

CITY OF FIRCREST
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015 **COUNCIL CHAMBERS**
6:00 P.M. **FIRCREST CITY HALL, 115 RAMSDELL STREET**

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Mayor David M. Viafore called the special meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and led the pledge of allegiance. Councilmembers Matthew Jolibois, Shannon Reynolds, and Jason Medley were present. Councilmembers David R. Goodsell, Hunter T. George and Denny Waltier were excused. Goodsell arrived at 6:05 P.M.

PRESENTATION BY TACOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Jim Lampman, Director of Facilities at Tacoma Community College (TCC), stated he was recently hired at TCC to manage the capital projects. He introduced Matt Lane, architect at McGranahan Architects, who provided an overview of TCC's master plan with an emphasis on the Building 20 renovation. Lane provided the following information:

- TCC Campus Plan showing the Building 20 project within the center of campus
- 2013 – 2015 Facility Master Plan update with the Building 20 addition
- Existing Building 20 layout
- Student and college goals regarding the Health and Wellness Center Design
- Proposed Site Plan
- Proposed Floor Plan
- There will be 2,200 seats available in the new gymnasium for athletic events
- Part of the renovation drive is to allow Commencement to be held on campus
- East elevation of the existing building
- West elevation that was added in 2006
- North elevation new design
- Nighttime view of the new building
- South elevation new design
- Design of the interior of the new lobby
- Design of the new gymnasium
- Project completion is scheduled for winter 2017
- Commencement event could involve 3,000 people
- Presently, 10,000 students and faculty come and go from the TCC campus
- A 3% increase in student population is projected over the next ten years
- The expectation is that people attending events at the new building would park just to the north of the building and there are things that could be done by TCC to encourage exiting and entering from South 12th Street
- There are designated wetlands and buffer areas between the buildings and Pearl Street, removing the possibility of constructing roads in that vicinity

Lane concluded by stating that Tacoma wasn't requiring a Conditional Use Permit because the use wasn't changing nor was a traffic study required because the primary use of the building was continuing to be used for students and activities.

Discussion continued as follows:

- If Tacoma isn't going to require a traffic study, could TCC encourage traffic to enter and exit from South 12th Street instead of South 19th Street
- Concern that vehicles are exiting onto 19th Street and either doing a U-turn or driving through business parking lots to head east on South 19th Street to get to Highway 16
- Residents and businesses in Fircrest need to have their voices heard
- There is plenty of existing roadway on the campus to encourage 12th Street traffic instead of 19th Street
- Mildred is one of the more pleasing streets in Tacoma and the apartments installed an ornamental fence which sets off nicely against the cement
- There is eventually going to be a matching three-lane configuration once you leave Mildred Street in the City of Tacoma and enter the City of University Place
- Have there been any complaints regarding Tacoma reconfiguring Mildred Street from five lanes to the current three-lane configuration
- Could signage be installed that would encourage traffic flow to and from 12th Street
- What would prevent TCC from holding numerous events due to the increased capacity at the new building
- What about the possibility of providing shuttle services for large events and disperse vehicles to other parts of the campus to mitigate traffic flow

Jim Lampman stated they hadn't received any complaints regarding Tacoma's recently completed three-lane configuration on Mildred and concluded the presentation by stating that they would be encouraging campus traffic flow to and from 12th Street.

COMMUNITY CENTER/POOL FEASIBILITY STUDY FINAL DRAFT

Park and Recreation Director Grover called attention to the most recent draft of the Request for Qualifications for the Community Center/Pool Feasibility Study. He noted that the document was almost complete and requested Council feedback before proceeding. He stated that timeline material would be included in the final document.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Medley, seconded by Reynolds, to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 P.M. Ayes: Jolibois, Reynolds, Goodsell, Viafore and Medley. Noes: None. Excused: George and Waltier. Motion Carried.



David M. Viafore, Mayor



Lisa Keely, City Clerk