

**CITY OF FIRCREST  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2016  
7:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
FIRCREST CITY HALL, 115 RAMSDELL STREET**

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**CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Keely called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers Blake Surina, Shannon Reynolds, Brett Wittner, Denny Waltier and Jason Medley were present. Mayor Matthew Jolibois and Mayor Pro Tempore Hunter T. George and were excused.

**Appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore**

**MOTION**

Moved by Medley, seconded by Reynolds, to appoint Councilmember Waltier as Mayor Pro Tempore for tonight's meeting only. Ayes: Surina, Reynolds, Wittner, Waltier and Medley. Motion carried.

**PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT**

**Presentation and overview by Washington State Representative Dick Muri**

Muri provided a 2016 legislative review and highlighted accomplishments from the term.

**Liquor License Renewal – Shogun Japanese Express**

Waltier stated Council was being asked to approve a motion to register no objections to the renewal of the liquor license for the Shogun Japanese Express.

**MOTION**

**Moved by Medley, seconded by Reynolds, to register no objections to the liquor license renewal for Shogun Japanese Express.**

Waltier invited public comment. None was provided.

**Ayes: Surina, Reynolds, Wittner, Waltier and Medley. Noes: None. Excused: Jolibois and George.  
Motion carried.**

**CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

The following individuals provided comment regarding prohibiting smoking in the parks: Yolanda Brooks, 6448 19<sup>th</sup> St W, #B, Fircrest WA; Jerry Lee, 1022 Paradise Lane, Fircrest WA; Corbin Edwards, 1576 Woodside Court, Fircrest WA.

Reynolds read from an email she received from Matt Stomsvick, 1051 Fir Park Lane, Fircrest WA.

## **COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & LIAISON REPORTS**

### **Water, Sewer, Storm**

Wittner reported on a tour he went on with Public Works Director Wakefield of the sewer systems and wells. Wittner reported it was educational and he learned a lot about how the system works and some of the potential failures in the near future if the issues aren't addressed. Wittner stated a budget motion will be brought forward in the future to reallocate funds that would have been used to purchase generators to pay for an engineering study to discover the feasibility of replacing the antiquated 44<sup>th</sup> and Alameda sewer lift station. Wittner requested that there be a future discussion about decommissioning Well 5, as it isn't presently in use, and also reported that the well house is crumbling and is in disarray. Wittner concluded by stating that things are going well in the Water, Sewer and Storm departments.

### **Public Safety, Court**

Medley reported that things are working well in the police department.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Waltier requested the City Clerk read the consent calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 207800 through Voucher No. 207865 in the amount of \$169,606.79; approval of Payroll Check No. 12193 through Payroll Check No. 12215 in the amount of \$100,087.76 approval of the June 14, 2016 Regular City Council meeting; and approval of the June 20, 2016 Special City Council meeting.

## **MOTION**

**Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Medley, to approve the Consent Calendar as read. Ayes: Surina, Reynolds, Wittner, Waltier and Medley. Noes: None. Excused: Jolibois and George. Motion carried.**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Waltier reported that the ordinance prohibiting the use of tobacco in Fircrest recreational areas, parks and playgrounds is tentatively scheduled for consideration at the July 12, 2016 regular Council meeting.

Reynolds stated that an individual from the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department (TPCHD) reached out to her and voiced dismay that vaping had been stricken from the no smoking ordinance as well as prohibiting smoking on sidewalks that are adjacent to the Parks. Reynolds reported that a representative from the TPCHD could be available to respond to questions when the ordinance is on for action at the July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Wittner commented that he would like to see language banning vaping included in the no smoking ordinance as well, as they go hand in hand with each other.

The following individual provided comment in support of the no smoking ordinance: Karen Reynolds, 1576 Woodside Court, Fircrest WA.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Ordinance adopting the International and Uniform Codes for the City of Fircrest**

Planning and Building Administrator Stahlnecker stated that every three years the Washington State Building Code Council reviews and amends Building Codes in conjunction with the release of the revised International and Unified Codes. Stahlnecker reported that local jurisdictions are required to adopt the new codes with amendments. Stahlnecker clarified the State adopts the International Building, Mechanical, Fire and related construction codes as well as the Uniform Plumbing Code and noted that Washington State has its own Energy Code.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1576**

**Moved by Medley, seconded by Reynolds, to adopt Ordinance No. 1576 amending Ordinance 1538 Section 1 and FMC 12.04.020 adopting the International and Uniform Codes for the City of Fircrest.**

Waltier invited public comment.

The following individual provided public comment: Yolanda Brooks, 6448 19<sup>th</sup> St W, #B, Fircrest WA.

**VOTE**

**Ayes: Surina, Reynolds, Wittner, Waltier and Medley. Noes: None. Excused: Jolibois and George. Motion carried.**

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

Rosenblatt reported on an accident that occurred this afternoon between an employee driving the City van and a resident on a bicycle. He stated the City van was stopped when the bicycle rider veered across the street and ran into the stopped van. Rosenblatt indicated the bicycle rider had minor injuries and was taken by ambulance to the hospital for further observation. He stated the bicycle rider admitted to texting and being distracted at the time of the accident. Rosenblatt concluded by reporting that all policies were followed after the accident, including getting the employee tested for drugs and alcohol.

Responding to Reynolds, Cheesman stated the City has participated in the helmet program in the past at the Center for Childhood Safety at Mary Bridge Children's Hospital and would reach out to find out what is being offered this year.

**DEPARTMENT HEAT COMMENTS**

Grover thanked Surina, Reynolds and Rosenblatt for their participation at this year's annual Strawberry Feed, noting that the event was successful and it was a great night at the Parks.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmembers thanked members of the audience for attending tonight's meeting.

Reynolds thanked audience members for their comments on marijuana and the upcoming no smoking ordinance. Reynolds provided information on revenue received from the sale of retail marijuana from approximately ten cities, the number of cities in the State that don't allow the sale of recreational marijuana, and cities that have made zoning exceptions regarding the sale of recreational marijuana. Reynolds noted that there are six cities with a buffer of less than 1,000 feet, and only one with a buffer of 100 feet (George). Reynolds highlighted an article from the Northwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area that was published by the Association of Washington Cities on the impact of marijuana legalization in the state of Washington. She stated the report included findings that there is still-thriving black market, hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue generated for the state in recreational sales, and a steady stream of marijuana diversion across state lines. She noted that in addition the study finds that there were 17 THC extraction lab explosions in 2014, the incidents of marijuana-impaired driving are increasing, Washington State young adults and use by adults older than 26 was 5% higher overall than the national average, and phone calls related to marijuana edibles and other products infused with marijuana have taken a big leap at the Washington Poison Control Center.

Surina gave an overview of the annual AWC Conference, noting that he put together a power point presentation and would make it available to Councilmembers.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Medley, to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 P.M. Ayes: Surina, Reynolds, Wittner, Waltier and Medley. Noes: None. Excused: Jolibois and George. Motion carried.**

  
Matthew Jolibois, Mayor

  
Lisa Keely, City Clerk