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**FIFE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**February 28, 2017**

Boardroom

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

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

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

**Excused:** Councilmember Curtis.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Hulcey led the pledge of allegiance.

**RECOGNITION OF SERVICE FOR MAYOR MARSH**

City Manager Mukerjee recognized former Mayor Marsh for his service on the City Council.

Council expressed their appreciation for the former Mayor. Deputy Mayor Yambe presented a plaque of appreciation to Winston Marsh's son, George Marsh. George Marsh read aloud a note from former Mayor Marsh.

**SELECTION OF THE MAYOR**

City Manager Mukerjee explained that Council needed to elect a Mayor for the remainder of 2017, until a Mayor is elected in January of 2018. He also explained the election process to Council.

*Councilmember Hulcey moved to suspend Council Rules and wait to elect a mayor until a seven-member council is present. Councilmember Wolfrom seconded and motion failed (1-4). Councilmember Hulcey voted yes and Deputy Mayor Yambe, and Councilmembers Gethers, Wolfrom and Roscoe voted no.*

Various Councilmembers expressed interest in selecting a Mayor from the present Councilmembers and were not in favor of suspending Council Rules to wait for a seven-member Council.

*Councilmember Gethers moved to start the nomination process and nominated Councilmember Roscoe.*

*Councilmember Wolfrom nominated Councilmember Curtis.*

Deputy City Clerk Woods passed out the ballots and asked Council to vote for one of the two nominees.

Upon vote by written ballot, as read aloud by Deputy City Clerk Woods, Councilmember Roscoe was elected to the Mayor's position, with Deputy Mayor Yambe, and Councilmembers Roscoe, and Gethers voting for Councilmember Roscoe. Councilmembers Wolfrom and Hulcey voted for Councilmember Curtis. Mayor Roscoe was congratulated by Council.

Judge Ringus administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Roscoe.

Mayor Roscoe took over chairing the meeting.

### **APPOINTMENT OF CITY COUNCILMEMBER**

City Manager Mukerjee explained the process of appointing a Councilmember for Position 6 and suggested a date of March 28, 2017 for candidate interviews.

*Councilmember Wolfrom moved to scheduled interviews with Councilmember candidates for Position 6 on March 28, 2017, and directed staff to coordinate the process. Councilmember Gethers seconded and motion carried.*

### **CHANGES, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS**

City Manager Mukerjee requested to add an item to the agenda under New Business regarding appointment of an alternate Council liaison to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. **Approval of Payroll Vouchers** as reviewed by the Voucher Committee: Payroll Checks Issued by Third-Party Payroll Vendor – ADP on February 10, 2017 for Payroll and Benefits
- b. **Approval of Claims Vouchers** as reviewed by the Voucher Committee: Check Numbers 103561 through 103683 in the amount of \$373,646.32
- c. **Passage of Ordinance No. 1956** – FEMA Map Changes Requiring Fife Municipal Code Amendments
- d. **Adoption of 2017 Fife Planning Commission Work Plan**
- e. **Adoption of 2017 Parks Advisory Board Work Plan**
- f. **Adoption of 2017 Tree Board Work Plan**

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

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL DELEGATE**

Councilmembers reported on their activity with and attendance at: Council Retreat, Hoopin' 4 Heroes, Association of Washington Cities Action Days, Chamber's Executive Round Table, Voucher Committee, Pierce County Regional Council Dinner, and the Chamber's Business Breakfast.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **Marijuana Zoning Code Amendments**

Community Development Director Friddle explained federal and state requirements regarding marijuana and marijuana retailers. He introduced the Planning Commission's recommended zoning code amendments for City Council's consideration. The amendments would allow marijuana production, processing and retail sales subject to limitations.

At 7:58 p.m., Mayor opened the public hearing and immediately closed it with no one coming forward to testify.

## **ORDINANCE**

### **Ordinance No. 1957 – Marijuana Zoning Code Amendments**

Community Development Director Friddle answered questions from various Councilmembers regarding marijuana zoning areas.

Assistant Chief Woods answered questions regarding the impacts to the police department.

*Councilmember Gethers moved to suspend the rules for first reading and approve final passage of Ordinance No. 1957. Councilmember Wolfrom seconded and motion carried unanimously.*

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution No. 1761 – Award Brookville Park Construction Contract**

City Manager Mukerjee introduced the Brookville Park project and called on Public Works Director Blount to give a brief overview of the project and the key staff that played roles in bringing it forward.

City Engineer Gill was introduced to present information on the construction contract and explained BPCI Earthworks, LLC was the lowest responsive bidder. Mr. Gill called on BCRA Project Manager Ben Dort to join him at the podium to present on the project design that BPCI Earthworks, LLC will construct.

Mr. Blount answered questions about the utility on the property, future use and water rights.

Conversation ensued on water rights and the well on the property. City Attorney Combs responded that the City will bring back more information to the Council regarding the well and the water rights agreement on the property.

Finance Director Luat was introduced to address funding of the project. She indicated because the bids came in higher than expected, the City will be short funds and needed to use other sources. The current funding sources are from a Department of Commerce grant, a park acquisition, a contribution from the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC), and Water and Storm funds. An option for additional funding is from the Pacific Highway Preservation project that was moved out, the Wapato Creek Trail project fund that will not be completed, and the Miscellaneous Capital Projects fund to make up the difference. This would cover the cost of the project without add-ons.

For add-on items, she suggested assigning one time dollars from the general fund, the sale of bonds, or the delay of or to not complete a project.

Councilmembers expressed their concerns with the cost of the project and asked questions regarding the design of the park.

*Councilmember Gethers moved to approve Resolution No. 1761 authorizing the City Manager to sign a contract with BPCI Earthworks, LLC for an amount of \$6,422,296 including sales tax. Councilmember Yambe seconded and motion carried unanimously.*

**Resolution No. 1762 – Amending BCRA Contract for Brookville Park**

City Engineer Gill presented on the amendment for additional design services needed to get the Brookville Park project out to bid.

*Councilmember Yambe moved to approve Resolution No. 1762 to authorize the City Manager to sign a supplement to the existing PSA contract with BCRA for an amount of \$99,540. Councilmember Gethers seconded and motion carried unanimously.*

**Resolution No. 1763 – Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Grant Contract and Other Documents Necessary for Obtaining a Grant from Washington State Department of Commerce for Brookville Gardens Community Park**

Public Works Director Blount presented on the grant contract and obligations for use of the grant.

*Councilmember Wolfrom moved to adopt Resolution No. 1763 authorizing the City Manager to execute a grant contract with the Washington State Department of Commerce and other documents required by the grant for Brookville Gardens Community Park. Councilmember Hulcey seconded and motion carried unanimously.*

**OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Appointment of an Alternate Council Liaison to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC)**

City Manager explained Lodging Tax Advisory Committee needed an alternate Council liaison when the primary member is unable to attend.

*Deputy Mayor Yambe nominated Councilmember Hulcey to be appointed as the alternate Council liaison to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee. Mayor Roscoe seconded the nomination through discussion. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.*

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Mukerjee reported on:

- The award of the Tree City USA Certification for 8<sup>th</sup> year with the presentation to be made at the Arbor Day event on April 22, 2017;
- Fife Milton Edgewood Little League has started work on the fields at Dacca Park;
- The Sweetheart Dance was well attended; and
- The State of the County address will be on March 15, 2017.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

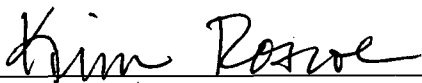
Councilmember Wolfrom announced March 3, 2017 is the District POWWOW at Surprise Lake Middle School.

Councilmember Gethers announced due to previous advertising support from the Fife Free Press for her campaign that she will recuse herself from voting on any matters involving the Puyallup Tribe.

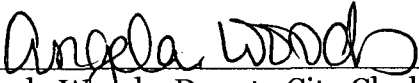
Council congratulated Mayor Roscoe.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no objection, Mayor Roscoe adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.



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Kim Roscoe, Mayor



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Angela Woods, Deputy City Clerk