

**CITY OF FIRCREST
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

**ROY H. MURPHY COMMUNITY CENTER
555 CONTRA COSTA AVENUE, FIRCREST, WA 98466**

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 Shannon Reynolds, Hunter T. George, Denny Waltier and Jason Medley were present. Councilmembers Matthew Jolibois and David R. Goodsell were excused.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

Viafore stated that the City Manager requested Council assistance in the selection of the firm that will perform the Community Center and Community Pool Feasibility Study. He outlined the time constraints and asked if there was interest from Council to assist in this process to inform him by noon on Friday, August 14th so that a recommendation can be made to the City Manager for members of Council to assist in this process.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & LIAISON REPORTS

Environment, Planning, Building

George provided an update of the Planning Commission's schedule and stated they will be discussing liquor development/zoning regulations at a meeting in September followed by a public hearing in October. He noted that following the public hearing, the Planning Commission would make a recommendation to Council who would then hold its own public hearing and could act on the regulations in November. Waltier stated it appeared that Council could be poised to deal with the issue in November. George, responding to Waltier, noted that a draft of the regulations has been prepared for presentation at the September meeting. Discussion continued regarding notifying residents and businesses of the meeting and placing information on the City's reader board and website. Reynolds made comments regarding Council's involvement with ballot issues.

Finance, IT

Medley reported that the auditors were still on-site and the audit was ongoing.

Administration

Viafore stated the City Manager was in the process of finalizing the budget. He further reported that there has been good interest in the RFQ for the feasibility study of the Community Center and pool. Viafore provided an historical overview of the Community Center and pool and a description supporting the reasons why the City was moving forward with the RFQ for a feasibility study of the Community Center and Community pool.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Viafore requested the City Clerk read the consent calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 206235 through Voucher No. 206305 in the amount of \$285,773.66; approval of Payroll Check No. 11832 through Payroll Check No. 11837 in the amount of \$5,773.98; Approval of Payroll Check No. 11838 through Payroll Check No. 11843 in the amount of \$85,596.38; and approval of the July 28, 2015 Regular meeting minutes.

Viafore reported the minutes of July 28, 2015 were revised and placed on the dais.

Medley requested that Voucher No. 9218 in the amount of \$1,470.76 is pulled.

MOTION

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

Chief Cheesman gave an overview and explanation regarding the difficulties they had experienced with the car and the work done on it following an accident in 2010. Cheesman stated it was discovered almost five years later that the car hadn't been properly fixed when it was repaired in 2010 and he and Facilities and Maintenance Supervisor Mims worked with Collision Specialists who offered to pay half of the bill for the current work that was necessary on the car. Viafore gave kudos to Cheesman and Mims for their efforts in this regard. Waltier noted that kudos should also be given to Collision Specialists.

MOTION

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Medley, to pay Accounts Payable No. 9218, Systems for Public Safety Inc., in the amount of \$1,470.76.

Viafore invited public comment. None was provided.

VOTE: Ayes: Reynolds, Viafore, George, Waltier and Medley. Excused: Jolibois and Goodsell. Noes: None. Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Rosenbladt inquired if there was Council interest to have development regulations in place regarding liquor consumption prior to certification of the election regarding on-premise consumption. George clarified that even if the voters say yes to liquor on-premise consumption, the City's development regulations would still need to be amended to allow it. Discussion continued and there was interest to wait to decide on the issue until after the Planning Commission holds its public hearing. Following up on Viafore's request for clarification, it was suggested that the code procedures and timeline be outlined and placed in Council's packet. Rosenbladt noted that the Pierce County Elections Department was coordinating the For and Against Committee Member Appointments and their statements for the voter's

pamphlet. George stated that the Elections Department sent out a press release regarding the For and Against Committee, noting that Committee Members must be registered voters of the City of Fircrest and reside within the 1975 election boundary.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Parks and Recreation Director Grover thanked Westside Disposal as the major sponsor of Fircrest Fun Days, as well as Team Insurance. Grover also thanked Kiwanis, noting that without their efforts, the events wouldn't be what they are today. Grover stated they were eager to start the feasibility study process and looked forward to seeing what can be done with the facility and the pool.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Reynolds stated that National Night Out was trending on Twitter as a national event. She stated she was again bringing forward a request that there be a line item added for National Night Out fireworks donations. Viafore stated that he hadn't heard there was a shortage of revenue for the National Night Out (NNO) fireworks and Cheesman clarified they have always raised enough money for the event. Reynolds stated she noticed a lot of smoking in the park and felt that it should be enforced per RCW 70.160.011 regarding the prohibition of smoking in public places and workplaces and suggested that an ordinance is in place to enforce smoking. Cheesman, in response to Viafore, stated he believes that the smoking enforcement by Parks staff has been adequate.

Viafore thanked the police department for their team involvement at National Night Out and for their efforts to solicit the donations. He thanked Grover and staff for their efforts and stated that the Fun Days event was good as well, noting that he had received both praise and concerns from constituents that attended the event. Viafore reported that someone plowed through the island adjacent to Columbia Bank and took out the Welcome to Fircrest signage and inquired if it was possible to place the sign in concrete posts.

George stated that National Night Out (NNO) was fantastic and Fun Days was a lot of fun, noting that he heard both a lot of praise and constructive criticism regarding Fun Days. George suggested that a survey is conducted of both vendors and citizens by either sending them an email or utilizing Survey Monkey. In response to George's inquiry about the City of Tacoma moving to Phase II of a water restriction process, Public Works Director Wakefield described the differences between Tacoma's and Fircrest's system. He reported that Fircrest has substantial water rights for water withdrawal and those amounts are not being exceeded. Wakefield noted they operated a booth at Fun Days and offered water conservation tips and tools to use in the house as well as outside. Wakefield noted that production from the wells is monitored on a monthly basis, the water loss record is fairly low, and reported he would provide a month to month comparison from 2014 water usage to 2015. George clarified that he was bringing the subject up as advisory only because residents are probably wondering if they need to be concerned and suggested that perhaps the City write up information for the website regarding water concerns, as individuals probably don't realize that Fircrest's water source isn't the same as Tacoma's. Viafore provided information about an intertie that was constructed in the early 1990's to assist with the City of Tacoma's water shortage.

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Waltier stated that National Night Out was a wonderful event and concluded by thanking everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by George, to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 P.M. Ayes: Reynolds, Viafore, George, Waltier and Medley. Noes: None. Excused: Jolibois and Goodsell. Motion carried.



David M. Viafore, Mayor



Lisa Keely, City Clerk