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**FIFE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**March 14, 2017**

Boardroom

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

Mayor Roscoe called the Regular Meeting of the Fife City Council to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Present:** Mayor Roscoe, Deputy Mayor Yambe, and Councilmembers Hulcey, Gethers 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; Police Chief Fisher; Community Development Director Friddle; City Attorney Combs; Executive Assistant Rota and City Clerk Etgen.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Deputy Mayor Yambe led the pledge of allegiance.

**CHANGES, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS**

City Manager Mukerjee removed the presentation item for the Fife Police Reserve Officer Recognition.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

George Van Brocklen stated he and his family have lived in Fife for 49 years and were not aware of the fact that five years ago when the sewer line was put in that they could have had the connection fee waived. He wondered if an exception could be made for his family to hook up the sewer at this time. City Manager Mukerjee stated the Public Works staff would be in contact with him, but that there was very little flexibility in the law when it comes to the ability of the City to waive fees for one rate payer.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. **Approval of Minutes** of Special and Regular Meetings of February 14, 2017
- b. **Approval of Payroll Vouchers** as reviewed by the Voucher Committee:  
February 15, 2017 and February 24, 2017 payroll and benefits in the amount of \$637,037.47
- c. **Approval of Claims Vouchers** as reviewed by the Voucher Committee: check numbers 103684 to 103846 in the amount of \$628,153.66 and automated clearing house transactions totaling \$48,456.44

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

## **PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS**

### **Special Olympics Recap**

Officer Gilbert reported on the success of the Hoopin' for Heroes and Polar Plunge events; approximately \$7,200 was raised, with more to come in. Chief Fisher expressed his appreciation for Officer Gilbert and his wife's hard work on events like these.

### **Proclamation – 2017 Pierce County Library READS Program**

Mayor Roscoe introduced Tami Masenhimer, who reported the Pierce County Reads book for this year is "Grunt, the Curious Science of Humans at War" by Mary Roach. Masenhimer also reviewed the various events the library is hosting this year. Mayor Roscoe read and presented a proclamation regarding the 2017 Pierce County Reads program to Ms. Masenhimer for the Library.

### **Fife High School Winter Sports Recognition**

Judge Ringus introduced the Athletic Director who brought up the various coaches and teams, reviewing their year. Girls Basketball, Girls Wrestling, Boys Swimming, Boys Basketball, and Boys Wrestling were among the teams introduced.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2017 Memorial Fountain Nominee Recommendations**

Parks and Recreation Director Reuter reported a total of five nominations were submitted and reviewed by the Park Board. The nominees included Gustaf Peterson, Anders Bornander, Judy Conway Wright, Olaf Kvamme, and Frank and Ella Mae (Morrison) Spear. The Park Board recommended adding the names of Gustaf Peterson and Anders Bornander to the list of honorees on the memorial in Fountain Memorial Park. Family members spoke about their ancestors and the contributions they made to the community. Councilmember Wolfrom stated he attended the Park Board meeting and information presented about both candidates was exemplary.

*Councilmember Wolfrom moved to approve the recommendation of the Fife Park Board to add the names of Gustaf Peterson and Anders Bornander to the Memorial in Fountain Memorial Park. Councilmember Gethers seconded and motion carried unanimously.*

## **PRESENTATIONS (CONT'D)**

### **Fourth Quarter Ending December 31, 2016 Financial Status Report**

Finance Director and Treasurer Luat focused her discussion on the drop in revenue from 2015 to 2016, and reviewed the various types of revenues received last year.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL DELEGATE**

Councilmembers reported on their activity with and attendance at the Park Board meeting, the Tree Commission, the Fife School District Pow Wow at Surprise Lake, the Voucher Committee, the Lodging Tax Committee, Association of United States Army meeting, the South Sound Alliance meeting, a meeting with the CEO of MultiCare, Tacoma Family Medicine Clinic meeting, the SR167 Committee meeting, and town hall meetings in neighboring districts.

## **ORDINANCE**

### **Ordinance No. 1958 – Amending the 2017-2018 Biennial Budget**

Finance Director and Treasurer Luat reported the proposed amendment is to align the Lodging Tax budget to be in line with the Committee's recommendations; move some funds out of the Brookeville Park project; move funding out of the capital projects fund; provide for the purchase of three patrol vehicles not included during budget time; and the addition of three transport officers in the Police Department.

*Councilmember Wolfrom moved to approve Ordinance No. 1958 for first reading, and amending the 2017-2018 Biennial Budget. Councilmember Gethers seconded and motion carried unanimously.*

## **BREAK**

Council took a five-minute break at 8:34 p.m. and then reconvened at 8:39 p.m.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution No. 1760 – Authorizing the Conversion of Portions of Parcel Nos. 0420072008 and 0420072023 to Right of Way**

Public Works Director Blount spoke about the resolution which allows for the construction of a bus shelter in the area by converting City property to right of way. Incidents would be handled as if on the street, rather than City property, and allow Transit to have a bus shelter on the parcel.

*Councilmember Gethers moved to adopt Resolution No. 1760 authorizing the conversion of portions of parcel numbers 0420072008 and 0420072023 to right of way. Councilmember Yambe seconded and motion carried unanimously.*

## **NEW BUSINESS (CONT'D)**

### **SR 167 – Local Match**

City Manager Mukerjee noted the Gateway Project of SR167 is not totally funded by the State. The State has applied for Federal funding and the Port has committed funding, also. An estimated \$30 million dollars is left to be made up by a combination of the private sector, local governments and the Tribe. The Legislature wants assurance that local governments are committed to their share. There are many entities involved, and different degrees of benefit to the parties. The timeframe of 2019 to 2023 allows for the City to plan for and put money aside in capital budgets in order to pay the City's share. Cash, grants, and right of way can be used for the contribution. Public Works Director Blount reported on the areas Fife will be directly impacted by with the construction of the SR 167 project.

Councilmember Hulcey suggested one option could include negotiating an Interlocal Agreement wherein the City's share is paid at the end of the project to ensure the project includes pieces important to the City.

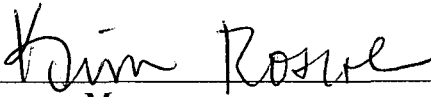
## **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Mukerjee reported: 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be closed in the near future due to sewer work; the first State of the County report will be given tomorrow; Council volunteers are needed to attend upcoming meetings which include the Pierce County Flood Control District meeting and the Pierce County Regional Council meeting; the Police Chief has been elected as Vice-Chair of the South Sound Operations Board and was recently put on the Washington Association of

Sheriffs and Police Chiefs Accreditation Board; and the Aquatics Center will be adding paddle board classes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no objection, Mayor Roscoe adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

  
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Kim Roscoe, Mayor

  
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Carol Etgen, City Clerk