

CITY OF FIRCREST
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 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, Denny Waltier and Jason Medley were present.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

Viafore introduced Mike Fitzgerald, Assistant to the Chief for Budget and Finance from the Tacoma Fire Department who provided an update on experiences within their department, capital expenditures, the current recruiting class and responded to an inquiry regarding the cost to construct a road adequate to handle heavy hauling.

Viafore welcomed Councilmember Elect Brett Wittner to Chambers and congratulated Councilmember George on his reelection to Council.

Liquor License Application – Charley's Steak & Ale

Viafore stated Council was being asked to approve a motion to register objections to the liquor license renewal for Charley's Steak & Ale.

City Manager Rosenblatt reported that the Police Department had great concerns regarding renewal of the license, and strongly recommended that Council register objections to the liquor license renewal. Rosenblatt noted that the hearing regarding the revocation of Charley's Steak & Ale's liquor license had been settled, as the business has been sold. Rosenblatt concluded by reporting that the existing liquor license would be in effect until January 30, 2016, was not transferable to the new owner, and the current owners of Charley's Steak & Ale would not be able to obtain another liquor license for five years. Discussion continued on ongoing issues and problems that have occurred at Charley's Steak & Ale.

MOTION

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Waltier, to register objections to the liquor license renewal for Charley's Steak & Ale.

Viafore invited public comment. None was provided.

VOTE

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Phaedra Miller, 1225 Del Monte Avenue, Fircrest WA requested that the Council consider adding outside seating to the Title 22 Liquor Regulations that are proposed to be amended at the November 24th Council meeting and to allow outside special occasion liquor selling events at the Community Center.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & LIAISON REPORTS

Parks & Recreation

Goodsell commented on the report from ARC Architects and felt the City would be getting a great product. Discussion continued and an update was provided regarding the Feasibility Study Committee's review of the documentation. Goodsell concluded by stating he was glad the City was moving forward with the RCO Grant Tot Lot projects.

Finance, IT

Medley reported on a discussion he had with Finance Director Corcoran regarding the memo she generated about the sales tax revenue from construction of the Wainwright Intermediate School. He surmised that because there weren't additional Council questions on the subject, everyone was satisfied with the report. Waltier stated he followed up with Corcoran and received a great explanation on all concerns. He expressed concern that Fircrest and University Place have the same zip code and was hopeful that Fircrest would get the sales tax it deserves. Jolibois stated the construction contract is for \$22.1 million and his estimate is that Fircrest's portion of sales tax would be roughly \$187,850. Jolibois stated he wanted to make Council aware that there is around \$136,000 more sales tax revenue from what was budgeted for 2016 that Fircrest might receive. Discussion continued on the timeframe when Fircrest would receive the sales tax revenue.

Administration

Viafore encouraged Councilmembers to review the ARC Architects agreement that will be in the Friday packet. He concluded by stating he was pleased with the Feasibility Study Committee's negotiations and gave kudos to the Administration for their work on the project.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Viafore requested the City Clerk read the consent calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 206691 through Voucher No. 206764 in the amount of \$656,424.35; approval of Payroll Check No. 11978 through Payroll Check No. 11983 in the amount of \$6,904.29; approval of Payroll Check No. 11984 through Payroll Check No. 11989 in the amount of \$95,489.27; approval of Payroll Check No. 11990 through Payroll Check No. 11995 in the amount of \$99,489.96; approval of the October 27, 2015 Regular meeting; and setting a public hearing for November 24, 2015 at 7:15 P.M. to receive comments on proposed amendments to the City of Fircrest Comprehensive Plan.

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.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution commending Councilmember Goodsell

Viafore stated the resolution is an opportunity for Council to commend Councilmember David R. Goodsell and read the resolution into the record.

RESOLUTION NO. 1394

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by George, to adopt proposed Resolution No. 1394, a resolution recording sincere gratitude and commendation to David R. Goodsell for his service and dedication to the City of Fircrest.

Councilmembers thanked Goodsell for his willingness to step in and fill such big shoes, noting he was the right person, in the right time, and the right place to fill out the remaining term, doing so with professionalism and expertise, and wished him luck in his future endeavors. Comments concluded by noting that Councilmember Thaden would have appreciated the person that was selected to fill his shoes.

VOTE

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

Goodsell stated he appreciated tonight's recognition and noted it has been a joy serving on Council. Goodsell thanked City staff for their thoughtful explanations to him, and their hard work and dedication.

Ordinance adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2016

Corcoran stated the total of the 2016 Budget including estimated revenues, expenditures and fund balances is \$23,128,724. She indicated that on September 22, 2015 the Preliminary Budget was presented to Council, and Council sessions were held on September 28, October 5, 12, and 19, 2015. Corcoran noted that a Public Hearing for revenue sources was held on October 13, 2015 and resolutions and ordinances relating to the Regular and EMS Tax Levy, Ad Valorem and Budget Certification were adopted on October 13, 2015. Corcoran noted that Public Hearings to receive comments on the 2016 Budget were held on October 13 and 27, 2015. She stated the memo provided in the packet outlined adjustments to the 2016 budget and highlighted the following:

- an adjustment to the Beginning Fund Balances in all funds adjusted for rollovers and estimated revenues and expenditures through the end of the year
- rollover of revenue and expenditures for the RCO grant
- an increase of non-expenditures for the deposit received from Eaton that needs to be paid to University Place for the City of Fircrest's contribution for the Mildred street project
- a rollover of \$5,000 in each fund – street/storm, water and sewer for GPS/GIS equipment
- rollover of \$3,000 in the storm fund and \$13,500 in water and sewer fund for the rate study
- rollover of \$530,000 for loans receivable in the backyard sewer main fund
- rollover of \$330,000 for capital expenditures in the backyard sewer main fund

ORDINANCE NO. 1566

Moved by Waltier, seconded by Goodsell, to adopt proposed Ordinance No. 1566, an ordinance of the City of Fircrest, Washington, adopting the annual budget of the City of Fircrest for the fiscal year 2016.

Phaedra Miller, 1225 Del Monte Avenue, Fircrest WA, provided comments regarding adding a police officer, the addition of sidewalks in some areas of the City, and a suggestion that the fees for activities at the Community Center are increased to help cover the costs of the programs and be more comparable to other jurisdictions.

It was reported that sidewalk construction on 44th Street is included in the six-year Transportation Improvement Plan, making the City eligible to apply for grants to assist with construction.

CONSENSUS

There was Council consensus that the Fircrest Fun Days line item is increased an additional \$2,500.

There was a request to freeze the purchase of the street sweeper and conduct a study session prior to its purchase. Following discussion, Corcoran clarified that unless an item is frozen, it does not come back to Council for approval prior to purchase. Discussion ensued on the street sweeper purchase, its ten-year depreciation schedule, Council historical purchasing policies, and whether it makes sense to freeze the purchase prior to a discussion at a study session.

CONSENSUS

There was Council consensus that the street sweeper funding is frozen in the 2016 Budget.

It was requested that Corcoran research and provide information on the police officer staffing levels to confirm whether or not the department is historically down an officer.

CONSENSUS

There was Council consensus that the minimum wage for summer hires is raised to \$10.35 per hour.

Viafore requested a roll call vote on adoption of Ordinance No. 1566.

ROLL CALL

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

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Rosenblatt stated he received a call from Jack Ecklund, City Engineer of the City University Place (UP), who reported that UP was going out for bid for the Mildred Street grant project in early 2016.

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Rosenblatt concluded by stating that it has been delightful to work with Councilmember Goodsell and noted that he was glad that Council had selected him and he has been a big help.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmembers thanked everyone for coming.

Jolibois referenced correspondence received from Tom Watters regarding how impressed he was and the good service he had received from the Public Works crew.

Reynolds called attention to the upcoming webinar regarding Elected Officials Essentials and also suggested looking into what other available training provided from the Association of Washington Cities.

MOTION

Moved by Goodsell, seconded by Reynolds, to place on the January study session agenda a discussion regarding the purchase of the street sweeper.

ROLL CALL

Viafore requested a roll call vote.

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

Goodsell noted this is the last regular meeting that he will be attending.

In response to Viafore, Wakefield provided an overview of the Regents Boulevard Grind and Overlay project and noted that he was hopeful that the close out change orders would be brought to Council, the project closed out, and Tucci paid before the end of the year. Viafore provided kudos to the Public Works crew for their efforts on the Budget Sewer pipe bursting sewer projects. Viafore stated that the consultant hired to perform the rate study is not on schedule with the contract, noting he raised this question in June, and concluded by voicing disappointment that the consultant wouldn't be providing the required information to Council as required by contract before the end of the year.

Waltier called attention to the Firearms Training Simulator that will be in the area on November 18th and 19th and suggested that everyone participate. Waltier concluded by noting that long-time Fircrest resident Curtis Naef passed away, and stated he had known him since the 60's.

Medley reported on the passing of long-time resident Bunny Tuell, a past neighbor of his for 35 years.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Viafore stated Council would take a five-minute recess at 9:10 P.M. and convene into Executive Session at 9:15 P.M., not to exceed the hour of 10:00 P.M., for Item 14-A – to discuss City Manager

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performance evaluation. City Attorney Smith was invited to attend and Viafore requested that Rosenblatt remain within the building. Viafore stated that no further action other than adjournment would be taken at the conclusion of executive session.

At 9:36 P.M. Viafore reconvened the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Goodsell, seconded by Reynolds, to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 P.M. Ayes: Jolibois, Reynolds, Goodsell, Viafore, George, Waltier and Medley. Noes: None. Motion carried.



David M. Viafore, Mayor



Lisa Keely, City Clerk