

**City of Fircrest  
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, January 10, 2012  
7:00 P.M.**

**Council Chambers  
Fircrest City Hall, 115 Ramsdell Street**

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Prior to the meeting City Attorney Smith administered the Oath of Office to Robert Thaden - Position 3, David M. Viafore – Position 4 and Hunter T. George – Position 5.

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

City Clerk Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Matthew Jolibois, Chris Gruver, Robert Thaden, David M. Viafore, Hunter T. George, Denny Waltier and Kathy L. McVay were present.

**Selection of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore**

Johnson reviewed the process for the selection of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore. She stated Council received information from Council's Rules of Procedure on the Election of Officers and from Robert's Rules of Order relating to Nominations, Elections and Voting. Council's rules are silent as to an election procedure but since 1994 Council has chosen to use Robert's Rule of Order - Nominations and Elections. If Council concurs with using that procedure two motions are required. The first motion was to suspend Council's Rules and Procedures for this item of business and a second motion to adopt the procedure option for selecting a Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore.

**MOTION**

**Moved by Thaden, Seconded by Viafore, that Council suspend its Rules and Procedures for this item of business. Ayes: Jolibois, Gruver, Thaden, Viafore, George, Waltier and McVay. Noes: None. Motion Carried.**

**MOTION**

**Moved by Thaden, Seconded by Gruver, that Council adopt the Procedure Option for Election of a Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore as listed in the information submitted by the City Manager. Ayes: Jolibois, Gruver, Thaden, Viafore, George, Waltier and McVay. Noes: None. Motion Carried.**

Johnson explained the nomination process and requested nominations for Mayor for a two-year term. Jolibois nominated Viafore. Gruver, Thaden, Viafore, George, Waltier and McVay passed. Nominations were closed.

**MOTION**

**Moved by McVay, seconded by Waltier, to select David M. Viafore to be Mayor of the City of Fircrest for a two-year term. Ayes: Jolibois, Gruver, Thaden, Viafore, George, Waltier and McVay. Noes: None. Motion Carried.**

Johnson stated Viafore had been elected Mayor and the meeting was turned over to Viafore.

Viafore stated the selection of the Mayor Pro Tempore would follow the same procedure as the one for selection of the Mayor. He called for nominations for the Mayor Pro Tempore for a two-year term. Jolibois nominated Thaden. Gruver, Thaden, Viafore, George, Waltier and McVay passed. Nominations were closed.

**MOTION**

**Moved by McVay, seconded by Waltier, to select Robert Thaden to be Mayor Pro Tempore of the City of Fircrest for a two-year term. Ayes: Jolibois, Gruver, Thaden, Viafore, George, Waltier and McVay. Noes: None. Motion Carried.**

Viafore stated Thaden had been elected Mayor Pro Tempore.

**PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT**

Viafore stated liaison assignments would be made at the January 17<sup>th</sup> study session. Viafore reported a lease may soon be signed for space in the Manley's store at Town Center. Staff will be meeting with the potential lessee to discuss Planning/Building requirements. The City Manager had submitted vacation leave requests. No objections were noted.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Viafore requested the City Clerk read the consent calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 44171 in the amount of \$200,000.00, approval of Voucher No. 44172 in the amount of \$483,237.36, approval of Voucher No. 44173 through Voucher No. 44248 in the amount of \$111,335.05, approval of Voucher No. 200001 through Voucher No. 200017 in the amount of 59,235.72, Voucher No. 44091 was voided, approval of Payroll Warrant No. 35413 through Payroll Warrant No.35423 in the amount of \$5,761.23, approval of Payroll Warrant No. 35424 through Payroll Warrant No. 35470 in the amount of \$88,511.35, approval of Payroll Warrant No. 35471 through Payroll Warrant No. 35479 in the amount of \$84, 770.08, approval of the minutes of the December 19, 2011 Special Meeting and approval of the minutes of the December 27, 2011 Regular Meeting.

**MOTION**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

At 7:09 P.M. Viafore noted the public hearing was not scheduled until 7:15 P.M. and suggested proceeding with the agenda. No objections were noted.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmembers congratulated Mayor Viafore and Mayor Pro Tempore Thaden and welcomed Hunter George to the Council.

Jolibois reviewed the successful efforts of former Interim Public Works Director Wilson to renegotiate the sewer treatment agreement with Tacoma and to secure a refund for 2011. He requested a letter of appreciation be prepared recognizing Wilson's contribution. Jolibois inquired about the amount of the refund, if it had been received and if the savings on treatment costs were identified in the 2012 Budget. City Manager Rosenblatt stated the refund was expected this week. Finance Director Corcoran stated the amendment to the agreement was not completed during the budget process and was not identified in the 2012 Budget. Viafore requested an update on this issue at the January or February study session.

Gruver inquired about the status of the swimming pool boiler installation and the warranty for the boiler. Parks/Recreation Director Grover stated the installation was completed but the water in the swimming pool was drawn down for the winter so the boiler wouldn't be fired off until spring. Planning/Building Director Gilmore stated the effective date of the five-year warranty would start now because installation was complete. Gruver thanked Public Works Director Clark for including the next week schedule for the crew in General Updates.

Viafore stated he was looking forward to the 2011 revenue report at the study session next Tuesday. He reported the owner of Charley's Steak & Ale met the appeal deadline for Liquor Control Board violations. A hearing will be scheduled and Viafore plans to attend or have City representation at that hearing. Viafore stated McVay would be attending another Pierce County Transit Review Committee meeting later this month.

George stated he appreciated the opportunity to serve on Council and to serve the citizens of Fircrest.

Waltier requested his suggestion to schedule the Tacoma Concert Band for an event in the park be put on the Recap for tracking. He thanked residents for attending.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Proposed solid waste rate adjustment**

At 7:19 P.M. Viafore opened the public hearing to receive comments on a proposed solid waste rate adjustment and reviewed the format for the public hearing.

Rosenblatt stated an annual adjustment was identified in the contract with Westside Disposal. Solid waste rates are adjusted due to the disposal fee adjustment and by 85% of the change of the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The disposal fee has increased from \$123.29 to \$130.35 per ton. The September – September CPI increase was 4.1%, times 85% (pursuant to contract) resulting in an annual rate adjustment of 3.49%. Rosenblatt stated Neil Holden from Westside Disposal was in attendance.

Viafore invited comments from representatives of Westside Disposal.

Holden stated the disposal fee continues to increase, partly due to the landfill not charging for the disposal of yard waste. He referred to the October 5, 2011 letter he sent proposing a ten-year extension to the current solid waste contract which expires in 2014 and to provide a bulky waste collection program whether Pierce County funds that program or not.

Viafore invited public comments. None were noted. Viafore invited Council comments.

Gruver inquired about programs to recycle food waste with yard waste. Holden explained the Pierce County Solid Waste Advisory Committee was reviewing that program. He explained composting food waste with yard waste degrades the quality of the compost, reducing sales and the combined compost also creates an odor problem. Rosenblatt stated City of Tacoma was initiating a food recycling program and it would be beneficial to see how that program works out.

Waltier inquired about the rate increase for the 1-yard and 6-yard containers. Holden clarified those were the commercial containers.

Viafore stated he was very concerned about a 3.49% rate increase in this economy and thought consideration should be given to negotiating the increase.

Attorney Smith clarified the public hearing was open for comments only on the solid waste rate adjustment.

George noted the letter regarding the contract extension was not part of the Council packet. Rosenblatt stated the proposal for an extension was not part of this public hearing and the request had been for discussion at a study session. Action on the rate adjustment would be brought forward at the January 24, 2012 regular meeting. If adopted, the adjustment ordinance would go into effect March 1, 2012.

At 7:31 P.M. Viafore closed the public hearing.

Thaden inquired if there was Council interest in discussing the proposed contract extension and continuation of a bulky waste collection program. Viafore inquired if Holden would be available to attend the January 17<sup>th</sup> study session. Holden stated he would be available. Waltier supported placing this item on the study session agenda.

Viafore requested discussion of the solid waste contract be added to the study session agenda.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Waltier, seconded by Gruver, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:34 P.M. Ayes: Jolibois, Gruver, Thaden, Viafore, George, Waltier and McVay. Noes: None. Motion Carried.**