

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

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016** **COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**7:00 P.M.** **FIRCREST CITY HALL, 115 RAMSDELL STREET**

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Prior to the meeting City Attorney Smith administered the Oath of Office to Brett L. Wittner – Position 3, Blake J. Surina – Position 4, and Hunter T. George – Position 5.

**CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Keely called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Matthew Jolibois, Shannon Reynolds, Brett Wittner, Blake J. Surina, Hunter T. George, Denny Waltier and Jason Medley were present.

**Selection of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore**

Keely reviewed the process for the selection of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore. She stated Council received information from Council's Rules of Procedure on the Election of Officers and from Robert's Rules of Order relating to Nominations, Elections and Voting. Keely stated if Council concurs with using that procedure, two motions are required. The first motion is to suspend Council's Rules and Procedures for this item of business and a second motion to adopt the procedure option for selecting a Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore.

**MOTION**

**Moved by Medley, seconded by Jolibois, that Council suspend its Rules and Procedures for Item 4 – the Selection of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore. Ayes: Jolibois, Reynolds, Wittner, Surina, George, Waltier and Medley. Noes: None. Motion carried.**

Keely outlined the procedure option for election of a Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tempore:

- Each Councilmember is permitted to nominate one person and nominations do not require a second
- A nominee who wishes to decline the nomination is to so state at the time of nomination
- When all seven Councilmembers have had a turn to nominate, the Clerk announces the nominations are closed

**MOTION**

**Moved by Medley, seconded by Jolibois, that Council adopt the Procedure Option for Election of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore as listed in the information submitted by the City Manager and read by the City Clerk. Ayes: Jolibois, Reynolds, Wittner, Surina, George, Waltier and Medley. Noes: None. Motion carried.**

Keely called for the nominations.

Jolibois, Wittner, Surina, George and Medley passed. Reynolds nominated Jolibois. Waltier nominated Surina. Nominations were closed.

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Ballots were distributed and Keely reported the nominees for Mayor are Jolibois and Surina.

Jolibois, Reynolds, Wittner, Surina and Medley voted for Jolibois. George and Waltier voted for Surina. Keely announced that Matthew Jolibois had been selected for the position of Mayor by a majority vote for a two-year term of office and the meeting was turned over to Jolibois.

Jolibois stated the selection of the Mayor Pro Tempore for a two-year term would follow the same procedure as the one for selection of the Mayor and opened the floor for nominations.

Reynolds, Wittner, Surina and George passed. Jolibois nominated Reynolds. Waltier nominated George. Medley nominated Waltier.

Keely reported the nominees for Mayor Pro Tempore are Reynolds, George and Waltier and distributed the ballots.

Jolibois and Reynolds voted for Reynolds. Wittner, Surina and George voted for George. Waltier and Medley voted for Waltier.

Keely announced that George had been selected for the position of Mayor Pro Tempore by receiving the greatest number of votes. Discussion continued on Robert's Rules regarding a majority vote and City Attorney Smith provided a legal opinion that Council had suspended its Rules and Procedures for this item that negated the requirement for a majority vote and ruled the election valid. Jolibois stated the Presiding Officer would take the opinion of the City Attorney unless facts surfaced to indicate otherwise. No objections were noted from Council.

#### **PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT**

Jolibois requested that City Manager Rosenblatt let staff know that he would like to continue to be referred to as Councilmember Jolibois or Matthew. Jolibois asked that each Councilmember provide their top three items or issues to him that they would like to personally see done within the City. He noted they would be included as agenda items and would also be used to assist him with liaison assignments and going forward with committee appointments. Jolibois stated that will help him understand what Council wants for organizational reasons, help him act as an advocate with the Administration, and set the agenda items as they come due. Jolibois requested expediency on the three issues from council so that he could identify liaison assignments at the next study session.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Jolibois requested the City Clerk read the consent calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 206994 through Voucher No. 207059 in the amount of \$52,615.66; approval of Voucher No. 207060 through Voucher No. 207090 in the amount of \$77,543.04; approval of Payroll Check No. 12028 through Payroll Check No. 12034 in the amount of \$93,554.03; approval of Payroll Check No. 12035 through Payroll Check No. 12040 in the amount of \$5,235.73; approval of Payroll Check No. 12041 through Payroll Check No. 12046 in the amount of \$84,882.04; approval of Payroll Check No. 12047 through Payroll Check No. 12052 in the amount of \$93,779.22; and approval of the December 28, 2015 regular meeting minutes.

**MOTION**

**Moved by Surina, seconded by Waltier, to approve the Consent Calendar as read. Ayes: Jolibois, Reynolds, Wittner, Surina, George, Waltier and Medley. Noes: None. Motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Agreement with Pierce County for a Communications Maintenance Program for 2016**

Police Chief Cheesman stated that Council is being asked to adopt a resolution allowing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Pierce County for a communications maintenance program for 2016. He stated the County communications rate has not increased this year and Fircrest will reimburse the County for its services at the rate of \$125 per hour. Cheesman stated the contract work includes all maintenance, repair, installation, and the upgrading of radio communications and it sometimes includes work performed on the vehicles. Cheesman concluded by stating this also encompasses the work performed on the radars, including their yearly calibration.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1414**

**Moved by Medley, seconded by Wittner, to adopt Resolution No. 1414 authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Pierce County for a communications maintenance program in 2016.**

Jolibois invited public comment. None was provided.

**VOTE**

**Ayes: Jolibois, Reynolds, Wittner, Surina, George, Waltier and Medley. Noes: None. Motion carried.**

**Mutual Aid/Interlocal Agreement to participate in the Tacoma Pierce County DUI and Traffic Safety Task Force**

Cheesman stated Council is being asked to authorize the City Manager to execute a Mutual Aid/Interlocal Agreement with the Tacoma/Pierce County DUI Task Force for Pierce County DUI and Traffic Safety Emphasis Patrols. He stated the agreement is necessary to utilize the money for the grant received from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission that was approved on October 27, 2015. Cheesman stated the amount of the grant is \$7,424.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1415**

**Moved by Medley, seconded by George, to adopt Resolution No. 1415 authorizing the City Manager to execute a Mutual Aid/Interlocal Agreement with the Tacoma/Pierce County DUI Task Force for Pierce County DUI and Traffic Safety Emphasis Patrols.**

Cheesman responded to Council inquiries regarding the grant.

Jolibois invited public comment. None was provided.

**VOTE**

**Ayes: Jolibois, Reynolds, Wittner, Surina, George, Waltier and Medley. Noes: None. Motion carried.**

**South Sound 911 Agreement to provide public safety communications and law enforcement information services**

Cheesman stated that Council is being asked to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with South Sound 911 for information and communication services. He stated the cost for 2016 is \$97,130 and the amount has been budgeted in the 2016 budget. Cheesman stated that South Sound 911 figured the cost for the dispatching services (\$69,850) by dividing the total costs to run the Law Enforcement Dispatch and data Channel 911 center divided by Fircrest's call for service. Cheesman stated that the ITT core services amounts to \$27,280. Cheesman concluded by stating the contract is a decrease of \$473 from last year's cost for services.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1416**

**Moved by Medley, seconded by Waltier, to adopt Resolution No. 1416 authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with South Sound 911 for information and communications services.**

Jolibois invited public comment. None was provided.

**VOTE**

**Ayes: Jolibois, Reynolds, Wittner, Surina, George, Waltier and Medley. Noes: None. Motion carried.**

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

Rosenblatt stated the Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) appointments expired December 31, 2015. Reynolds stated she would be interested in being Fircrest's representative to the PCRC and Waltier expressed a desire to be the alternate. Rosenblatt reported he would bring forward a resolution at the next regular Council meeting. Rosenblatt stated that Sound Transit would like to make a presentation to Council regarding their upcoming election and plans for the future, and Councilmembers expressed interest in viewing the presentation at the February study session. George suggested that once the study session is scheduled, there should be effort expended to ensure that the issue is promoted and the public is notified. Rosenblatt called to Council's attention the request from Neil Holden/Westside Disposal that the clean-up schedule is modified to include two Saturdays in April and two Saturdays in October. Rosenblatt stated the contract would need to be amended to implement the change. Rosenblatt concluded by reporting he has received three Council biographies and stated he was hoping to receive bios from all seven Councilmembers for publication in the next Town Topics. Rosenblatt stated the biographies and photographs would be included on the City's website as well.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

Cheesman provided an update on Charley's Steak & Ale and informed Council about the possibility of a future restaurant locating in its place. Cheesman thanked Reynolds for their time spent during liaison meetings and concluded by stating he was looking forward to a great year.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Medley congratulated Jolibois and George on their selection as Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore and stated he looked forward to a good year.

Waltier complimented Public Works Director Wakefield for their informative liaison meetings and noted he is doing a great job. Waltier congratulated Mayor Jolibois and Mayor Pro Tempore George.

George welcomed Surina and Wittner to Council, noting that he is starting his fifth year on Council and is now third in seniority. George concluded by stating he is excited about working and serving with all of Council and is hopeful that everyone understands that the Council body doesn't always have to vote 7:0 on all issues. He stated there can be disagreements as long as Council can then move onto the next agenda items.

Surina extended appreciation to everyone for making him feel so welcome, noted that he had a lot of respect for the citizenry to step forward and run for office, and applauded Council. Surina thanked City Attorney Smith and staff for helping him get up to speed and for providing the useful written documentation. Surina concluded by saying he is excited going forward with Council's commitment to enhance the cultural and community feel of Fircrest.

Wittner welcomed Surina back to Council and noted there are a lot of bright people on Council and concerned citizens that show up. Wittner expressed a desire that Council works together, noting that there won't be agreement on all issues but everyone on Council loves the City of Fircrest and wants to do what is best for the City and work together. Wittner stated he is looking forward to a few great years of getting the City moving and continuing in the right direction and concluded by stating he is looking forward to his liaison assignment and getting to know the staff.

Reynolds congratulated Jolibois for his selection as Mayor and to George for his selection as Mayor Pro Tempore. She further thanked Jolibois for his nomination of her for Mayor Pro Tempore and congratulated George for his selection and concluded by thanking everyone for coming.

Jolibois congratulated George for his selection as Mayor Pro Tempore and welcomed Surina back to Council, noting his input and presence will be positive and beneficial moving forward.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Waltier, seconded by Medley, to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 P.M. Ayes: Jolibois, Reynolds, Wittner, Surina, George, Waltier and Medley. Noes: None. Motion Carried.**



Matthew Jolibois, Mayor



Lisa Keely, City Clerk