

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

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016** **COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**7:00 P.M.** **FIRCREST CITY HALL, 115 RAMSDELL STREET**

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

Mayor Matthew Jolibois called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers Blake Surina, Shannon Reynolds, Brett Wittner, Hunter T. George, Denny Waltier and Jason Medley were present.

**PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT**

Jolibois stated that Council is being asked to approve a motion to register no objections to the liquor license application for Regents Café LLC, dba Spring Lake Cafe.

**MOTION**

**Moved by Medley, seconded by Waltier, to register no objections to the liquor license application for Regents Café LLC (Spring Lake Café).**

Waltier commented that Council is about to take a very historic vote in the City of Fircrest and noted this has been a long time coming. Waltier stated it is a culmination of a result of a lot of hard work, and a lot of different groups of people coming together and working together. Waltier provided an historical overview of efforts by people over the years that protected establishments that already had liquor licenses. Waltier noted that there was involvement with Senator Steve O'Ban and Representative Dick Muri, as well as efforts by George and Medley. Waltier concluded by stating that it was a culmination of the government and the people coming together to bring to fruition the right outcome.

Jolibois invited public comment. None was provided.

**VOTE**

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

Jolibois stated it will be interesting to see how Spring Lake Café fares with the passage of the Proposition and stated that hopefully there will be information provided about that in the future.

**COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & LIAISON REPORTS**

**Public Safety, Court**

Medley reported on an initial meeting with Chief Cheesman to discuss their future schedule.

**Pierce County Regional Council**

Reynolds reporting on attending the recent meeting and highlighted some of the agenda items that were discussed. Reynolds concluded by noting that she will most likely be appointed in March as alternate to the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Economic Development Board.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Jolibois requested the City Clerk read the consent calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 207091 through Voucher No. 207150 in the amount of \$302,279.61; approval of Payroll Check No. 12053 through Payroll Check No. 12058 in the amount of \$94,023.72; approval of the January 12, 2016 Regular meeting minutes; and approval of the January 19, 2016 Special meeting minutes.

**MOTION**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution appointing Councilmember Reynolds as primary representative and Councilmember Waltier as alternative representative to the Pierce County Regional Council**

Rosenblatt stated that Reynolds, at the last meeting, requested to be appointed as representative to the Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) and Waltier indicated interest as the alternate. Rosenblatt noted that a resolution was before Council for adoption.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1417**

**Moved by Wittner, seconded by Surina, to adopt Resolution No. 1417 appointing Councilmember Shannon Reynolds as representative to the Pierce County Regional Council, and further appointing Councilmember Denny Waltier as alternate representative to the Pierce County Regional Council for 2016.**

Jolibois invited public comment. None was provided.

**VOTE**

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

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

Rosenblatt inquired if there was interest by Council in having Pierce Transit attend and provide their Destination 2040 long-range Plan. Rosenblatt noted that Pierce Transit isn't available for either the February or March study sessions and further indicated that they plan on adopting their Plan on April 11<sup>th</sup>. There was interest from Council that the plan is provided in advance, followed by a Pierce Transit presentation at a regular Council meeting. Rosenblatt provided an overview on the Turf and Landscape maintenance program that utilized a permanent part-time employee and noted it wasn't successful. He suggested that the work is contracted out. Rosenblatt suggested tailoring the RFP process to one used by the City of Renton that didn't use cost as the only determining factor. Medley stated he was in favor of going out for bid and contracting the work out, but was critical about events that occurred after the Turf and Landscape maintenance program commenced because he felt that duties were divided up and work was unfairly assigned. There was general agreement by Council that the Request for Proposals process is started for Turf and Landscape Maintenance and that it is contracted out. Rosenblatt inquired if Council wanted to finalize the agenda items for the joint Planning

Commission/City Council meeting. Following discussion, there was agreement that Jolibois and Rosenblatt work together to reduce the items to three.

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

Wakefield summarized the presentation made at last week's study session regarding purchase of a street sweeper and suggested that a motion be considered to consider unfreezing the purchase of a new street sweeper.

### **MOTION**

**Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Wittner, to unfreeze the \$260,000 included in the 2016 Budget for the purchase of a new street sweeper.**

George stated he appreciated the information provided at the last meeting, the time spent researching the issue, and indicated that he was in favor of the decision.

Jolibois invited public comment.

### **VOTE**

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

Wakefield stated that George provided information regarding an available grant from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to fund pre-construction activities for disinfection treatment. Wakefield reported that due to the funding availability dates for the grant, the recently signed Bilateral Compliance Agreement would need to be modified. Wakefield noted that a request was made to the Washington State Department of Health (WSDOH) and it was granted so that Fircrest could take advantage of the funding. Wakefield concluded by noting that the new date for submittal of the engineered design is May 10<sup>th</sup> and the disinfection would need to be in place in June 2016.

### **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Surina commented on the recent passing of long-time Fircrest resident Thelma Gilmur, noting that he was present when the area now known as Thelma Gilmur Park was dedicated in her honor. Surina noted that Thelma was very involved in maintaining the trail systems, the use of native vegetation to be water wise, active in Girl Scouts, and numerous organizations. Surina stated that Thelma was a terrific citizen for Fircrest and someone that would be kept in Fircrest's history books to maintain awareness of Thelma Gilmur Park and what she stood for. Surina further commented on the recent passing of Julie Jueling, wife of former 1950's Fircrest Mayor Helmut Jueling.

Reynolds stated she intends to bring action forward in the next two to four weeks relating to anti-smoking in the Fircrest parks. She noted that she would be asking for assistance from Surina if he is willing and able to help.

Wittner thanked everyone for coming. He called attention to recent Facebook chatter regarding implementation of changes on Alameda around Whittier Elementary to better enforce crosswalks and possibly install speed bumps. Responding to Wittner's inquiry about the Community Center and Pool feasibility study, Rosenblatt reported that there was a meeting on Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, with

Councilman-Hunsaker Aquatics for Life, who performed a walk through of the pool area and gathered information.

George stated he appreciated Surina pointing out that Thelma Gilmur had passed away and suggested including information about Thelma in the next Town Topics as a way to remember and honor her. George indicated it would be helpful to include information on the City's website regarding the Tacoma Public Schools application to amend their Conditional Use Permit relative to traffic circulation at Whittier Elementary School. Rosenblatt noted that the code requires notice to property owners within 500 feet of the school but George asked that as many people as possible be informed about this application with as much information as can be provided. Planning Administrator Stahlnecker stated there is information on the Planning Commission page of the City's website and a link to this information can be placed on the home page. George provided an informational update on the Fircrest Fun Days Committee, noting they have been meeting since last fall, it is a great group, and is chaired by Parks and Recreation Director Grover. George noted that a marketing professional from Alaska Air recently attended, there has been regular participation from a resident who does corporate sponsorship sales, and stated they are trying to build interest among vendors and to also create excitement. George noted there is a Fircrest Fun Days Committee Facebook page that is open to all. George concluded by stating the group meets monthly and he will provide those dates to Surina, who voiced an interest in attending.

Waltier noted that he has requested to begin receiving the Friday packet via email.

Medley thanked everyone for coming.

Jolibois reminded Council of his request to Councilmembers that they provide him, in writing, their top three initiatives. Jolibois created a Municipal Development Committee and appointed Surina and Waltier, with Surina as Chair. He requested that they figure out how to formulate it, create a mission statement, and bring that forward at the next meeting for discussion. Jolibois further created a Communication Committee and appointed George and Reynolds, with George as Chair, with a request to get the internet and social media together to create a 'second to none' program. Jolibois thanked audience members for their attendance.

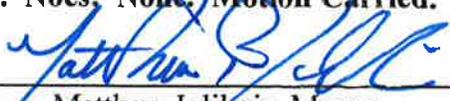
## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Jolibois stated Council would convene into Executive Session at 7:40 P.M., not to exceed the hour of 8:00 P.M., for Item 14-A – Labor Negotiations. City Manager Rosenblatt and City Clerk/Personnel Officer Keely were invited to attend.

At 8:10 P.M. the Executive Session was extended to 8:40 P.M.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Medley, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 P.M. Ayes: Jolibois, Reynolds, Wittner, Surina, George, Waltier and Medley. Noes: None. Motion Carried.**

  
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Matthew Jolibois, Mayor

  
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Lisa Keely, City Clerk