

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

Mayor Roscoe called the Regular Meeting of the Fife City Council to order at 7:37 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; Aquatics Director Jendrick; Parks and Recreation Director Reuter; Assistant Police Chief Woods; Community Development Director Friddle; City Attorney Combs; Executive Assistant Rota and Acting City Clerk Woods.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Hulcey led the pledge of allegiance.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. **Approval of Payroll Vouchers** as reviewed by the Voucher Committee: June 23, 2017 Payroll and Benefits in the amount of \$606,044.64
- b. **Approval of Claims Vouchers** as reviewed by the Voucher Committee: Check numbers 104791 through 104901 in the amount of \$1,324,399.39 and automated clearing house transactions totaling \$176,684.21

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

**PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS**

**Employee Excellence in Public Service Award**

City Manager Mukerjee presented Officer Pat Gilbert with an award for excellence in public service. Council congratulated Officer Gilbert for his outstanding service.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL DELEGATE**

Councilmembers reported on their activity with and attendance at: Pierce County Cities and Towns, Farmer's Market, Puget Sound Energy, Parks & Recreation Meeting, Voucher Committee.

**ORDINANCES**

***First Reading***

**Ordinance No. 1962 – Reorganizing the Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department**

City Manager Mukerjee presented on the proposal of the reorganizing the Parks, and Recreation Department. He spoke of the decreased revenues in the budget and combining of positions and elimination of positions. He provided details on combining the Parks and Recreation Department with the Aquatics and Public Works Departments.

Councilmember Hulcey spoke upon the shortfalls in the City's budget.

Deputy Mayor Yambe emphasized a decision has not been made.

The following citizens and staff came forward to speak on the item:

Brian Humphreys, a member of the Parks Advisory Board, spoke against the reorganization and the combining of Parks Maintenance staff and Public Works Maintenance staff.

David Cantlin of Fife Parks and Recreation expressed concerns that the decision was not properly vetted and that staff was not aware of the extent of the changes.

Michael Lafreniere spoke against the reorganization and recommended conducting a study.

John Hutton spoke against combining Public Works and Park Maintenance and recommended a study or public process for input.

Brenda Garcia, Debbie Yaranon, and Bonnie Moeller of the Fife Parks and Recreation Department concerned with the decision being rushed and not being asked for input. They confirmed they are directly impacted by the ordinance and explained the change would be difficult.

Jeff Haney of Parks Maintenance commented that the plan was going too fast and he was against the reorganization.

Emily Carnese voiced concern over losing Director Reuter and felt it was a rushed decision. She was against the change.

Sarah Patt, Chair of the Parks Advisory Board, praised Parks Director Reuter and was against the change.

Lauren Bonck, Vice Chair of the Parks Advisory Board, was against the change and expressed concern with losing Parks Director Reuter. She commented he was a resource and knowledgeable to parks and trees.

Michelle Bunker, a member of the Parks Advisory Board, was against the change and expressed concern with Aquatics taking over recreation.

Renata Weir inquired on the budget deficit and expressed her opposition of the reorganization and expressed her opposition of the reorganization.

Julie Claiborne, a member of the Parks Advisory Board, commented on the dedication of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Council agreed to waive the three-minute time limit for Parks Director Reuter to speak.

Parks Director Reuter distributed a letter to Council and read it aloud.

*Councilmember Wolfrom moved to approve Ordinance No. 1962 for first reading. Councilmember Gethers seconded.*

After Council deliberation, Council asked the City Manager to bring back data on how the change will adjust the budget and how City services and citizens will be affected by the change.

*Councilmember Curtis moved to postpone Ordinance No. 1962 in consideration of public comment to a date certain of August 8, 2017. Councilmember Gethers seconded and motion carried 6-1 (Councilmember Wolfrom voted no).*

The main motion will be brought back on August 8, 2017.

### **BREAK**

At 9:00 p.m., Council recessed for 15 minutes.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **Resolution No. 1775 – School District Recognition**

City Manager Mukerjee recognized the Fife School District for their generosity on allowing the City Council to use their facility.

Council thanked the school district for their generosity.

*Councilmember Wolfrom moved to approve Resolution No. 1775 recognizing the Fife School District for its generosity on allowing the City of Fife to conduct its City Council meetings in the District's Board Room. Councilmember Hulcey seconded and motion carried unanimously.*

#### **Resolution No. 1776 – Economic Assessment of the Canyon Road East Freight Corridor Improvement**

Public Works Director Blount reported that Pierce County is the lead Agency for the Canyon Road East Freight Corridor Improvement project. A key feature of the corridor will be a new bridge across the Puyallup River at 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue East. Fife is a partner for the construction of the new bridge. Pierce County has asked Fife to make a contribution to an economic assessment for the corridor. The study will be useful in obtaining political and grant support for the corridor, including the new bridge. By making this contribution towards the assessment funding, Fife will be at the table and play an active role in the assessment preparation and conclusions.

*Councilmember Curtis moved to approve Resolution No. 1776 authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement between Pierce County and the City of Fife*

*regarding the development of an Economic Assessment of the Canyon Road East Freight Corridor Improvement. Councilmember Hulcey seconded and motion carried unanimously.*

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Mukerjee reported on:

- City Manager Candidates Reception on July 17<sup>th</sup> at Dacca Barn;
- City Manager Interviews on July 18<sup>th</sup>; and
- City Hall Dedication on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Mizu Sugimura, Fife Resident, expressed her happiness with being a Fife citizen.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Councilmember Wolfrom voiced concern with garbage left at Dacca Park. Specifically, hot barbeque briskets that can cause a fire.

Councilmember Hulcey thanked everyone who came to the meeting.

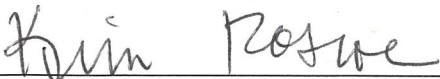
Deputy Mayor Yambe appreciated the audience participation.

Councilmember McClellan thanked maintenance staff for adding gravel at Levee Pond Park.

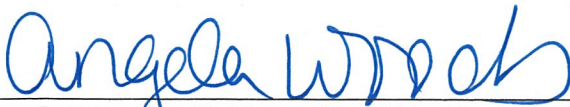
Mayor Roscoe commented that she looks forward to citizens being present at meetings and wants to develop a letter from Council as a whole for the next issue of the Fife magazine.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no objection, Mayor Roscoe adjourned the meeting at 9:36 p.m.



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Kim Roscoe, Mayor



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Angela Woods, CMC, Acting City Clerk