

CITY OF FIRCREST
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 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, Hunter T. George, Denny Waltier and Jason Medley were present. Councilmember David R. Goodsell was absent. Goodsell arrived at 7:05 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

Viafore introduced Washington State House of Representatives Christine Kilduff and Dick Muri who gave an overview of the recently completed 2015 Legislative Session.

Discussion continued regarding legislative matters of interest to Council.

Prostate Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation

Viafore stated Council was being asked to approve the Prostate Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation and Waltier read the proclamation.

Moved by Waltier, seconded by George, to authorize the Mayor's signature on a proclamation proclaiming September as National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Fircrest.

Willie Stewart accepted the proclamation as the original founder of the Prostate Cancer Support Group, noting he was a 41-year resident of Fircrest and a 25-year survivor of prostate cancer.

Ayes: Jolibois, Reynolds, Goodsell, Viafore, George, Waltier and Medley.

Viafore gave an overview of a recent meeting that was held with staff, himself and Dr. Sheila Ruhland, president of Tacoma Community College (TCC). He stated that Dr. Ruhland indicated a desire to address the full Council. There was Council interest for Dr. Ruhland to come to a future meeting once all information has been provided from TCC that addresses the necessity for a stop light on 19th Street.

CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Gary Stevens, 305 Regents Boulevard, provided comment regarding a nuisance at his neighbor's house concerning dog waste.

Viafore noted this is an administrative issue and asked that a follow-up report be prepared by staff and provided within two weeks in response to the alleged issue.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & LIAISON REPORTS

Water, Sewer, Storm

Waltier reported that a pre-construction meeting was held today with Budget Sewer regarding the upcoming priority 5, 6 and 7 sewer projects. He further noted that a meeting has been scheduled with affected residents at the Community Center tomorrow night, August 26th.

Public Safety, Court

Reynolds reported that there was no report due to fact that Chief Cheesman's was on vacation. Viafore stated he felt there should have been better planning regarding the recently purchased 2016 new police SUV, as the Chief's general update from last week indicated that many of the parts are backordered due to having to be manufactured to accommodate the new body style.

Investment Committee

Viafore stated a meeting of the Investment Committee will be scheduled in the future.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Viafore requested the City Clerk read the consent calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 206306 through Voucher No. 206306 in the amount of \$500.00; approval of Voucher No. 206307 through Voucher No. 206392 in the amount of \$171,497.92; approval of Payroll Check No. 11874 through Payroll Check No. 11901 in the amount of \$108,046.02; approval of the August 11, 2015 Regular meeting minutes; and approval of the August 17, 2015 Special meeting.

MOTION

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

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Rosenblatt provided an update on the RFQ for the Feasibility Study of the Community Center and Community pool, noting that five firms responded. He concluded by providing an outline of the interview schedule and reported there will be a presentation to Council in September.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Reynolds recommended that the City of Fircrest become a Tree City USA community, noting that the program is a great opportunity to celebrate the importance of an urban tree canopy and noted that adjacent cities have become Tree Cities. She further referenced data from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission that indicated that marijuana is increasing as a factor in deadly crashes. Reynolds concluded by suggesting that emphasis money is budgeted to catch those that are driving while impaired and/or under the influence.

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Goodsell stated that he, too, supported the idea of becoming a Tree City. He expressed concern that the island on Regents Boulevard had once again been hit and the Welcome to Fircrest sign destroyed.

Viafore expressed interest in becoming a Tree City. He inquired why there isn't as much police visibility in the neighborhoods as there used to be. Viafore concluded by stating that things are going well in Fircrest and gave kudos to Parks and Recreation Director Grover for the correspondence he generated to the summer hires.

George stated that becoming a Tree City was a good idea. George further reported on the online discussion that followed Fun Days, noting it was positive and there was a lot of interest from the community to assist with the program next year.

Waltier reported he was interested in the upcoming Parliamentary Procedure webinars but was not available for the dates. He asked that a schedule of future webinars is made available.

Medley stated he was also in favor of becoming a Tree City. Medley further suggested that trees planted in the future along Regents Boulevard not have root structures that damage adjacent sidewalks.

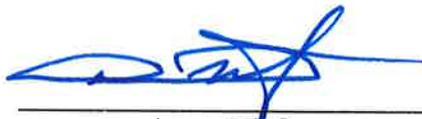
EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:15 P.M., Viafore stated that Council would take a six-minute recess and convene into Executive Session, not to exceed the hour of 9:30 P.M., to discuss Item 14A - To discuss City Manager performance evaluation. Viafore stated that no action, other than adjournment, would take place at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

At 9:06 P.M. Viafore reconvened the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Goodsell, seconded by Waltier, to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 P.M. Ayes: Jolibois, Reynolds, Goodsell, Viafore, George, Waltier and Medley. Noes: None. Motion carried.



David M. Viafore, Mayor



Lisa Keely, City Clerk