the removal of a house from 2402 54th Avenue East, and requested the project be officially designated as complete. Council expressed their appreciation for the completion of the project and the benefits it provided to the neighborhood and Wapato Creek.

Deputy Mayor Hulcey moved to adopt Resolution No. 1745, accepting the Firwood Condominiums Stormwater Collection System and Wapato Creek 2402 54th Ave East House Removal project as complete. Councilmember Wolfrom seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 1746 – Award of Contract for City Hall Phase I Exterior Envelope Replacement

Public Works Director Blount reported on the modifications which need to be made to City Hall and recommended award of the contract to Good News Group for the City Hall Phase I Exterior Envelope Replacement.

Councilmember Yambe moved to approve Resolution No. 1746 authorizing the City Manager to sign a contract with Good News Group and award the City Hall Phase I Exterior Envelope Replacement for an amount of \$309,850 plus tax. Councilmember Gethers seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 1747 – Authorizing LID 2008-01 Assessments Segregation for DCT Freeman Road LLC

Finance Director DeGroot reported that DCT Freeman Road LLC has submitted a written request to reallocate ULID assessments against real property within the boundaries of Local Improvement District No. 2008-01. He explained the proposed segregation will maintain the security of the LID assessment liens by reallocating the existing assessments to the new tax parcels based as nearly as possible on the same basis as the original benefit formula.

Councilmember Roscoe moved to approve Resolution No. 1747 authorizing segregation of LID 2008-01 assessments for DCT Freeman Road LLC. Councilmember Wolfrom seconded and motion carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Mukerjee reported on:

- Fife hosted the FME Soccer Club’s annual Turkey Jamboree Tournament this past weekend;
- The annual “Breakfast with Santa” will be on December 3rd at the Community Center;
- The Holiday Tree Lighting will take place on December 6th at City Hall.
- A \$7.1 million dollar Transportation Improvement Board grant was awarded to the City for the Port of Tacoma Road interchange work scheduled for next year. The project is now fully funded;
- The Swim Shop at the Aquatic Center has launched an on-line retail shop through Amazon.com and has partnered with Fife High School to become the gear retailer for the swim teams;
- Thanksgiving Day meals will be delivered to 12 needy families by Police Department staff, thanks to “Two Busy to Cook” Caterers; and
- The Fife Milton Edgewood Chamber of Commerce is hosting their annual Chamber Holiday Party on December 2nd at the Dacca Barn.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Rick Stracke, Fife resident, discussed the potential negative impacts of a proposed trail across the creek from them on Berry Lane. A Police Department employee recommended the installation of lights, a camera and a fence to protect their property. He asked Council consider eliminating the Frank Albert Trail project.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS


Councilmembers noted they were thankful for the turkey delivery by the Police Department; the citizens who attend the Council meetings; and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:08 p.m. Council went into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and discussing the performance of a public employee per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) for approximately 60 minutes. The Executive Session was extended for an additional 40 minutes at 10:00 p.m. Council came out of Executive Session at 10:45 p.m. with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

With no objection, Mayor Marsh adjourned the meeting at 10:45 p.m.



Winston E. Marsh, Jr., Mayor



Carol Etgen, City Clerk