

CITY OF FIRCREST
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 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 Denny Waltier was excused.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

Viafore reported that the Administration was requesting the addition of Item 14A Executive Session - To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price. No objections were noted.

Viafore provided an overview of the Tacoma Community College (TCC) Master Plan that was provided following a meeting held with the college's president. Discussion continued about TCC's plan to shift vehicular traffic to 19th Street, a proposed sports facilities expansion and TCC's plan for an additional ingress/egress point on Pearl Street that would cut through the wetlands. Viafore suggested that all Councilmembers review the copy of TCC's master plan. Council indicated a desire that Viafore continue open dialogue with TCC as well as state Legislators and TCC trustees and speak on behalf of Council to express a desire that all traffic not be shifted to the Fircrest side of the campus and to utilize, to the fullest, the existing ingress and egress on South 12th Street.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Viafore requested the City Clerk read the consent calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 205989 through Voucher No. 206066 in the amount of \$103,216.21; approval of Payroll Check No. 11706 through Payroll Check No. 11728 in the amount of \$98,497.37; and approval of the June 9, 2015 Regular meeting minutes.

Viafore requested that Accounts Payable #8835 to Mario's Nursery & Landscaping Inc. in the amount of \$1,690.23 is pulled.

MOTION

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

Responding to Viafore, Public Works Director Wakefield stated that the plants recently purchased from Mario's Nursery are under warranty. He indicated that Mario visited the sites and advised that most of the shrubs would come back with additional watering. Wakefield noted that sprinkler heads have been added and adjusted in the island at Orchard and Regents to provide additional water to the heather. Wakefield noted he wasn't aware that some of the heather wasn't thriving at the big island and stated

that staff would look at the sprinkler. Wakefield stated the watering can be adjusted if it isn't being effective and suggested that the plants that aren't alive in 30 days should be replaced.

Viafore invited public comment. None was provided.

MOTION

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Goodsell, to pay Accounts Payable #8835 to Mario's in the amount of \$1,690.23. Ayes: Jolibois, Reynolds, Goodsell, Viafore, George and Medley. Noes: None. Excused: Waltier. Motion carried.

Agreement with Wolverine West Fireworks LLC for Fun Days Fireworks

Parks and Recreation Director Grover stated that Council is being asked to approve a resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Wolverine West Fireworks for a fireworks display on August 8, 2015 for an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for the annual Fun Days event.

Viafore invited public comment. None was provided.

RESOLUTION NO. 1381

Moved by Goodsell, seconded by George, to adopt proposed Resolution No. 1381, a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Wolverine West Fireworks for a fireworks display on August 8, 2015 for an amount not to exceed \$5,000. Ayes: Jolibois, Reynolds, Goodsell, Viafore, George and Medley. Noes: None. Excused: Waltier. Motion carried.

Agreement with Wolverine West, LLC for National Night Out Fireworks

Police Chief Cheesman stated the resolution, if approved, will authorize the City Manager to authorize an agreement with Wolverine West LLC for a fireworks display on August 4, 2015 for an amount not to exceed \$4,500. Cheesman noted that donations have been received to cover the cost of having Wolverine West LLC put on the display at the event. Cheesman stated contact has been made with many citizens that have volunteered and helped to raise money to ensure that the program can be supported each year during the National Night Out event in remembrance of Rob Freeman.

Viafore invited public comment. None was provided.

RESOLUTION NO. 1382

Moved by Medley, seconded by Reynolds, to authorize the City Manager to adopt proposed Resolution No. 1382, a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Wolverine West, LLC, for a fireworks display on August 4, 2015, for an amount not to exceed \$4,500. Ayes: Jolibois, Reynolds, Goodsell, Viafore, George and Medley. Noes: None. Excused: Waltier. Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Rosenblatt stated that the Hook Me Up Band would be replacing the Army Band at the Strawberry Feed. He reported that the band would like to be paid the night of the performance, and in order to do that, a manual warrant would need to be issued.

There were no objections by Council that the Finance Director issue a manual warrant in the amount of \$600.00 to the Hook Me Up Band for their performance at the Strawberry Feed.

Rosenblatt reported that City Clerk Keely and the Finance Department had migrated the medical plan for the retired LEOFF 1 employee from Plan A to Medicare Advantage, resulting in approximately \$7,200 per year in savings. Viafore recognized staff for their efforts.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Cheesman stated the US Open tournament went well and was coordinated efficiently due to the efforts of many agencies. Cheesman described one of the events that resulted from a stolen golf cart but indicated that otherwise it was a peaceful tournament. Cheesman further described postings on the Friends of Fircrest page regarding some slanderous remarks about a Fircrest employee and confusion over when to call 911 and when to call the Fircrest Police Department number that is 565-1198. Cheesman noted that detailed information with an explanation would be made available for placement on the City's website, and would also be provided to the Fircrest Block Watch facebook manager and the manager of the Friends of Fircrest facebook page. Viafore recognized staff for their efforts on this matter. He stated he took offense to the remarks, did his own homework, and noted that it wasn't an employee of the city that was involved in the conversation with the person that posted on facebook. Rosenblatt reported that it appeared that the person that posted the comments on facebook might not be a real person, is perhaps hiding behind a fake identity, and there is suspicion that the event even occurred.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Jolibois addressed Rosenblatt's April 3, 2015 memo that was in response to questions he brought forward on March 24, 2015 regarding (1) the June 26, 2012 meeting where his liaison report was missing, and (2) whether staff fully followed Council's intent regarding the construction method to be used for sewer replacements. Jolibois provided memos, reports and copies of minutes from 2002, 2009, 2011, 2012 and 2013 and reported that the Del Monte/Eldorado sewer project went out to bid in 2012 for replacement in the right of way after Interim Public Works Director Mike Wilson stipulated there was a shift in construction methods from relocating sewer mains in the streets to replacement of many of the sewer mains with trenchless pipe installation methods. He further expressed concern that the \$220,000 spent for engineering design for the Alameda/Buena Vista sewer replacement project was unnecessarily spent after a decision was made to re-bid the project utilizing trenchless construction. Jolibois noted that the bid tabulation sheet for the Alameda/Buena Vista project, once revised to trenchless construction, showed a total of \$431,462 and recalled that he thought the engineering costs were \$60,000. Jolibois stated the cost differential between the two projects was approximately \$1,906,000 and that is the basis of his concern. Jolibois stated his concern is that the initial Alameda/Buena Vista pilot project was not analyzed and compared with any modicum of analysis to say

that it was a good project. Jolibois further stated that the Eldorado/Del Monte project was initially designed to go out to the right of way, money was spent on engineering, and then again, a decision was made to re-bid the project utilizing trenchless construction. He stated he didn't think the intent of Council was being followed when the Del Monte/Eldorado sewer replacement project initially went out to bid. Jolibois further noted that his comments that are missing from the June 26, 2012 minutes would have shown that he asked questions about his perception that staff wasn't following the intent of Council and Waltier's reference to that effect. He referred to a public records request he asked for after reading an engineering contract that required monthly reports and was told that the City of Fircrest didn't possess the records. Jolibois concluded by stating that there is a lot of money that has been spent, he feels there should have been more analysis and studying done before moving forward with projects, and stated that Rosenblatt made a good attempt to respond to the questions but the issue is bigger than just saying the intent of Council was followed. He stated it is about missing minutes, errors occurring, and an interest that further studying is done so that types of these decisions don't continue.

Reynolds reported she has been out of town for the last month working on leadership classes to learn how to work more efficiently as part of the team, how better to serve the needs of the constituency, and learn better skills on how to outreach to the community. Reynolds noted she would be attending the AWC Conference in Wenatchee this week, and was asked to sit on a Multi-generational Council panel representing the millennial generation. Reynolds indicated she would bring written information back from the conference to share with Council.

Goodsell stated he appreciated law enforcement's involvement and coordination on the US Open this past week and indicated he was impressed with the lack of traffic and issues associated with the tournament.

Viafore stated the financials, through April, were distributed and was pleased with the revenue that is coming in. He indicated there wasn't something large coming down the pike to bring in additional revenue but it appeared that this year's budget was solvent and the investments are helping to provide additional revenue. Viafore indicated unless there are some big surprises, next year might look good. He stated he enjoys reading the financials and actually calls the Finance Department looking for them if they aren't available by the 3rd or 4th of the month. Viafore received confirmation that the hanging baskets would be watered on at least a daily basis during the excessive heat. Viafore reported on a visit from a Fircrest citizen inquiring about his neighbor's use of marijuana. Cheesman stated what is occurring is legal.

George voiced appreciation to Medley for taking the initiative and meeting with the owner of the Town Center in an effort to centralize the garbage and clean up the vegetation on the Princeton Street side of the center. George further thanked Cheesman and the officers for their assistance with the US Open, noting it couldn't have been done without them, and reported there were 38 public safety agencies providing assistance. George stated that other than the cart incident, there were few issues that occurred during the entire event.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:47 P.M., Viafore stated that Council would convene into Executive Session, not to exceed the hour of 7:55 P.M., to discuss Item 14A - To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by

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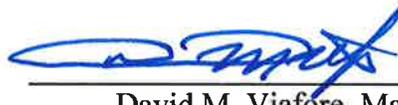
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lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price. Viafore stated that no action, other than adjournment, would take place at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

At 8:00 P.M. Viafore reconvened the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by George, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M. Ayes: Jolibois, Reynolds, Goodsell, Viafore, George and Medley. Noes: None. Excused: Waltier. Motion carried.



David M. Viafore, Mayor



Lisa Keely, City Clerk