

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

**TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FIRCREST CITY HALL, 115 RAMSDELL STREET**

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. A Moment of Silence was held in honor of Tom Marzano who recently passed away. Councilmembers Blake Surina, Shannon Reynolds, Brett Wittner, Denny Waltier and Jason Medley were present. Councilmember Hunter T. George was excused. George arrived at 7:03 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

Liquor License Renewal – Royal Thai Bistro

Jolibois stated Council was being asked to approve a motion to register no objections to the liquor license renewal for the Royal Thai Bistro.

MOTION

Moved by Medley, seconded by Waltier, to register no objections to the liquor license renewal for the Royal Thai Bistro.

Jolibois invited public comment. None was provided.

VOTE

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

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & LIAISON REPORTS

Parks & Recreation

Surina provided an overview on a meeting held this morning with Gary Cooper from the City of University Place. Surina noted that Cooper was heavily involved in the establishment of a trail system from Chambers Creek where it meets the salt water up through the Meadow Park Golf Course and abuts the City of Fircrest. Surina stated that three members from the City of Tacoma were also present at the meeting as well as City Manager Rosenblatt, Planning and Building Administrator Stahlnecker, Parks and Recreation Director Grover and Public Works Director Wakefield. Surina noted that City Manager Rosenblatt arranged the meeting so that ideas could be expressed and information received from all the parties. Surina expressed hope that there would be a possibility to take advantage of the trail continuing from 40th Street into Fircrest. He noted there is a ways to go but it looks like it has potential to tie into the Scott Pierson trail in the China Lake area on South 19th Street. Surina indicated that there might be grant funding available and it would help to secure a grant if multiple jurisdictions (Lakewood, University Place, Tacoma, and possibly Steilacoom and Fircrest) were involved. Surina concluded by stating he would keep Council informed if this could be a possibility or not.

Environment, Planning and Building

Waltier reported on a recent discussion with Stahlnecker who outlined the construction underway within the City.

Administration

Jolibois reported on a discussion he had recently with City Manager Steve Sugg from the City of University Place regarding scheduling a joint Council meeting. He indicated that Sugg and the Mayor Pro Tempore from University Place will be discussing this issue and providing possible dates and agenda items for the joint meeting. Jolibois requested consensus from Council regarding directing Rosenblatt to direct Grover to come up with a form for Council's review to move forward on the park adoption program. He stated his desire is that the form is prepared for review by Council in this week's Friday packet. Jolibois clarified for Waltier that he was asking that in lieu of having just one Park Appreciation Day each year that there be a park adoption program in place where an organization takes a park over for an extended period of time. Jolibois stated he was asking for a formatted template that could be filled out by organizations that desired to adopt different parks that could be reviewed by and voted on by Council. There was Council consensus that this form is prepared for Council review.

MOTION

Moved by Jolibois, seconded by Medley, to authorize the City Manager to close City Hall and the Police Office on Friday, May 13, 2016 from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm and to close the Public Works Building from noon to 3:30 pm for employees to attend the memorial for Tom Marzano. Ayes: Surina, Reynolds, Wittner, Jolibois, George, Waltier and Medley. Noes: None. Motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Jolibois requested the City Manager read the consent calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 207579 through Voucher No. 207664 in the amount of \$367,857.55; approval of Payroll Check No. 12135 through Payroll Check No. 12139 in the amount of \$6,022.60; approval of Payroll Check No. 12140 through Payroll Check No. 12147 in the amount of \$97,898.08; approval of Payroll Check No. 12148 through Payroll Check No. 12153 in the amount of \$101,413.44; approval of the April 26, 2016 Regular City Council meeting; and setting a public hearing on May 24, 2016 at 7:15 pm to receive comments on the 2017 – 2022 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program.

MOTION

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Jolibois stated that the ordinance prohibiting the use of tobacco in Fircrest recreational areas, parks and playgrounds that was introduced at the April 12th Council meeting will be discussed at the June 20th Council study session and is tentatively scheduled for consideration at the June 28th regular Council meeting.

Jolibois invited public comment. None was provided.

Reynolds read an email she received from Andrea Mauer regarding questions and concerns with vaping. Reynolds outlined information she found while researching the questions in order to provide a response.

PUBLIC HEARING

To receive comments on proposed amendments to the Fircrest Critical Areas Ordinance (continued from the meeting of April 26, 2016)

At 7:16 P.M. Jolibois opened the public hearing that was continued from the meeting of April 26, 2016 to receive comments on proposed amendments to the Fircrest Critical Areas Ordinance.

Planning Administrator Stahlnecker stated this is a continuation from the previous meeting, noting this is the Critical Areas Amendments and the last final piece to satisfy the Growth Management Act (GMA) periodic update. Stahlnecker noted a one-year extension from the June 30, 2015 was provided by the state for local jurisdictions to complete their critical areas review and update, and the ordinance, if adopted, would comply with the extended time period. Stahlnecker stated the proposed amendments will update critical areas wetland regulations contained in Title 22 Land Development in accordance with the GMA, Department of Ecology guidance, and the *Best Available Science*.

Jolibois invited public comment. None was provided.

PUBLIC HEARING

To receive comments on proposed amendments to Fircrest Municipal Code Title 22 (continued from the meeting of April 26, 2016)

Stahlnecker called attention to the following changes that were made to the proposed amendments:

- Added De Minimis variance to the list of Type I project permits in Section 22.05.003
- Revised wording related to delivery service on arterials in the Neighborhood Commercial zone
- Clarified when master plans would be required for larger projects in the Golf Course zone
- Flexibility to the City to make the determination whether modifications to existing streets are considered substantial and therefore subject to compliance with the standards and guidelines

Jolibois invited public comment. None was provided.

Jolibois stated the public comment opportunity was closed.

Rosenbladt voiced concern with some of the language in the proposed amendments and reported that the administration would look further at the language before it is brought back for adoption at the May 24, 2016 regular meeting.

At 7:20 P.M. Jolibois closed the public hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance amending Fircrest Municipal Code Title 22 to update the City's Critical Areas regulations

Stahlnecker stated the ordinance, if adopted, would make changes to the Critical Areas and Wetlands and would complete the GMA requirements.

ORDINANCE 1574

Moved by Medley, seconded by Waltier, to adopt Ordinance No. 1574 amending Fircrest Municipal Code Title 22 Land Development Chapter 22.92 Critical Areas and Chapter 22.93 Wetlands.

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 voiced appreciation to Council for approval to close the buildings for Tom Marzano's memorial, noting it has been a tough time for all, and especially the Public Works crew. Rosenblatt indicated that Senator O'Ban's office called and noted that he, State Representatives Dick Muri and Christine Kilduff would like to present to Council the annual recap of the legislative session. Rosenblatt stated he gave O'Ban's aide some dates to begin coordinating the presentation.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Cheesman echoed Rosenblatt's comments regarding Tom Marzano and thanked Council for the opportunity to attend the memorial service. Cheesman stated that Fircrest is a small, tight-knit group and Tom Marzano was a huge part of that and will be greatly missed.

Wakefield stated it has been a struggle this week but the crew is moving forward and has decided to dedicate the new sweeper to Tom Marzano. Wakefield stated that a plaque will be placed on the back of the sweeper in his memory and on the sides of the sweeper doors it will say "Sweep on, Tom."

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Medley stated the Community Meeting regarding Crime Prevention is set for Thursday night at the Community Center and he will be present for introductions. Medley noted he was hopeful there will be good attendance.

Waltier called attention to the email he sent Councilmembers regarding purchasing notebooks for Council's use. He stated that a Councilmember had indicated attending a meeting in the Town of Eatonville, population 2,800, and all Councilmembers had notebooks. Waltier followed up that comment by reaching out to the Town of Eatonville's Clerk who responded with an overview of how they justified the purchase and the associated cost savings. Waltier asked for Council consensus for staff to step forward and look into this issue and reminded Council that technology was one of the top three priorities of many sitting Councilmembers. Waltier further stated another large factor in the purchase of the computers is Public Disclosure and concluded by stating it might be worthwhile that the purchase of notebooks is budgeted in 2017. There was Council consensus that staff proceeds with the evaluation and that a study session is scheduled to review the information to see if there is an

opportunity to move forward. Jolibois further suggested that the City's overall technological system is reviewed as a whole.

George congratulated the Spring Lake Café for going through the state process and obtaining their liquor license.

Jolibois commented regarding the passing of Tom Marzano and stated that Fircrest had a great opportunity in this gentleman, who not only worked for Fircrest but was a friend and family member to the community as a whole. Jolibois asked that the letter received from Jean Foss is forwarded to Jenny Stryker, WeDig Fircrest.

Wittner thanked everyone for coming. He reported on enjoying the beauty of the City this morning while out running and coming across Jolibois who was out for his morning walk. Wittner called attention to the Fircrest Fitness Facebook page, noting that every Tuesday and Thursday night at 7:00 and Sunday morning at 9:00 there is a group of people that gather at the Community Center to go for walks and jogs and encouraged anyone that is interested to find the Facebook page. He indicated there are a lot of people that he wouldn't have met otherwise that are involved in the group. Wittner stated he stopped by Public Works to offer condolences, noting it is a difficult and unexpected loss. He reported that Tom Marzano was a dedicated employee and it is a big loss to lose someone so important. Wittner encouraged everyone to attend the memorial that is scheduled for 1:00 this Friday at the Community Center.

Reynolds gave condolences to Tom's family and said he was a special and genuine person. Reynolds stated she is looking forward to the upcoming meeting on crime statistics. She concluded by stating she is looking forward to the June study session on cigarette smoking and vaping and is hoping the health department will come back and provide additional information and noted she is continuing to research the issues.

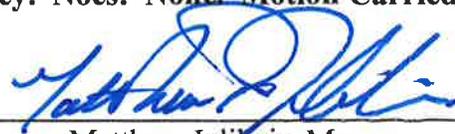
Surina stated he went through junior high and high school with Tom Marzano and they wrestled together. He mentioned that Tom had an incredible ability to be a leader, was an amazing athlete and incredibly strong. Surina concluded by stating that he and Tom had a great deal of respect for each other and stated he will never forget him.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:43 P.M. Jolibois stated that Council would convene into Executive Session, not to exceed the hour of 8:00 P.M., to discuss Item 14A – To discuss City Manager performance evaluation.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by George, seconded by Medley, to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 P.M. Ayes: Surina, Reynolds, Wittner, Jolibois, George, Waltier and Medley. Noes: None. Motion Carried.



Matthew Jolibois, Mayor



Lisa Keely, City Clerk