

CITY OF FIRCREST
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 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 7:01 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

Viafore recommended contacting Mike Fitzgerald from the Tacoma Fire Department to reschedule to another meeting if he doesn't appear tonight.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & LIAISON REPORTS

Water, Sewer Storm

Waltier reported on meeting with Public Works Director Wakefield and stated that the priority 5 and 6 sewer projects were completed and the priority 7 project would be done in early December. Waltier concluded by reporting that the department was receiving a lot of compliments from residents regarding the project.

Investment Committee

Viafore reported that the Investment Committee held a meeting tonight, October 27, 2015, at 6:45 P.M. Updated information was provided at that meeting regarding the \$1,000,000 bond that was purchased on October 22nd that was funded with \$500,000 from the General Light Fund Balance, \$200,000 from the General 44th/Alameda Fund Balance and \$300,000 from the Undesignated General Fund Balance. Viafore stated that Finance Director Corcoran increased next year's revenue forecast by \$14,500 due to the interest that will be received from this recent investment. Viafore noted that the minutes from tonight's meeting, as well as the two prior meeting minutes, will be provided in Council's packet on Friday. Viafore concluded by stating that that Investment Committee has completed its work for the year and there won't be further meetings unless Corcoran calls one.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Viafore requested the City Clerk read the consent calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 206610 through Voucher No. 206690 in the amount of \$130,106.81; approval of Payroll Check No. 11972 through Payroll Check No. 11977 in the amount of \$94,094.27; approval of the October 5, 2015 Special meeting; approval of the October 12, 2015 Special meeting; approval of the October 13, 2015 Regular meeting; approval of the October 19, 2015 Special meeting; and setting a public hearing for November 24, 2015 at 7:15 pm to receive comments on proposed amendments to Fircrest Municipal Code Title 22, liquor regulations.

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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.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no objections to move to Item 10, New Business, as the time was 7:06 P.M. and the public hearing was scheduled for 7:15 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS

Software Support for BIAS Software

Corcoran stated the agreement, if approved, would renew the BIAS software contract that is used for the accounting software program. She stated the software was purchased in 2011 and implemented January 2012. Corcoran noted the software agreement has been purchased since that time and the 2016 amount is \$8,425.61, an increase of \$256.80 from the 2015 agreement. Corcoran concluded by stating the maintenance support is needed in order to update changes made to the accounting software.

RESOLUTION NO. 1395

Moved by Goodsell, seconded by Reynolds, to adopt proposed Resolution No. 1395, a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with BIAS Software to provide software support for BIAS software applications for the year 2016.

Responding to Waltier, Corcoran noted the increase is due to a cost of living increase that is included in the contract documents.

Viafore invited public comment. None was provided.

VOTE

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

Interagency Agreement with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission

Chief Cheesman reported that Council is being asked to adopt a resolution allowing the City Manager to execute an Interagency Agreement with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission which would allow the Fircrest Police Department to assist in multi-jurisdictional DUI, distracted driving, and seat belt patrols. He noted if approved, additional officers will be on the streets at little cost to citizens. Cheesman concluded by outlining the grant proceeds.

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RESOLUTION NO. 1396

Moved by George, seconded by Reynolds, to adopt proposed Resolution No. 1396, a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interagency Agreement with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission allowing the Fircrest Police Department to assist in multi-jurisdictional DUI, Distracted Driving and Seat Belt patrols.

Viafore invited public comment. None was provided.

VOTE

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

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Rosenblatt reminded Council about the public records request submitted from *The News Tribune*. Rosenblatt further reported on a tombstone that had been unearthed by a Puget Sound Energy (PSE) subcontractor that was working on private property in the area of Taco Time on 19th Street. He stated that PSE is holding onto the tombstone until they determine how to proceed and concluded by reporting that Larry LaRue from *The News Tribune* had contacted him to run a story on the issue.

PUBLIC HEARING

To receive comments on the 2016 Budget

At 7:16 P.M. Viafore opened the public hearing and outlined the format.

Bonnie Blair, 521 Monterey Lane, inquired about the percentage that employees pay towards the medical premium.

Finance Director Corcoran reported that the City pays 90% of the medical premium and employees pay 10%.

At 7:18 P.M. Viafore closed the public hearing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2016 Budget

Corcoran provided an update on adjustments to the 2016 Preliminary Budget:

- The Zoo Tax is a flat rate based on retail sales tax received by Pierce County and is then distributed to cities based on population
- Intergovernmental Revenue-Overtime Reimbursement is increased by \$1,500 to match the amount that will be received from the State

- Investment Interest is increased by \$14,500 due to the bond purchase
- Police Interfund ERR Replacement is increased by \$60 due to an error in the formula
- General Fund ERR Replacement is increased by \$43,389 due to an error in the formula

Corcoran concluded by reporting that after adjustments, the Revenue over Operating Expenditures is \$37,791.

George recommended increasing the amount devoted to Fun Days by \$2,500 for a total of \$10,000.

Viafore reported the 2016 Budget will be presented for approval at the November 10, 2015 regular meeting. He expressed disappointment that more citizens weren't present in the audience, as he had read numerous comments on social media regarding the City's budget that weren't correct. Viafore stated that contrary to statements made on social media, the City has never had a deficit spending budget, had in fact recently transferred \$500,000 out of the General Ending Fund Balance to the City's Cumulative Reserves, is financially solvent, and uses money wisely.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Cheesman stated that the camera system installation will be completed this week at the public safety building. Cheesman reported that extra patrols will be out on Halloween night. He further noted they were getting ready for the upcoming tree lighting ceremony on December 6th and stated that Wilby Casey will be present for the invocation. Cheesman concluded by reporting that the sleigh ride through the City will be on December 16th and 17th.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmembers thanked audience members for their attendance.

Jolibois reported on the recent passing of Arnold Kovach. He noted that Mr. Kovach moved into Fircrest in the 1950's, was a neighbor when he was growing up and a friend in his adult life. Jolibois stated that Mr. Kovach volunteered to help anyone out, took great pride in the process of doing, and concluded by stating he will be missed.

Reynolds reported on her recent attendance at the ELGL conference but stated she wasn't able to bring materials back as the conference was paperless. She suggested that anyone that is interested refer to the ELGL.org website and concluded by noting that the conference was trending on Twitter.

Viafore gave kudos to the officer on duty last week that noticed the gentleman at the Fircrest Pharmacy that was ultimately arrested. Cheesman followed those comments by noting that they had received a confession from that gentleman of the crime. City Attorney Smith that this morning he received a letter from the Pierce County Prosecutor saying they won't charge any crimes. Smith stated that after receiving the confession they went back to the Prosecutor and urged that the crimes are charged. Viafore requested the data on the traffic counts from Regents Boulevard that was provided to the Planning/Building Department by Heath & Associates, Inc. to complete the Transportation Element of the City's Comprehensive Plan. Viafore referenced reading about a motorcycle/car accident at the intersection of Regents and 67th during the weekend, noting that there were comments made on social

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media about how bad that intersection is. Cheesman stated he wasn't aware that intersection was a bad one.

George recognized pending elected officials for their attendance at tonight's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Waltier, to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 P.M. Ayes: Jolibois, Reynolds, Goodsell, Viafore, George, Waltier and Medley. Noes: None. Motion carried.



David M. Viafore, Mayor



Lisa Keely, City Clerk