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About the City

About the City

With majestic Mount Rainier as its backdrop, the City of Fife is the Northern gateway to Pierce County, Washington. Incorporated as a City in 1957, Fife is named after William J. Fife, a prominent Tacoma lawyer. Fife is known for its high-end retail auto and RV dealerships, and a thriving warehouse, distribution, manufacturing and transportation district. Once a small farming town, Fife has grown into a hub of community, industry, and retail opportunities. The City continues to foster new residential neighborhoods and has a population of 9,235. Conveniently located between Seattle-Tacoma International Airport and the Port of Tacoma, the City covers roughly 5.7 square miles of land between the Puyallup River and Puget Sound. A wonderful city to call home, with numerous established and proposed single-family and multi-family developments, Fife maintains a quiet neighborhood feel. There are seven parks to enjoy, with amenities that include an off-leash dog area, ponds, walking and biking trails, and ball fields and sports courts. An award-winning school district, specialty outlet shopping, free year-round special events, and miles of parks and trails add to Fife's distinction! The City provides a full range of municipal services, with Fire District No.10 providing fire and emergency medical services. The City of Fife employs over 125 people in seven departments, and has a total city budget of approximately \$114M. Operating under the Council/Manager form of government, the elected seven member City Council appoints the City Manager, who serves as the Chief Administrative Officer for the City.



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The Union Pacific Railroad Company owns approximately 400 acres of land, acquired from the Port of Tacoma, which is zoned for industry. Approximately 240 acres is used in switch yard operations, the other 160 acres are for industrial development. Praxair acquired approximately 15 acres and operates a \$14 million plant. Trans-Pacific Development, Inc. has developed a 180-acre warehousing facility and a multi-stories office building.

Economy

Located along Interstate-5 with close proximity to Sea-Tac International Airport and the nearby Port of Tacoma, the City of Fife is a center of industry and commerce in the Puget Sound region.

Three large business centers are located in the City. The Fife Business Park includes 292,000 square feet of building space on 23 acres with 100 tenants and an estimated combined total of 550 employees. Fife Landing and Fife Commerce Center house a variety of manufacturing and warehousing businesses.



Gensco, Inc. operates a manufacturing wholesale distribution facility for heating ventilation and air conditioning equipment within the city. Other large manufacturers include Milgard (windows and doors), Prologix, Praxair, Emily's, Mission Foods and Mega Brands America Inc.

Many vehicle dealerships are located in the City. Recent investments by the automotive sectors include a new Cadillac-Saab dealership and the addition of three new buildings for Porsche, Audi and Mercedes-Benz showrooms and service departments totaling 73,000 square feet.



Other notable businesses include the Emerald Queen Hotel and Casino operated by the Puyallup Tribe. The hotel has 140 rooms and meeting/event facilities. The casino features 33,000 square feet of gaming space. Brown and Haley, a candy manufacturing business that celebrated 100 years of operation in 2012, has a warehouse and retail outlet in the City of Fife.

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Member	Position	Took Office	Term Expires
<i>Richard Godwin</i>	1	Jan 2004	Dec 2015
<i>Timothy Curtis</i>	2	Jan 2012	Dec 2015
<i>Glenn Hull</i>	3	Feb 2008	Dec 2013
<i>Pat Hulcey</i>	4	May 2010	Dec 2015
<i>Rob Cerqui</i>	5	Jan 2004	Dec 2015
<i>Dee-Dee Dukes-Gethers</i>	6	Nov 2011	Dec 2013
<i>Lew Wolfrom</i>	7	Dec 2011	Dec 2013

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Mission Statement

The City of Fife shall maintain and enhance the quality of life for its constituents and bring to the Fife Community better things for better living through excellence in public service by commitment to the following ideals:

- Maintain an open, responsive government to keep the public informed.
- Promote a positive image of the City of Fife.
- Continue to provide safety and security to the citizens.
- Protect and improve its land base and infrastructure through balanced planning and development.
- Assure responsible management of the City's resources.
- Seek "excellence" in all endeavors and cherish the trust of constituents.

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City Manager, Dave Zabell
Finance Director/Treasurer, David DeGroot
Chief of Police, Brad Blackburn
City Clerk, Carol Etgen
Public Works Director, Russ Blount
Parks, Recreation & Community Services Director, Kurt Reuter
Community Development Director, David Osaki
Municipal Judge, Kevin Ringus
City Attorney, Loren Combs, VSI Law Group

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Civil Service Commission

The Civil Service Commission was created to exercise the powers and to perform the duties in connection with the selection, appointment and employment of employees of the Fife Police Department.

Member	Position	Took Office	Term Expires
Bob Thornhill	Chairman	Jan 2009	Dec 2012
Kory Edwards	Member	Jan 2006	Dec 2012
Jay Marks	Member	Jan 2005	Dec 2017

Lodging Tax Advisory Committee

The Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) was established to advise the City Council on use of City lodging tax revenue for tourism promotion or tourism facility purposes.

Member	Position	Took Office	Annual Review
Rob Cerqui, Chair	Councilmember	Sep 2006	November
Darshan (Shawn) Randhawa	Lodging	Sep 2006	November
Debbie Dymarkowski	Lodging	Sep 2006	November
Mark Horace	Lodging	Jan 2011	November
Aaron Williams	Tourism	Jan 2010	November
Molly Wilmoth	Tourism	Dec 2012	November
Bennish Brown	Tourism	Dec 2012	November

Parks, Recreation & Community Services Citizen Advisory Board

The PRCS Board is an advisory body tasked with providing the City Council recommendations regarding parks and recreation services within the community.

Member	Position	Took Office	Term Expires
Jay Marks	1	Jan 2012	Dec 2014
Chuck McDonald	2	Jan 2008	Dec 2014
Nancy de Booy	3	Jan 2012	Dec 2014
Libby Quesada	4	Jan 2013	Dec 2015
Brian Brozovic	5	Jan 2013	Dec 2015
Cody Geddes	6	Jan 2010	Dec 2013
John Fietz	7	Jan 2008	Dec 2013

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Planning Commission

The Planning Commission serves as an advisory board to the City Council evaluating and making recommendations on the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and its various elements, along with any amendments. The Planning Commission makes recommendations for certain permits within the City to include but not limited to Shoreline Substantial Development Permits and Critical Areas Permits. The Planning Commission also reviews and approves Comprehensive Sign Designs.

Member	Position	Took Office	Term Expires
Philip Waldner	1	Aug 2012	Dec 2016
Spence Braden	2	Jan 2010	Dec 2016
Doug Fagundes	3	Jan 2009	Dec 2014
Jeffrey Brown	4	Mar 2006	Dec 2013
Tamra Lemoncelli	5	Mar 2011	Dec 2014
Lamar Bond, Sr.	6	Mar 2011	Dec 2013
Kory Edwards	7	Dec 2011	Dec 2013

Public Arts Commission

The City of Fife established the Public Arts Commission in 2011. The mission of the Fife Public Arts Commission is to identify and actively encourage the development and sustainability of the arts in the City by serving as the City's primary resource in matters of public art and culture.

Member	Position	Took Office	Term Expires
Jeanne Howe	Resident	Jul 2011	Dec 2015
Danielle Twichell	Student	Jul 2011	Dec 2015
Stelian Paraschiv	Chamber	Jul 2011	Dec 2015
Linda Boitano	Resident	Jul 2011	Dec 2013
Mizu Sugimura	Resident	Jul 2011	Dec 2013
Bob Thornhill	Resident	Jul 2011	Dec 2013
Kendra Danielson	Art Educator	Jul 2011	Dec 2014
Anette Cree	Resident	Jul 2011	Dec 2014
Gaven Cole	Resident	July 2012	Dec 2015

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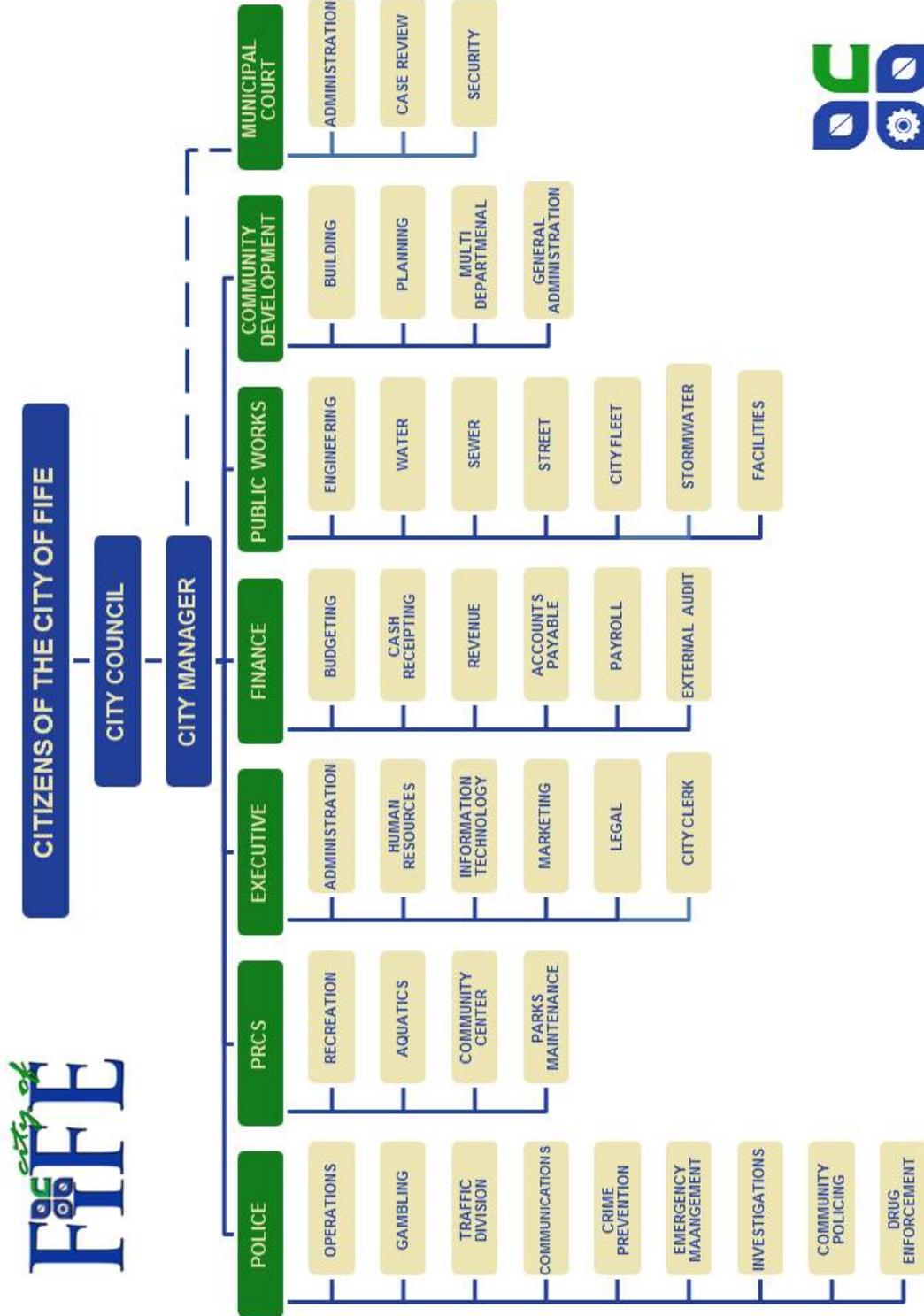
Tree Commission

The Tree Commission meets quarterly each year. The Commission is tasked with evaluation, education and landscaping of trees within the City of Fife in the interest of promoting the health and enhancement of the urban forest resource as an element to the quality of life for its citizens and as a benefit to the environment.

Member	Position	Took Office	Term Expires
John Fietz	1	Jan 2009	Dec 2013
Chuck McDonald	2	Jan 2009	Dec 2013
Cody Geddes	3	Jan 2010	Dec 2014
Vacant	4	-	Dec 2015
Vacant	5	-	Dec 2015
Pat Coddington	6	Jan 2009	Dec 2014
Carole Sue Braaten	7	Jan 2013	Dec 2014

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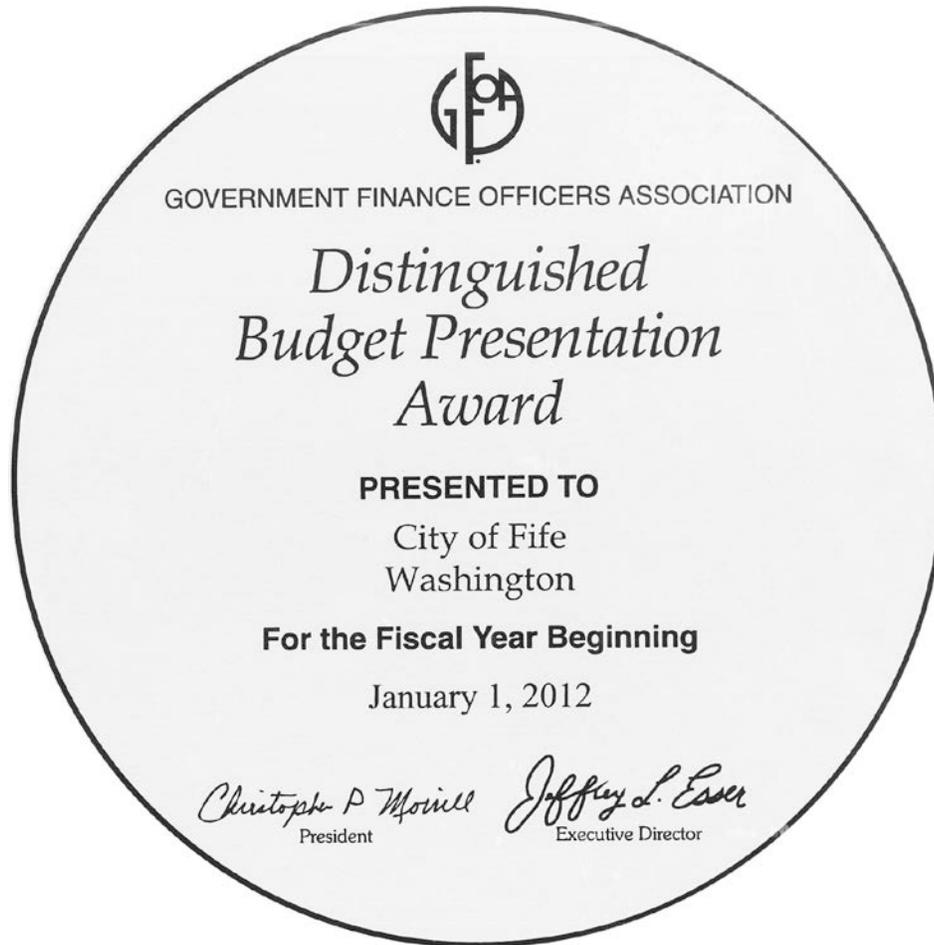
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Budget Presentation Award



The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) presented an award of Distinguished Budget Presentation to the City of Fife for its annual budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2012. In order to receive this award, a government unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, as an operations guide, as a financial plan, and as a communication device. We believe this budget continues to conform to program requirements, and we will submit the final 2013/2014 Budget to GFOA to determine its eligibility for another award.
