

CITY OF FIRCREST
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2010 **COUNCIL CHAMBERS**
7:00 P.M. **FIRCREST CITY HALL, 115 RAMSDALL STREET**

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Mayor David M. Viafore called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers Matthew Jolibois, Chris Gruver, Robert Thaden, Mike Weinman, Denny Waltier and Kathy L. McVay were present.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

Viafore stated there was an agenda modification to add Item 10C – Budget Amendment-Transfer of Funds. No objections were noted.

Viafore stated he had concerns regarding proposed Senate Bill (SB) – 6686 and complimented Senator Carroll for following this action and supporting small city municipal courts. Currently some smaller cities appoint their municipal judges but the proposed legislation would require all municipal judges to be elected. That would create an expensive election process that some qualified candidates might not choose to participate in. Viafore stated he called Senator Carroll and Representatives Kelly and Green to express concerns about this bill.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Steven Kasemeier, Charley's Steak and Ale, reviewed a letter he sent to Council identifying in 2008 there were 28 Driving While Impaired (DWI) citations associated with his establishment. In 2009 there were 18 and there have been no Police calls since November 2009. Kasemeier felt this change was primarily due to hiring a new disk jockey and returning to family entertainment. He explained some of the problems occurred when a new group of customers showed up. Within six weeks that group had moved on again and are no longer at Charley's. Kasemeier stated he has 17 employees that depend on him for their jobs. He planned to continue maintaining a good working relationship with the City and continue coming to Council meetings.

Waltier inquired about DUI statistics for similar establishments. Kasemeier stated he was aware of an establishment in Lakewood had 25-30 DWIs and other establishments in downtown Tacoma and in Fife with 30-50 DWIs.

Viafore explained when Council objected to the renewal of this liquor license it got the owner's attention and there is no doubt that things have turned around. The license has been appealed and a temporary license issued subject to the public hearing. Council was seeking the Liquor Control Board's oversight of the business because the City does not have that authority but the Liquor Control Board does. Viafore complimented Kasemeier on the job he was doing to turn things around. Viafore stated if Council was interested in rescinding the appeal a motion was required, if not the process will proceed.

Jolibois stated the reason there were objections to renewing the license was the situation was getting out of hand and the appeal process provided a short term fix. The incentive to make changes was based on the prospect of losing the liquor license. Jolibois voiced concern about similar problems starting up again but felt the owner was moving in the right direction.

Viafore encouraged Kasemeier to continue improving the situation and complimented him on the direction he was taking his business.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & LIAISON REPORTS

Recreation

McVay stated she had a liaison meeting with Recreation Director Grover and they discussed 2010 plans, scheduling meetings and her expectations of staff.

Environment, Planning and Building

Gruver reported meeting with the Planning/Building Director Gilmore. She noted some progress has been made to clean up the property at 1921 Mildred. The company has requested additional time to finish the clean up and staff will confer with legal counsel before responding. Notification was sent to the property owners of 2119 Mildred concerning litter and abandoned materials.

Facilities

Waltier reported Facilities issued the Request for Bids for the 2010 landscaping agreement and received nine responses. An agreement will be brought forward at the February 23, 2010 regular meeting. Responding to Viafore, Gilmore stated that landscape contract would begin March 1, 2010

Finance and Information Technology

Weinman stated he met with the Finance Director Corcoran and he looked forward to working on the 2011 budget.

Administration

Viafore reported scheduling weekly liaison meetings with the City Manager Brandon. He encouraged Brandon to be as transparent with Council as possible and to facilitate responses to Council requests and inquires as quickly as possible. Viafore explained detailed issues would be scheduled for study sessions. He felt things were moving in the right direction and hoped the financial picture would improve soon.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Viafore requested Acting City Clerk Johnson read the consent calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 40773 through Voucher No. 40838 in the amount of \$32,483.96, approval of Payroll Warrant No. 31890 through Payroll Warrant No. 31939 in the amount of \$92,084.54, approval of Payroll Warrant No. 31940 through Payroll Warrant No. 31950 in the amount of \$5,915.19, approval of Payroll Warrant No. 31951 through Payroll Warrant No. 31959 in the amount of \$ 68,360.80, approval of the Minutes of the January 19, 2010 Special Meeting and the January 26, 2010 Regular Meeting.

MOTION

Moved by Thaden, Seconded by Gruver, to approve the Consent Calendar as read. Ayes: Jolibois, Gruver, Thaden, McVay, Weinman, Waltier and Viafore. Noes: None. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Contract with National Industrial Painting, Inc. for the 2010 Low Reservoir Interior Recoating Project

City Engineer Lougheed stated the proposal before Council was to award the contract for the 2010 Low Reservoir Interior Recoating Project to National Industrial Painting, Inc. for a total project cost of \$116,373.64. The total project cost included a \$10,000 contingency to allow the project to continue without delays for unforeseen minor changes. Eight bids were received and National Industrial Painting, Inc. was the low bidder.

Jolibois inquired about inspection reports and when the last work on the tank was performed. Lougheed stated the reservoir was inspected by divers approximately one year ago. A video of the interior was provided with the divers pointing out defects. The last recoating was done approximately 25 years ago and had a life expectancy of 20 years. If recoating was not done soon there could be substantial corrosion of the metal. Lougheed stated divers inspect and clean the tank interior every five years.

Responding to Waltier, Lougheed stated the budgeted amount for this item was \$130,000. He explained this bid was from a local vendor and was lower than bids from vendors out of the area. Viafore noted National Industrial Painting, Inc. recoated the golf course tank eight years ago.

MOTION

Moved by Thaden, Seconded by McVay, to authorize the City Manager to award the contract for the 2010 Low Reservoir Interior Recoating Project to National Industrial Painting, Inc. for \$116,373.64, which includes a contingency of \$10,000, and to prepare and execute the required contract documents, and to give the "Notice to Proceed" to commence construction of the project. Ayes: Jolibois, Gruver, Thaden, McVay, Weinman, Waltier and Viafore. Noes: None. Motion Carried.

Resolution commending Councilmember Hans Hechtman

City Manager Brandon stated the resolution before Council was to commend Councilmember Hechtman for his service to the City of Fircrest. Viafore read the resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 1127

Moved by McVay, Seconded by Thaden, to adopt Resolution No. 1127, recording sincere gratitude and commendation to Hans Hechtman for his service and dedication to the City of Fircrest. Ayes: Jolibois, Gruver, Thaden, McVay, Weinman, Waltier and Viafore. Noes: None. Motion Carried.

Budget Amendment - Transfer of Funds

Finance Director Corcoran stated Council was being asked to authorize moving \$1,334 from General Fund Undesignated Ending Fund Balance to Facilities Machinery & Equipment to pay the retained percentage from the installation of the generator at the Public Safety Building. During the 2010 Budget processes the retained percentage amount was not rolled over.

MOTION

Moved by Thaden, seconded by Weinman, to authorize the Finance Director to move \$1,334 from General Fund Undesignated Ending Fund Balance to Facilities Machinery & Equipment for retained percentage payable relating from the installation of the generator at Public Safety Building. Ayes: Jolibois, Gruver, Thaden, Viafore, Weinman, Waltier and McVay. Noes: None. Motion Carried.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Brandon stated he received a call from Representative Green acknowledging the Mayor's call regarding SB-6686. Green stated she was working closely with Representative Kelley and they would be looking closely at this bill.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Weinman thanked residents for attending.

Viafore requested the City Manager and Finance Director review recent Verizon cell phone billings.

Thaden asked Police Chief Cheesman to report on an incident that occurred recently at an empty business on Mildred Street. Cheesman stated while officers were monitoring Wheelz Skate Arena they stopped several youths hanging around 1921 Mildred Street. Officers sent the youths on their way. On further inspection the officers found a loaded weapon and open beer containers just inside the doorway of the building. Officers located the youths but couldn't prove the weapon belonged to them so they were sent on their way again. Cheesman stated this property was cluttered with litter and debris and was a problem area. He spoke with Planning/Building Director Gilmore and they are working on getting the area cleaned up. The property has been secured but people continue to break in.

Gruver inquired about an award program that was discussed some time ago. Viafore explained that project was no longer being considered. Gruver thanked Cheesman for obtaining toys for the Holiday Sleigh and the City Hall Christmas tree. She heard from a few families about coming to City Hall for business and being surprised when their children were able to pick out a toy from under the tree. Gruver thanked the Planning Commission for the successful joint meeting. She congratulated Officer Norling for being selected Officer of the Year and Officer Crutchfield for receiving the Marksman of the Year award. Gruver thanked the Randall family for their donation of food and materials for the Daddy Daughter Dance.

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Jolibois thanked citizens for attending and for speaking before Council. Jolibois stated he spoke with Waltier and they were in favor of additional joint meetings with the Planning Commission. Viafore stated he would meet with staff to discuss that proposal.

Viafore reported the situation of toters in the right of way on Princeton Street was still unresolved as of 5:30 this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Thaden, Seconded by Gruver, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:38 P.M. Ayes: Jolibois, Gruver, Thaden, Viafore, Weinman, Waltier and McVay. Noes: None. Motion Carried.