

CITY OF FIRCREST
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015 **COUNCIL CHAMBERS**
7:00 P.M. **FIRCREST CITY HALL, 115 RAMSDELL 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, Shannon Reynolds, David R. Goodsell, Hunter T. George, and Jason Medley were present. Councilmember Waltier was excused.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

Proclamation – Kiwanis Club of Fircrest Day

Viafore read from a proclamation proclaiming May 14, 2015 as the Kiwanis Club of Fircrest Day. Viafore, on behalf of City Council, thanked the Fircrest Kiwanis Club for all that it does for Fircrest.

MOTION

Moved by George, seconded by Reynolds, to authorize the Mayor's signature on the proclamation declaring May 14, 2015 as Kiwanis Club of Fircrest Day. Ayes: Jolibois, Reynolds, Goodsell, Viafore, George and Medley. Noes: None. Excused: Waltier. Motion carried.

Viafore presented Kiwanis Club member Steve Shoettler with the framed proclamation. Shoettler thanked Council for the proclamation.

Liquor License Renewal – Royal Thai Bistro

Viafore stated Council was being asked to approve a motion to register no objections to the liquor license renewal for the Royal Thai Bistro.

Viafore invited public comment. None was provided.

MOTION

Moved by George, seconded by Goodsell, to register no objections to the liquor license renewal for the Royal Thai Bistro. Ayes: Jolibois, Reynolds, Goodsell, Viafore, George and Medley. Noes: None. Excused: Waltier. Motion carried.

Liquor License Renewal – Happy at the Bay #16

Viafore stated Council was being asked to approve a motion to register no objections to the liquor license renewal for Happy at the Bay #16.

Viafore invited public comment. None was provided.

MOTION

Moved by Medley, seconded by Goodsell, to register no objections to the liquor license renewal for Happy at the Bay #16. Ayes: Jolibois, Reynolds, Goodsell, Viafore, George and Medley. Noes: None. Excused: Waltier. Motion carried.

Viafore recognized former City Councilmember Bruce Viafore who was present in Council chambers. Viafore noted that the family of former Fircrest Judge Gustafson was appreciative of the City's efforts and touched by the overwhelming response at his memorial service.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & LIAISON REPORTS

Environment, Planning, Building

George reported that construction drawings are being reviewed for the Wainwright Intermediate School and called attention to the groundbreaking celebration scheduled for June 3rd. George noted the Planning/Building Department is slightly behind on processing the amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan that is required to be adopted by June 30th. George stated that Principal Planner Boers has been in contact with the Washington State Department of Commerce and has received assurances it would be okay as long as it can be demonstrated that progress is being made on the amendments and that adoption can occur fairly soon after the June deadline. George reported the Planning Commission met this week to discuss proposed amendments to the Development Regulations to provide consistency with Comprehensive Plan amendments. Responding to George, City Manager Rosenblatt indicated there would be at least two study sessions regarding proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and noted that an ordinance would come before Council for approval of the amendments. George concluded by noting that once the Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations were adopted, the Planning Commission would commence with amendments to the regulations regarding liquor by the drink. George asked that the schedule to discuss Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations is provided in this week's packet.

Finance, IT

Medley stated the Finance Director is working on completing the state reports in advance of the end-of-month deadline and noted that things are going well in the Facilities and Information Systems departments.

Administration

Viafore reported that he and Rosenblatt have discussed upcoming absences at Council meetings between now and the end of August and the only meeting where it appears that all Councilmembers will be in attendance is probably the May 26th regular meeting. Viafore stated he is aware that two Councilmembers will not be present at the May 18th meeting and asked that Councilmembers inform Rosenblatt by end of day Wednesday, May 13th, if not going to be in attendance at the May 18th study session. Viafore concluded by stating that Item 14-A Executive Session – to discuss City Manager performance evaluation - will not be on tonight's agenda due to there not being a full Council present and indicated it will be scheduled for May 26th if all Councilmembers are present.

Public Safety, Court

Reynolds asked that Police Chief Cheesman show Council the plaque that was presented to the Police Department from Mary Robertson and noted that Robertson would like to plan a police appreciation day or event. Reynolds volunteered to meet with Robertson to discuss this issue. Reynolds stated she attended the Officer Memorial that was recently held and noted that Cheesman co-hosted the event with the chief from Dupont. Responding to Viafore, Cheesman acknowledged that Police Appreciation Day is typically held in connection with National Night Out in August but that Robertson had intentions of doing something in addition to that August event.

Investment Committee

Viafore stated the bond could be called next Wednesday.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Viafore requested the City Clerk read the consent calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 205711 through Voucher No. 205711 (stop payment Check No. 205711) in the amount of \$798.76; approval of Voucher No. 205802 through Voucher No. 205856 in the amount of \$217,508.29; approval of Payroll Check No. 11654 through Payroll Check No. 11659 in the amount of \$5,231.96; approval of Payroll Check No. 11660 through Payroll Check No. 11665 in the amount of \$80,829.82; approval of Payroll Check No. 11666 through Payroll Check No. 11671 in the amount of \$93,819.97; approval of the April 28, 2015 Regular meeting minutes; and setting a public hearing on May 26, 2015 at 7:15 p.m. to receive comments on the 2016 – 2021 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program.

MOTION

Moved by Goodsell, seconded by Medley, to approve the consent calendar as read. Ayes: Jolibois, Reynolds, Goodsell, Viafore, George and Medley. Noes: None. Excused: Waltier. Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Rosenblatt called attention to the flyer describing the Wainwright groundbreaking celebration and noted that second graders from Whittier Elementary School will use red shovels to break ground for their future intermediate school on June 3rd from 3:45 to 4:15 p.m. He further reported meeting with eCivis, a company that assists with finding, writing and receiving grants. Rosenblatt noted the annual cost, for two users, is \$1,100 per year and concluded by stating he was waiting for a copy of the agreement as well as calling references before proceeding to bring forward an agreement.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Cheesman thanked the Kiwanis for all they do for the Police Department, noting there was a time when they almost had to cancel taking around 100 kids to the Law Enforcement Youth Camp because of a lack of funds and Kiwanis stepped up to take care of the deficit. Cheesman stated that Kiwanis helps out at the National Night Out event, sleigh ride through the City event, lunch buddies program, and concluded by stating that whenever they need help, especially with kids, Kiwanis can be counted on to step up and help out.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Responding to Medley's inquiry about the recent work in Masko Park, Parks and Recreation Director Grover stated that was included in both the department's work plan and the Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan that had been recently adopted.

George thanked members of the Kiwanis Club for their outstanding work at the events. George presented Medley with a ceremonial pen received from the Governor's office at the liquor bill signing, noting that Medley had a conflict and wasn't able to attend.

Viafore thanked Grover for coordinating with the Rotary Club regarding the recent work at Masko Park. Viafore thanked members of Kiwanis for everything they do for Fircrest. He noted when he first heard about the Kiwanis 60th anniversary celebration he reminisced about when the charter members sat him down when he was 13 years old and told him all about Fircrest and what was so special about it. Viafore reflected on the four wise men he was involved with at that time when the Ron Russo Pavilion was remodeled and saved, noting it was coordinated and completed with compromise. Moving forward 30 years, Viafore reflected on what Fircrest would be now if the four wise men did not compromise and stated that is what Kiwanis does every day, and also what they do for the children of the community. He stated the Town of Fircrest was built on compromise, and not based on who is right and who is wrong. Viafore concluded by thanking the Kiwanis Club for everything they do, as they have done wonders for the community.

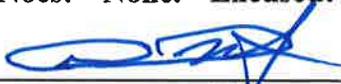
Goodsell stated he appreciated what Kiwanis does in the community and stated there isn't a part of any Park in the community that isn't touched by them and wished them a wonderful 60-year celebration.

Reynolds stated she has had brief exposure to Kiwanis but every time she meets with a Kiwanis member she finds that they are all good people who care about the community. Reynolds noted that when she turns on her GPS it asks if she wants to go to the Fircrest pool, illustrating that apparently it is pool season and Fircrest must be getting some sort of web traffic based off of user searches in the area. She stated that at the police memorial US Representative Derek Kilmer made positive comments and it is meaningful to the community that Cheesman had a hand in that. Reynolds concluded by stating she would need to be excused from June Council meetings due to conflicts.

Jolibois congratulated Kiwanis and stated the special attribute is they have been a part of just about every event and formation of quite a few things in the Parks where it is almost part and parcel of what goes on in the City. Jolibois stated the Kiwanis isn't really noticeable but they add quite an extensive foundation for all the event, noting that is what makes them that much more special.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Goodsell, to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 P.M. Ayes: Jolibois, Reynolds, Goodsell, Viafore, George and Medley. Noes: None. Excused: Waltier. Motion carried.



David M. Viafore, Mayor



Lisa Keely, City Clerk