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**FIFE CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION MEETING
MINUTES
May 16, 2017
6:00 PM**

Boardroom

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Deputy Mayor Yambe called the Fife City Council Study Session to order at 6:05 p.m.

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

Staff Present: City Manager Mukerjee; Finance Director Luat; Public Works Director Blount; Community Development Director Friddle; Parks and Recreation Director Reuter; Police Chief Fisher; Assistant City Attorney Amann; Executive Assistant Rota and Acting City Clerk Woods.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Gethers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Bee Clover Pilot Program

Facility and Operations Supervisor Cantlin presented on the Bee Clover pilot program that will grow clover in areas formerly consisting of traditional turf grass. This program will be conducted at 5 Acre Park. Mr. Cantlin explained that clover is not a weed and is beneficial to our parks. Benefits of clover include that it self-fertilizes by putting nitrogen into the soil, prevents other broadleaf weeds, is drought intolerant, is green after turf brown out, helps to reduce soil compaction; and is a pollinator food.

Mr. Cantlin introduced Juli Hartwig from Washington State Department of Transportation who shared her thoughts on the benefits of the program.

Council expressed their support for the program and suggested educating citizens and adding signage to warn the public on bees in the park.

Transportation Improvement Program Update – Addition of 28th Street Trail

Public Works Director Blount reported on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He reminded Council that the TIP is required each year to keep the plan current with project progress, allow public input and is required for funding eligibility. Mr. Blount reviewed the projects added, completed, and changed in the 2018-2023 program.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Various Councilmembers expressed their concerns with the RCW requiring the City Manager to live in city limits and with the fences and hedges restrictions.

REVIEW OF UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING AGENDAS

City Manager Mukerjee reviewed agenda items scheduled for upcoming Council meetings.

BREAK

Deputy Mayor Yambe called for a recess at 7:21 p.m. for ten minutes. Council reconvened into regular session at 7:31 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

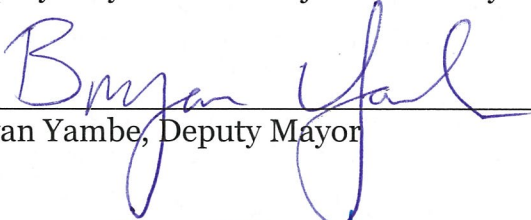
David Bean a member of the Puyallup Tribal Council asked to address Council.

Mayor Roscoe moved to allow public comment during the May 16, 2017 Study Session Meeting. Councilmember Gethers seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bean spoke about developing relationships with local agencies for the community. He expressed wanting to get to know the Fife City Council, developing a relationship and moving forward.

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Yambe adjourned Study Session at 7:39 p.m.



Bryan Yambe, Deputy Mayor



Angela Woods, Acting City Clerk